



May 17<sup>th</sup> 2024

### **Year 6 SATs**

We were very proud of the way in which our Year 6 children approached their end of key stage statutory assessments this week. They were calm and focused throughout. Well done Year 6 and I hope you enjoyed the party food afterwards!

SATs for Year 2 are now optional and we have decided that we will not be using them. We find that they do not tell us any information which we cannot gather from our internal assessment systems.

### **GSK and school staff – thank you**

Today we began the big job of moving four classrooms, the library and Early Years outside areas. I am very grateful to all of our staff for their help with this – TeamMonty spirit has been evident in a big way! I am also very grateful to GSK and some of their staff who kindly helped out building fences, moving furniture, loading the skip, painting and much more! We have some further work to do on Monday but I am sure the children will have a lovely experience in their new spaces on Tuesday!

### **Nursery half day sessions**

From Tuesday, Nursery children who attend half day sessions can be collected from the main office at 11.45am and dropped off for afternoon sessions at 12.15pm.

### **Educational Visits**

This week I had the pleasure of accompanying Year 3 to the Oriental Museum to learn more about the Ancient Egyptians. It was a great day with workshops keeping the children busy all day. The children had the chance to hold, sketch and answer questions about different Egyptian artefacts, perform a play about Egyptian pharaoh and the afterlife and look at two sarcophaguses. There was so much to do and look at. The Year 3 children behaved very well and impressed the museum staff with their knowledge. Well done Year 3!

Next week, our Year 4 children visit Binchester Roman Fort as part of their History topic.

### **Measles Mumps and Rubella (MMR) Vaccination**

The school age immunisation team are supporting the MMR national vaccination campaign to increase vaccination rates for 6-11 year olds. Clinics are being provided on the below dates:

- Tuesday 21st May – Tudhoe Family Hub
- Tuesday 4th June – Bishop Auckland Family Hub
- Tuesday 11th June – Brandon Family Hub
- Tuesday 18th June – Seaview Family Hub
- Tuesday 25th June – Durham Family Hub
- Tuesday 2nd July – Chester le Street Family Hub
- Tuesday 9th July – Peterlee Family Hub
- Tuesday 16th July – Tudhoe Family Hub

The clinics are being ran by appointment only. If parents/carers want their child to be vaccinated please contact the school age immunisation service by phone on 0333 358 3397 or email [Immunisations.CountyDurham@intrahealth.co.uk](mailto:Immunisations.CountyDurham@intrahealth.co.uk)

If you have a question for the school age immunisation team please contact them either:

### **Class photographs**

On the morning of June 4<sup>th</sup>, class photographs will be taken.

### **Barnard Castle Meet**

As usual, we will be entering Barnard Castle Meet Procession. Some children asked me if they could still join our group, even if they were not attending the club which I agreed to. The theme is Barnard Castle through the Ages so we decided to go right back to the Stone Age so please dress your child accordingly. If you have any questions regarding this, please see Dr Blezard who is organising our group this year.

### **Autism Central Coffee Morning**

We have been asked to share an opportunity for families and carers of autistic people to connect with each other and get advice and support from Autism Central staff. This group is suitable for you if you have a family member who is diagnosed/going through the diagnostic process/has been identified as having a need relating to autism, ADHD, sensory processing difficulties, anxiety and social communication differences.

### **Bishop Auckland Family HUB, DL14 6QL**

24<sup>th</sup> May and 28<sup>th</sup> June 10am-12pm



### **Community Art Work**

Thank you to those families who have sent in plastic bottles tops for the Community Art Work at Whorlton Bridge. We will need hundreds so please keep sending them in – there is a collection box in the school foyer. Mrs Patterson and Mrs Bowron met with the site foreman this week and we will be starting these collaborative artworks soon.

### **Attendance**

Please find below this week's attendance and the year to date attendance.

| <b>Class</b> | <b>Attendance (%)</b> |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| Reception    | 87.9                  |
| Year 1       | 97.7                  |
| Year 2       | 85.4                  |
| Year 3       | 92.1                  |
| Year 4       | 91.7                  |
| Year 5       | 97.6                  |
| Year 6       | 100.00                |
| Whole School | 92.8                  |

### **Dates for the Diary**

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| May 20 <sup>th</sup>                        | Teacher Training Day  |
| May 21 <sup>st</sup>                        | School reopens – Nursery, Reception, Y1 and 2 in new classrooms |
| May 21 <sup>st</sup>                        | Year 2 Orienteering at Staindrop                                |
| May 21 <sup>st</sup>                        | Girls Cricket at Willington                                     |
| May 22 <sup>nd</sup>                        | Year 1 Multiskills at Staindrop                                 |
| May 23 <sup>rd</sup>                        | Year 4 Trip to Binchester Roman Fort                            |
| May 27 <sup>th</sup> – May 31 <sup>st</sup> | Whit Half Term Holidays   |
| June 3 <sup>rd</sup>                        | Children return to school                                       |

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| June 3 <sup>rd</sup> – June 14 <sup>th</sup>  | Multiplication Test for Y4                   |
| June 4 <sup>th</sup>                          | Class photographs                            |
| June 6 <sup>th</sup> & June 7 <sup>th</sup>   | Year 6 Activities & Sleepover at the Hub     |
| June 10 <sup>th</sup> - June 14 <sup>th</sup> | Phonics Screening Check for Y1               |
| June 11 <sup>th</sup>                         | Reception Trip to Hall Hill Farm             |
| June 14 <sup>th</sup>                         | Father's Day Event (pm)                      |
| June 26 <sup>th</sup>                         | Year 2 Trip to Hamsterley Forest             |
| July 2 <sup>nd</sup>                          | Reception – Y6 Sports Day                    |
| July 3 <sup>rd</sup>                          | Nursery Sports Day                           |
| July 12 <sup>th</sup>                         | Move Up Day                                  |
| July 15 <sup>th</sup>                         | Monty Does the Movies rehearsal for Y3-6     |
| July 16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup>    | Monty Does the Movies at the Witham for Y3-6 |
| July 23 <sup>rd</sup>                         | Leavers' Assembly 9am and last day of term   |

Mr. C Minikin  
Head Teacher

Please see the QR code for the School Lottery. The more players we have, the more we raise for the school and the bigger the prize fund.

