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End of term Newsletter

Staff

As we close today I would like to say a very fond farewell to **Miss Gallone** and **Miss Horan** – we will all miss you both very much and hope you keep in touch with us! Good luck in the future, from all of the staff and children!

What's been happening in school? –

- An amazing presentation by our **Go Givers** – we are so proud of your hard work! And thank you for the support you gave the group in raising **£352** for the Alzheimer's charity.
- Year 5 and 6 pupils have had a visit from the **NSPCC** and undertook a workshop to inform them about safety and being safe.
- Year 6 pupils designed some amazing chocolate creations in our **Chocolate Challenge**.
- Miss Bowron's class had a really enjoyable visit to the **Farm**.
- Our new starters have visited school twice and we are looking forward to welcoming them back in September. Everyone had a chance to move up and spend a day with their new teachers.
- Our Year 6 pupils have been visiting their comprehensives and Year 5 had a visit day to FBEC.
- We are delighted to announce we have been awarded **Investors in Children** again this year, recognising the continued hard work in school and the contribution our amazing children make to the everyday life in school.
- A fabulous assembly from Year 2 – well done!
- We had a brilliant visit from a **Brass Band** - they entertained the whole school!
- Another fabulous assembly and show from EYFS – what a busy year you have had!
- Well done to Year 6 – your fundraising efforts on **Fun Day** have been amazing and you raised **£650** which you decided should go to new playground equipment
- A wonderful visit to **Robinwood** – the Year 5 and 6 children were amazing and we had a lovely, but exhausting weekend! As always we are so proud of how well the children worked together and threw themselves into all the challenges. Thank you to the staff who gave up their weekend – Mr Logan, Miss Gallone and Mr Fothergill – to take the children.
- An amazing **Year 6 Leaver's** show – well done everyone! We are so proud of you all and wish every one of you the very best in your new school!
- **Family Group Challenge** – well done Moles, your construction was brilliant and meant you won the end of term treat!
- And well done to all our award winners for their hard work this term!

Safety

We have recently had lots of broken glass on our field – this is a concern for all the pupils and may prevent future use – please can you be especially vigilant in the holidays and if you see anyone in the school grounds call the police.

Attendance: Overall for the year attendance is 95.2%. Well done to all our recipients of 100% awards, and to everyone who has a green certificate

Uniform and PE Kits

Any new uniform that has been ordered can be collected on Tuesday 5th September – the day before school opens. Please remember your child needs a PE kit for lessons.

Parent Governor

We have had two applications for the posts of parent Governor and we are delighted to welcome Mrs Vickery and Mrs Jackson to the Governing Body. We also welcome three new co-opted Governors – Mrs Pauline Warren, Miss Amy Aspland and Mrs Hazel Hill.

Reminders:

- Please can we ask parents **do not drive into the school yard** to drop off before Breakfast Club – most are very supportive of this safety rule; however some people are still driving in, which causes issues for staff arriving, deliveries, but most importantly for pupil safety. Thank you for your support with this.
- A reminder that After School Care via **Jack in the Box Daycare** is available each day in school– this runs from 3.15 – 5.45pm each night. Contact school for registration forms and cost information.



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- SEND information – for any families wishing to find any advice or guidance, please go to the school website or the Families Information Service Website: <http://www.countydurhamfamilies.info/kb5/durham/fsd/home.page>
Alternatively please speak to the SENCo Mrs Wood.

Finally I would like to thank all of the staff team for their hard work and enthusiasm this year; Friends of the School for all they do for the children; and all of our families, parents and carers who support us so much and make North Park the wonderful school it is. Have an enjoyable summer break!

Mrs P Monk

Diary Dates – 2017 (more information will follow in the Autumn term)

September

- 5 School open for uniform collection
- 6 **School re-opens for teaching purposes**
- 7 Father John Assembly
- 7 Year 5 and 6 Smoking cessation and information sessions
- 11 Smoothie bike in school for the week
- 11 Chef visit to Year 5
- 12 Foundation of Light Assembly
- 13 Buddy and Mini-Bud training
- 14 Mini-Library workshop
- 14 FOS meeting
- 15 Handwashing machine in KS1
- 19 Happy Puzzle Company – challenge and investigation day. **Parent session after school at 3.30pm.**
- 22 Foundation of Light Family Learning – 10 week course – begins (1pm)
- 29 Harvest collection for the Food Bank

October

- 12 Year 3 proposed visit to Centre for Life
- 16 Year 3 – Stone Age Cooking
- 17 Halloween Disco
- 19 Year 1 proposed visit to Beamish
- 23 **Half term week**
- 30 School re-opens
- 30 Poetry week

November

- 2 Artyfact theatre show – Eureka!
- 3 Father John Assembly
- 13 Anti-Bullying Week
- 13-15 Parent meeting week (appointments will be sent out)
Nursery parent session – 3.15-6pm - 14th November
Whole School Evening - 3.15-6pm - 14th November
Afternoon sessions (12.50-3.15pm)
Years 3 - **13th November**
Year 2,4,6 and Reception – **14th November**
Year 1 and 5 – **15th November**
- 17 Children in Need

December

- 15 EYFS Christmas Craft morning
- 15 Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show
- 18 Year 5 and 6 Christmas Carols, Crafts and Coffee Morning
- 18 Year 1, 2 and 3 Party
- 19 Year 5 and 6 Christmas Carols, Crafts and Coffee Morning
- 19 EYFS Christmas Show
- 20 Year 4, 5, 6 Party
- 21 EYFS Christmas party
- 22 **School closes. Re-opens Tuesday 9th January 2018.**

