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June/July Newsletter

What's been happening in school?

We have had a very busy June!

- We have lots of children now saving with the school bank – well done to our super savers – for those who save every week this half term we will be able to offer an incentive – look out for the news of our sponsorship from Livin.
- Year 6 enjoyed a brilliant post-SATs treat at Weardale House – lots of challenging adventurous activities!
- Tilly Two Tales visited school to work with Year 5 and Year 4 in RE – a brilliant day.
- We have had a number of stay and read sessions where parents have been able to share in our reading resources. In addition children and families have had the chance to stay and play with maths games. Thank you for your support in these drop-ins. I hope you have found the reading and maths information shared this year useful.
- The whole school brushed up their skipping skills and fitness in a full day of workshops – fabulous assembly presentation at the end of the day.
- Year 1 enjoyed a brilliant day at the Botanic Garden.
- Reception class enjoyed a super trip to the theatre.
- Year 6 visited Durham cathedral for the annual Primary Leavers Service.
- Our talented athletes took part in the Sedgefield Dash
- The whole school enjoyed a fantastic (and windy) visit to Seaham Beach. We cooked sausages, drew pictures, created mermaids and sea monsters, played in the sea, heard pirate stories and enjoyed ice cream. We had a wonderful day and Adam Bushnell followed up with storytelling work the following day.
- Children enjoyed a visit from Kinetic Theatre – all about Earth in Space and science!
- Four of our Year 6 pupils came second in the Primary Maths challenge and went through to the final – they did an amazing job with the maths challenges!
- Year 1 took us through their very busy year for their family assembly – wonderful to see all their great work!
- The children enjoyed learning the dances and performing for the World Cup Ceremony!
- Year 1 and Year 4 enjoyed their visits to High Crane Lodge Farm. Year 2 are visiting today.
- The school book fair took place – lots of lovely new books to choose from and school benefits from this with new resources for our library. Thank you for your support.

Sports Day events – Monday 16th July and Tuesday 17th July (EYFS)

Given the exceptionally hot weather we do not want children sitting in the direct sunlight for too long. Therefore we have organised the activities over separate sessions. Parents are welcome to come along and spectate – on the day please can we ask that you enter via the gate on the yard. The races have been organised as follows

Monday 16th July

10.30am – Year 1, 2 and 3 races – enter via the school gate and races will be held on the field. Please exit via the gate on the yard (NOT through school)

1.30pm – Year 4, 5 and 6 races – enter via the school gate and races will be on the field. We will take the children back into school after the races – if you wish to take them home early please follow after a couple of minutes and collect them from class. Siblings can be collected too – please go along to the office and ask Mrs Harris to ring along for brothers/sisters.

Tuesday 17th July – Early Years Sports morning – 10.30am – Please come to the gate on the yard and the children will race on the field. Nursery children can be taken home afterwards if this is easier (follow staff back through the garden to the unit.).

Chinese students

We are looking forward to welcoming eight students from China, visiting with KMN international. The children will join activities in the KS2 classes in the next two weeks. We are really looking forward to welcoming our visitors and would like to thank KMN for the donation to school funds they have made – this substantial sum of money is for the direct benefit of the children at North Park.



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Parent Governor

We have two vacancies for a Parent Governor. We would like to hear from anyone who is interested in this important role. Please contact the school office.

Attendance - Our current attendance is still at 95.3% - this is slightly below the expected 96% target for schools, largely due to holidays; your support in helping us improve and maintain a good standard of attendance is vital.

- Remember pupils whose attendance falls below 90% are classed as persistent absentees. Any absence will need to be supported by medical evidence. We will monitor this absence with the Local Authority. If you would like to discuss any concerns about attendance, please contact school.
- Please also remember, we are **not** authorised to grant leave of absence in term time except for exceptional circumstances, and the Local Authority will now intervene if your child accrues **seven days or more** of unauthorised absence in a term.

Reminders:

- Please **do not drive into school to drop off or pick up – especially into the staff car parking area**, unless by prior agreement with the headteacher; some children are dropped off by prior arrangement so we cannot lock the gates – however, no-one should be driving in unless you have arranged this with the headteacher.
- **Free School Meals** - Do you think your child is entitled to Free School Meals? Are you unsure? **Then please ask at the main office and complete a form – we can then check for you.**
- Remember we are able to offer parents **After School Care** via **Jack in the Box Daycare** – this runs from 3.15 – 5.45pm each night. Contact school for registration forms and cost information.

Mrs P Monk
2.7.18

Diary Dates

July

2	Year 2 Farm visit
2	Chinese exchange student s visit to school – 2 weeks
4	New starters – Reception class – visit morning
5	Move up morning and Reception class visit morning
5	Father John Assembly
6	Jet and Ben visit to EYFS
9	Year 6 chocolate challenge workshop
9	Year 5 trip to the Life Centre
10	Ferryhill visit for Y6 pupils
11	Reception class Family assembly – 10.15am
12	Sports for Champions day – athlete visit
13	Year 6 Fun Afternoon
16	Proposed Sport afternoon
18	Year 6 Leaver's Show – 2pm
18	Brass Band visit
19	Year 6 – Chef visit
20	School closes for Summer. Re-opens Tuesday 4th September 2018

