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June Newsletter

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Mrs O'Connell

After many years of dedication and hard work at both North Park Primary School and Bessemer Park Infant School, Mrs O'Connell has decided to retire at the end of this year.

A much loved and respected member of staff, I know she will be missed by all the staff and children and we wish her good luck for the future and for the lovely holidays she has planned!

Investors in Children



We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded **Investors in Children**. This award recognises that children in school have meaningful opportunities to be fully involved in whole school life, including decision making and change, and organisations are awarded this for promoting the rights of children and young people. We are all very proud of this award and the children who spoke with the representatives were commended for their enthusiasm and hard work. This is an award for the whole school community to be very proud of.

'Move-up' Day

All the children will have the chance to meet their new teachers next week on Wednesday, as part of our transition arrangements. Our new Reception class will be visiting and moving up and other children will move up for a morning too. Class teachers next year will be:

Mrs Clemmett – Nursery

Mrs Staines – Reception

Mrs Wood – Year 1

Miss Bowron – Year 2

Miss Gallone – Year 3 (a new member of staff who has been appointed and will join us from September)

Mr Logan – Year 4

Mrs Spooner and Mrs Henderson – Year 5

Mr Donkin – Year 6

Mrs Alderson and Mrs Eason will continue teaching across different year groups and supporting intervention

We have lots going on in the busy weeks ahead!

Fun Food Days

Taylor Shaw will be creating some fun-themed lunch days and children can join in too:

Friday 3rd July – American Independence Day – dress in Red White and Blue and enjoy an American themed lunch! A 50p donation for dressing up towards the School Council Fundraising would be appreciated. The children are raising money for a new salad bar.

Friday 10th July – Seaside day – mmm, lovely Fish and Chips!

Thursday 16th July – Teddy Bear Picnic – bring your Teddy to school and enjoy lunch!



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Durham Gate Fair - We look forward to seeing you at this on Saturday – Friends of the School have a fundraising 'Bottle' stall – look out for them if you can go along! There will be lots going on for children and families to enjoy.

Gala Day - Friends of the School will be leading the parade to join in the Gala celebrations on Saturday 4th July. The children who were chosen to take part in the parade know who they are, everyone else we look forward to seeing you watching the parade go by.

New to You - Details are being sent out in the accompanying leaflet - this is a great opportunity to recycle quality goods and for families to be able to find something at the event which will be just right for them.

Year 6 Fun Day - Year 6 are fundraising again – this year they have decided to raise money for a Salad bar. Mufti Day funds will support this and they will be asking parents for donations of cakes, etc – watch out for their letters!

Other dates:

June

- 18 Year 3 Farm Visit – High Crane Lodge
- 19 Year 2 Mermaid Tails and Treasure Tales event – 10-11am
- 19 Year 5 Outdoor Adventurous Activities – Hardwick Park
- 19 Bunsen Burner Tower Murders – Science Show
- 20 St Andrew's Church Fair and DurhamGate market
- 22 New Starters Parents' Meeting – 9.30am
- 23 County Durham Primary Maths Challenge – Year 6 team to Ferryhill Business College
- 24-25 – Year 6 visit to Whitworth
- 24 Changeover Morning – new classes
- 24 New Starters visit – 9-11.30am
- 25 Year 5 Theatre Visit – the Groovy Greeks
- 26-28 Robinwood residential visit
- 29 Childline Assembly
- 29 Year 3 and 4 Music Show – parents welcome – 2.30pm.

July

- 1 New Starters visit – 9.30-12.00
- 1 Family Group winners to visit Bamboozles - afternoon
- 2 Sports Afternoon – KS1 and 2 1.30pm
- 3 Sport's morning – EYFS – 10am
- 3 Year 2 visit – St Mary's Lighthouse
- 3 New to You Planning Meeting – 2pm
- 4 Carnival
- 6 Childline workshops – Year 5 and 6
- 6 Youth Forum Event – Spennymoor School's Conference to celebrate Investors in Children award
- 7 Drop off day for New to You event – 9am and 3pm
- 7 Year 4 visit to Hardwick Park
- 8 *New To You* Event – 3pm - information to follow
- 9 Year 5 Farm visit – High Crane Lodge
- 9 Year 6 Chocolate Challenge
- 10 Year 6 Fun afternoon
- 13 EYFS visit – South Shields
- 14 Year 6 Leaver's Show – 1.50pm
- 15 Nursery Graduation – 10am
- 16 **School closes for Summer holiday. Re-opens Wed 2nd September**

