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Cool Milk: Arrangements for the changes in providing milk in school has proven to be more complicated than we first thought, however Cool Milk, has informed me that the new system is now in place and will begin from 2nd February in school. All parents who pay for school meals are also able to order milk and must send the forms to Cool Milk themselves. Spare forms are available from the office.

Telephone System: We have upgraded our school telephone system this week, which has caused some difficulty in getting through in some cases. All telephone calls are now recorded for training purposes and will make it easier to report pupil absence by using the pre-recorded menu ('Press 1 to report an absence, Press 2 to speak to the Office'). Please make sure you clearly leave the child's full name, class and your name when leaving an absence message. If you have recently changed your mobile telephone number, it is crucial that you let the office know, as we regularly use the school text messaging service to contact parents and provide information quickly. Thank you.

Holidays in Term Time: On 1st September 2013 the law changed and all schools are no longer able to authorise absence during term time. However, Durham County Council are aware of the high cost of booking holidays so have teamed up with Hays Travel who offer a 10% discount. If you are booking a holiday in the school holidays and would like to take up this offer, leaflets are available from the school office.

Attendance Award: We are constantly driving hard to ensure attendance and punctuality in school is the best it can be: put simply, if your child is not in school or is persistently late, they are not keeping up with their classmates in learning. We reward pupils who have good attendance every week, by presenting a Class Attendance trophy, as well as special attendance prizes at the end of term. The government requirement for a child to achieve good attendance is a minimum of 95%. I believe that it is important to recognise the efforts of parents and carers who ensure their children come to school on time, every day. Therefore the parents or carers of all children who have had 95% or higher attendance at the end of each term will be put in a prize draw for a £20 Tesco voucher.

Pupils of the Week are:

Year 1: Abbie-Marie W for super art work

Year 2: Summer D for performing beautifully in Dance

Year 3: Chelsea J for working very hard in all subjects and excellent behaviour

Year 4: Caitlin B for writing a super non-chronological report

Year 5: Towson B for excellent maths work this week

Year 6: Jordan N for using fabulous connective in his writing this week

Astronomical Attendance: This week, the winners of Astronomical Attendance are Reception with 95% attendance, well done!

Reception: 95%

Y1: 92.3%

Y2: 90.3%

Y3: 91.0%

Y4: 94.0%

Y5: 93.2%

Y6: 88.1%

Lunchtime Supervisor's Good manners award this week goes to Chloe Eales for always having impeccable manners and behaviour and setting an excellent example to others: well done!





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Dates for your Diary: (please also check the school website diary pages for key dates throughout the year)

Friday 16 th January	Family Learning 'Play Training' sessions (x6 weeks) 1-2.55pm (Kirsty will inform KS 1 parents who have applied)
Thursday 22 nd January (am)	EYFS 'Cook a Story' Family Learning. (Mrs Byrne will inform inform parents involved)
Thursday 12 th February	1.00pm E Safety Assembly: parents invited, refreshments served afterwards.
Friday 13 th February	1.00-3.00pm: Ks1 & KS2 Valentines Disco (KS1 1-2pm KS 2 2-2.55pm)
Friday 13th February	2.55pm School Closes for Half Term
Year 6 SATs	Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May: <i>under no circumstances must children be absent from school during this week.</i>

Mrs Page
Headteacher



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