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Summer Term

Weekly Newsletter – Friday 16th May 2014

Well done Year 6! This week Year 6 have completed the national SAT tests in Reading, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Maths. These tests are a culmination of the hard work carried out across their school career and the children have been well prepared by all staff. However, I would like to say a special thanks to Mrs Smith, who has worked so hard this year to prepare the children. A big thanks also goes to Mrs Stanbridge, Mrs Makinson, Mrs Swinbank and Mr Hodgson who have supported children in additional sessions, Booster classes and even through Breakfast Club sessions. Numerous staff have given their own time freely after school to help and for this I am very grateful.

My biggest thanks, however must go to the Year 6 children themselves. I have been extremely impressed at the positive attitudes, good behaviour and resilience shown this week: they have been a credit to themselves and I know they have tried their best all week, which is all we ask. Well done, everyone.

Tennis Festival: this week we received the great news that one of our teams who attended the tennis festival last week have been successful in going through to the County finals. This is a real achievement and we are very proud! I will let you know the outcome...

Pupil & Parent Voice: Thank you to everyone who has returned their Parent Questionnaire this week. I realise that some people have not managed to return them yet: if you could do so by Tuesday next week, please. I will draw the winner of the prize then!

Year 5 Authors! A massive well done to the 19 children in Year 5 who have been successfully published in a Superheroes Stories book. This competition for writing a Superhero story was entered by thousands of children across the country so to have 19 children published from one class is amazing! The book will be sent to school in Autumn and I will let parents know how copies can be purchased as soon as I find out. Well done, Year 5!

PE Kit Reminder: As the weather is now beginning to improve, can all children please make sure they have a PE kit (with PE shoes / trainers) in school every day. Thank you.

Photographer: The school photographer will be in school next Thursday 22nd May. More information regarding appointment times will be sent out.

Change in circumstances: if you have a change in personal circumstances (such as starting work or a reduction in your working hours etc), please ensure you let the school office know. This directly impacts on the amount of funding the school receives to support our children, so please keep us informed. Thank you.

Vacancies: From September, we will have 2 vacancies for Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants. Application forms and information packs will be available from the office next week.

Reminder ! Year 1 will be on their trip to Hardwick Park on Monday 19th May. Please make sure the children have appropriate clothing (for wet and warm weather!) and a packed lunch if they are not provided with a free school meal. Can parents please make sure children are wearing sun screen and a cap if the weather continues to be warm and sunny. Thank you.





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Astronomical Attendance: This week, the winners of the best attendance in school is Year 5 : this is fabulous!

Reception: 94.8 %
 Year 1: 95.2%
 Year 2: 94.4%
 Year 3: 95.8%
 Year 4: 91.7%
 Year 5: 96%
 Year 6: 87.5%

Our 'Stars of the Week' this week are:

- Y1:** Lucas Alderson for fabulous mini beast work this week
- Y2:** Daniel Grady, for always working very hard and trying his best
- Y3:** Aleesha Wolf for a wonderful princess story!
- Y4:** Brooke Thompson for a fantastic recount about Rainforests
- Y5:** Joshua Gormally for excellent writing this week
- Y6:** For all of Year 6 for trying their very best in SATs all week!

Dates for your Diary:

Forest Schools Sessions: Old shoes / wellies, waterproof coat/ sun hat /cap will be needed as these sessions will happen in school grounds, regardless of weather.	Year 3: Tuesday 20 th May, 12.30–2.55pm Year 4: Tuesday 3 rd June, 12.30–2.55pm Year 5: Tuesday 10 th June, 12.30–2.55pm Year 6: Tuesday 17 th June, 12.30–2.55pm
Year 1 Hardwick Hall Trip	Monday 19 th May
Break Up for May Week	Friday 23 rd May
Return to school	Monday 2 nd June
Y3 Overnight Residential Trip to Langdon Beck	Monday 16 th June
Y5 Curriculum Week	Monday 23 rd June – Thursday 26 th June: Bishop Barrington Friday 27 th June: St John's
Y5 & 6 2 Night Residential to Hadrian's Wall (Thrills & Skills for Life)	Sunday 6 th July – Tuesday 8 th July
Y6 Transition to Secondary School	Wednesday 9 th July – Friday 11 th July
SPORTS DAY: KS 1 & 2 Y3 & 4: 9.30–10.30am Y5 & 6: 11.00am–12.00pm Y1 & 2: 1.15–2.15pm	Monday 14 th July
SPORTS DAY: EYFS	Tuesday 15 th July, 10.00am
EYFS Graduation Celebration	Thursday 17 th July 9.30am
Y6 Leavers Assembly	Friday 18 th July, 9.10am
Y6 Leavers BBQ (weather permitting)	Friday 18 th July, pm.
Break up for Summer	Friday 18 th July
Return to school	Wednesday 3 rd September 2014

Mrs Page
 Headteacher

