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Summer Term

Weekly Newsletter – Friday 23rd May 2014

Langdon Beck Residential Payment: Could all parents who still need to pay the £10.00 balance for the Langdon Beck Residential trip in Y3 do so by Friday 6th June, please. The place will need to be offered to others on the waiting list if payment is not received by this date. A meeting will be arranged after half term to discuss the trip, equipment and clothing needed etc. Thank you.

Basketball Festival: This week, fourteen pupils participated in a basketball tournament at Bishop Barrington. The children played extremely well, demonstrating excellent team skills. Unfortunately, we were knocked out in the semi- finals but everyone involved had a great afternoon. Our new basketball posts on the yard have certainly been a success and Mr Lockey praised the sporting prowess of our school in Celebration Assembly today.

Pupil & Parent Voice: Thank you to everyone who has returned their Parent Questionnaires. It has been wonderful to read so many positive views of our school from parents and carers who have been appreciative of the changes made in the last 18 months. I have personally thanked several parents for their lovely comments about individual staff. Of course, we are always looking to improve and we will be looking carefully at the suggestions given to see how we can continue to develop further in the coming academic year. The winner of the parent prize for returning the questionnaires was Summer Dunn, well done!

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: Photographs will be sent out when we return after the holiday. All orders will need to be collected by Friday 13th June.

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.

Uniform Orders: A Uniform Order sheet is attached with this week's newsletter. All orders must be returned (with payment) by Friday 6th June, please.

Thank you: I would like to say thank you to the vast majority of pupils and parents who showed their compassion and understanding earlier this week during an emergency situation just before home time. This meant that unfortunately the children in KS2 were unable to retrieve their coats and bags, as paramedics were treating a staff member in the corridor. Although I was disappointed at the response by a very small minority of children who failed to see the gravity of the situation, I was touched at the compassion shown by others, who immediately asked how the member of staff was and hoped she would feel better soon. Thank you to those children and to those parents who accepted that coats and bags could be collected the following morning, this was very much appreciated in a difficult situation.

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

Reception: 93.8 %

Year 1: 94.2%

Year 2: 91.1%

Year 3: 90.5%

Year 4: 93.3%

Year 5: 96.4%





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Year 6: 94.2%

Our 'Stars of the Week' this week are:

- Y1:** TJ Whittaker for super ICT skills
- Y2:** Meghan Speight for settling beautifully into Year 2!
- Y3:** Chloe Jenkinson for working hard in all subjects
- Y4:** Joshua Johnson for always being polite, helpful and cheerful!
- Y5:** Cassie Ord, for making fantastic progress and improvements all round!
- Y6:** Lacey Jardine & Elisha Wright for making a fabulous model Globe Theatre!

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
Break Up for May Week	Friday 23rd May
Return to school	Monday 2nd June
Y3 Overnight Residential Trip to Langdon Beck	Monday 16th 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 3rd September 2014

Mrs Page
Headteacher

