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Summer Term

Weekly Newsletter – Friday 27th June 2014

Sportsmark Award: Mr Lockey has been working very hard on our application for the School Sportsmark Award and we had the fantastic news last week that we have been successful in achieving the Bronze Award! This is a real achievement, as the award requires a huge amount of evidence to show that sport provision in our school is of a very high standard. I am delighted with the positive attitudes surrounding sport in WCPS and would like to thank all staff who have been involved in assisting in running after-school clubs, competitions and festivals. However, a special thanks goes to Mr Lockey for his dedication in raising the standards of sport across our school for all pupils.

Cricket festival: well done to everyone who participated in the Cricket Festival this week. Once again, the standard of play was very high but more importantly, everyone had lots of fun by participating!

Year 6 Visit to Sunderland University: this week, our Year 6 pupils visited Sunderland University, to get a taste of life in Higher Education! They really enjoyed seeing the campus and lecture theatres and several of the children have told me of their plans to go to university in the future, of which I have no doubts they will!

HMI Update: yesterday we had our second HMI monitoring inspection by Mrs Inkster following our Ofsted inspection in October. Mrs Inkster spent the day with myself and Mrs Smith observing teaching and learning, scrutinising work and analysing progress data across the school. The feedback she gave at the end of the day was extremely positive: HMI have recognised we are a school making positive changes and moving forward to raise standards for all of our pupils. Mrs Inkster was very impressed with the calm, purposeful atmosphere and commented that the positive behaviour throughout the school has had a significant impact on children's learning and the rapid progress being made. I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the extremely dedicated staff and governors, who are working relentlessly to improve our school and who will continue to do so to secure the very best outcomes for your children.

Year 5 Curriculum Week: this week, Year 5 have been out of school at Bishop Barrington and St John's for Curriculum Week. The reports from Bishop Barrington have been superb, with a History teacher personally contacting me to congratulate the children's excellent behaviour and attitude in her lesson. Such positive feedback always makes me feel very proud of our pupils!

Medical Appointments: there seems to be an increase in the number of pupils being taken out of school during the day to attend medical appointments, which is having a negative impact on attendance and on children's learning, as they are missing valuable teaching sessions. As a parent myself, I realise this can sometimes be difficult. However, where possible, please ensure appointments are made out of school time and also that children are then brought back to school once they have attended the appointment. Thank you.

Y5 & 6 Residential Trip: a meeting will be held in school next week for the pupils attending the trip to Whinshields Farm on 6th – 8th July. A letter will be sent home next week with final details of times to meet etc.

Parking: As some of you will be aware, we had a potentially very serious incident where a nursery child was knocked down outside of school this week. Thankfully, he was not seriously hurt. However, this has highlighted more than ever the serious issue of double parking on the road directly outside of school and how this can limit the visibility of both drivers and pedestrians. Please do NOT park on the yellow lines or zig-zags outside of school: I am sure that no parents or carers would object to parking safely away from the immediate vicinity of the school in order to guarantee the safety of our children. Thank you.

Reports and New Classes: We are currently deciding upon the class structure from September and I will let you know next week which teachers will be in which classes. Annual reports to parents and carers are also being written by all staff and will be sent out Monday 14th July.





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Astronomical Attendance: This week, the winners of Astronomical Attendance are Class , well done!

Reception: 97.3%

Y1: 82%

Y2: 93.3%

Y3: 95.2 %

Y4: 94.2%

Y5: 95.2%

Y6: 91.3%

Our 'Stars of the Week' this week are:

Y1: Summer Dunn for excellent writing this week

Y2: Tia Rowell for a fabulous minibeast hotel advert

Y3: Olivia Ballan for excellent throwing skills in PE

Y4: Harley Jay Hudson for superb maths linked to the World Cup

Y5: for super work in History at Bishop Barrington

Y6: Jack Berresford for excellent maths work and great behaviour this week

Dates for your Diary:

Return to school	Monday 2nd June
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



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