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Summer Term

Weekly Newsletter – Friday 1st May 2015

Planting Days: This week we have thoroughly enjoyed planting up our new rain garden, created as part of our SUDS project. Laura came along from WWT to help us plant our mini wetlands, with a photographer from Northumbrian Water. The children worked really hard and the garden is now well planted! Sam Jackson has also been working with Y3 to plant some new trees in order to develop our very own mini forest! Although this will take a few years to establish, it will be a wonderful resource to use in our outdoor learning activities. A big thanks goes to Mrs Gorton, who has worked really hard to help us!

Mock SAT: this week, Year 6 carried out a 'mock SAT' test in order to prepare them for their important SATs in the next fortnight. I was extremely impressed by their concentration, focus and absolute determination to do their best and this was reflected in their results, which were superb! I am sure they will continue to work hard and make themselves, their families and our school very proud.

Doctor Bike Sessions: I have met with Durham County Council this week to arrange some bike activities for our pupils. One of the activities will be a Doctor Bike session, which we held last year. This is an opportunity to have bikes checked and minor repairs fixed such as punctures, brakes etc. A poster will be sent out to explain further details in the coming weeks. I have also arranged for Year 5 and 6 pupils to participate in a cycling day in Hamsterley Forest later in the term, which will be a great opportunity for the children. More details will follow.

Assessment without Levels: In September, the current process of assessing children will be changing significantly to become a system which no longer uses levels to assess pupils' progress. Staff have been involved in training to use alternative methods of assessment and this is being rolled out across the school this term, so we are ready in September. We will let you know in the Autumn Term how this will look.

Pupils of the Week:

Y1: Izzy W for superb independent work this week

Y2: Summer B for a good understanding of what plants need to grow in Science

Y3: Lucas H for an excellent use of adverbs in written work this week

Y4: Bruno G for finding fantastic facts about Angel of North (and writing with his non-writing hand!)

Y5: Jordan H, for an excellent diary account from the view of Phileas Fog

Y6: The Whole Of Year 6 for an amazing effort and positive attitude in their mock SAT this week: keep it up!!!

Astronomical Attendance: this week the best attendance in school goes to Class . Well done everyone!

Reception: 90.3%

Y1: 94%

Y2: 92.3%

Y3: 93.3%

Y4: 97%

Y5: 82.8%

Y6: 90.7%

Remember! We are aiming to have at least 95% attendance for every class, every week: let's see if we can make this term the best attendance yet!

Lunchtime Supervisor's Good manners award this week goes to Codie Dixon 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)

Monday 4 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED BANK HOLIDAY
Year 6 SATs	Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May: under no circumstances must children be absent from school during this week.
Monday 18 th May	EYFS & KS 1 Dr Bike Session / security marking by Police . Details to follow
Monday 18 th May 1.00pm	E Safety Assembly for parents / carers.
Wednesday 20 th May	KS 2 Dr Bike Session / security marking by Police . Details to follow
Thursday 21 st May	School Photographer
Friday 22 nd May	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 1 st June	RETURN TO SCHOOL
Tuesday 9 th June 9.10am	Year 2 Class Assembly
Wednesday 17 th June 1-3pm	Year 6 Bike Skills (on yard, bring own bikes)
Monday 22 nd – Friday 26 th May	Year 5 Curriculum Week (St Johns, Bishop Barrington)
Friday 26 th June	Y6 Hamsterley Forest cycling trip (1/2 class)
Tuesday 30 th June	Year 5 Bike Skills (on yard, bring own bikes)
Thursday 2 nd July	Y6 Hamsterley Forest cycling trip (1/2 class)
Friday 3 rd July 1pm	EYFS Meeting for 2 Year olds
Monday 6 th July	Y5 Hamsterley Forest cycling trip (1/2 class)
Monday 6 th July 9.00am	New Nursery / Reception Parents meeting
Tuesday 7 th July	Y5 Hamsterley Forest cycling trip (1/2 class)
Tuesday 7 th July 9.10am	Y1 Transition Meeting
Wednesday 8 th – Friday 10 th July	Y6 Transition Visits to Secondary School
Monday 13 th July	Sports Day: Y3 /4: 9.15-10.30am Y5/6: 11.00 – 12.15 Y1/2: 1.15- 2.15pm
Tuesday 14 th July	House Games in school
Wednesday 15 th July 9.15am	EYFS Sports Day
Wednesday 15 th July 9.15am	Summer Term Outstanding Behaviour Trip
Wednesday 15 th July	Summer Fayre & SUDs Launch
Thursday 16 th July	EYFS Graduation Ceremony
Thursday 16 th July 4-7pm	Year 6 Leavers Prom (parents invited 6-7pm)

Mrs Page
Headteacher



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