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Summer Term 1 Week 3

School Meals Congratulations! I would like to start this week's newsletter by saying a big congratulations and well done to our fabulous kitchen staff. They have achieved full marks in a recent unannounced Local Authority audit (a bit like Ofsted for school kitchens!) We really appreciate all of their hard work and delicious meals!

School Meals Price Increase: Still on the subject of school meals, from September, the Local Authority have announced there will be a slight price increase in the cost of a school meal, from £1.95 to £2.00 per day.

Breakfast Club Increase: After setting our annual school budget last week, there will be an increase in the cost of Breakfast Club from September. In the 4 years I have been here (and previously), the cost has been a very competitive 30p per day. Unfortunately, due to increased staffing costs, ingredients etc, we are running at a loss. The cost will increase to 50p per day (which is still excellent value and the one of the cheapest Breakfast Clubs in County Durham).

Subject Governor Meetings: This week, staff met with subject governors to review progress in all subjects across the school. At this meeting, a selection of pupil's books are laid out so that progress can be clearly seen from Nursery to Year 6. Mrs Addison, our LA governor who has responsibility for assessment across Durham, was especially impressed with the high expectations of staff in all books and the outstanding presentation of work. Well done to you all!

Cathedral Choir: For the first time, WCPS will be representing our community at Durham Cathedral as part of a choir, singing alongside Durham Choristers. We have long been proud of the high quality of singing in our school and this is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our talents in such a fantastic venue. We have chosen a choir from KS2 of 20 children who will be rehearsing in school up to the event, they will then go to Durham Cathedral with 9 other schools from Durham to represent our school. I was extremely impressed when I heard their first rehearsal this week and look forward to accompanying them to the Cathedral in June.

Punctuation Show: WOW! This morning, we welcomed Barrie and his Punctuation Show into school for the first time. This was a fun-filled, interactive show learning all about punctuation in a completely different way, using music, singing, actions and dance. The children thoroughly enjoyed the show (and learned a lot, too!)

Multi-Skills Year 2: Well done to Year 2 who competed in the KS1 Multi-skills event at Bishop Barrington. The children were extremely well behaved and participated fully, well done everyone.



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Astronomical Attendance: The overall winners of the best attendance this week are Well done!

- YR: 95.67%
- Y1: 96.79%
- Y2: 92.80%
- Y3: 94.64%
- Y4: 93.10%
- Y5: 95.22%
- Y6: 95.77%

Lunchtime Supervisor's Good manners award this week goes to Chloe Pearce. Well done!

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

Tuesday 12 th April	School re-opens for teaching
Monday 2 nd May	School Closed for May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 3 rd May	Children return to school
Monday 9th May – Friday 13th May	Year 6 SAT Week: Under NO circumstance must any Y6 pupils be absent from school this week.
Friday 13 th May	UNICEF Day for Change: Children are invited to come into school in non-uniform for £1.00.

