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### Summer Term 1 Week 5

**Year 6 SATs:** I would like to start today's newsletter by saying a massive WELL DONE to our Year 6 children, who have worked so hard in their SAT tests this week. The tests this year were different to previous years and were significantly more challenging. However, the determination, positive attitude and resilience of the children in preparing for the tests and doing them every day was outstanding, even when faced with some real challenges. They enjoyed a well-deserved treat of hot –dogs and a movie this morning, followed by a workshop with Adam Bushnell, a fantastic author and story teller this afternoon. I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved rest this weekend, ready to come back on Monday bright and cheery!

**Thank you, staff:** As well as saying a big 'thank you' to the pupils, I would also like to express my gratitude to all of the staff who have prepared and supported our Y6 children magnificently. Mrs Connor and Mrs Smith have worked tirelessly in order to prepare the children for SAT's and judging by the children's attitude, this hard work has paid off. Throughout the tests, many of our support staff have been there to encourage and calm the children; Carol and the Breakfast Club staff have prepared and served fabulous breakfasts every morning and some Governors have been in school every day to offer their valuable support. I don't know of any other schools whose staff and governors show such dedication and compassion for its pupils and for that I am exceptionally grateful to you all, thank you. ☺

**Y3 Tennis Champions!** Huge congratulations go to our Y3 Tennis team, who yesterday came 1<sup>st</sup> place in the tennis tournament. This means they will be invited to attend the County finals later in the term. We have some very talented sportsmen and women in school and it is wonderful to see the tradition of great tennis players being continued, after Y4 won last year. I was also extremely proud to hear that staff from another school commented upon the excellent sportsmanship shown by Marlee Sullivan, who shook his opponent's hand, even when beaten! Particular thanks to Mr McGurk, who has trained with the children every playtime and lunchtime to help them succeed: Well done to you all!

**Adam Bushnell, Storyteller:** Since I arrived at WCPS to be Headteacher, I have been desperate to book Adam to come into school to work with the children, knowing how fabulous he is after working with my own children in their school. Today we were successful and he has worked across the whole school, telling amazing stories, dressing them up in suits of armour and swords (blunt!) and inspiring them to be fabulous writers. We look forward to welcoming him back again on Monday!

**UNICEF Day for Change:** Thank you to everyone who chose to come into school in non-uniform for £1.00 to raise funds for UNICEF's Day for Change appeal: we raised a brilliant £146.63! It is always lovely to see how well our community support those less fortunate than ourselves: the children decided the money raised will help Syrian refugee children, many of whom are orphaned and are without the basics in life. I am very grateful to you all for your support.



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**Polite Reminder:** Please may I remind you that dogs are strictly prohibited on our school grounds for obvious health and safety reasons. Please do not bring them (even on a lead or being carried) onto the yard / path / EYFS entrance. Thank you.

**Astronomical Attendance:** The overall winners of the best attendance this week are Year 3. Well done!

YR: 94.67%  
Y1: 93.21%  
Y2: 95.60%  
Y3: 96.07%  
Y4: 85.52%  
Y5: 93.04%  
Y6: 95.77%

**Good Manners Award** this week goes to **Chloe Pearce**

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

Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Individual and Family Photographs
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Photographs
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Science Magic Show (all classes)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 Visit to Durham Botanic Gardens
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Break up for Whit Week Holiday</b>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Curriculum Week (Bishop Barrington and St John's)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	WCPS Choir at Durham Cathedral
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fayre, 1.30-2.45pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS Sports Day 10am-12
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Transition Visits to Secondary Schools
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Key Stage 2 Sports Day: 9.15 -10.30: Y3 & Y4 11.00 – 12.15: Y5 & Y6
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Key Stage 1 Sports Day: 10.45 – 12.00: Y1 & 2
	Inter-house Sports, KS 2 1.00- 14.55
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS (Reception) Graduation Ceremony 9.15-10.15pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 1.30pm
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Break up for Summer</b>
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>

