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Summer Term 2 Week 2

WW1 Farmers Market: Yesterday, some of the children who are members of our school Eco / Gardening Club were involved in a WW1 Farmers Market in Durham Market Place. They have worked with Mrs Gorton and Miss Elmes on the project since September, researching recipes from WW1 which they made (with Mrs Makinson) to sell at the market. The staff were extremely impressed with the children's skills, serving, counting money, giving change and most of all, interacting with the public and other schools, well done to you all! A special thanks to Mrs Makinson, who has spent hours making turnip cakes, beetroot and chocolate muffins and setting up the stall ready for the children on Thursday, much appreciated!

EYFS Father's Day Event: This morning, Early Years hosted a celebration event for Father's Day in the Unit, which was extremely well attended. The children were really excited to invite their special person into school, sharing activities both inside and out and serving them a delicious party lunch. Thank you to everyone who attended: it really does mean the world to the children when someone special is able to come and celebrate with them in school.

Local Authority Visits: This week, a member of the LA visited school to moderate our Year 2 SATs. This means she carefully checked the teacher assessments and the test scores to ensure the children's achievement and progress has been accurately assessed. She was delighted with the accuracy of Miss Ashley's results and extremely impressed at the exceptionally high levels of work in the children's books. Well done to Miss Ashley and Mrs Smith for being so accurate in your judgements! Outcomes will be reported in the children's end of year reports.

Mrs Smith, our Education Development Partner from the LA also met with myself and staff this week. After visiting all of the classes, speaking to the children and looking in books, she was highly complimentary about the school and the good progress we have made since Ofsted. She was especially impressed with the calm, hard-working atmosphere in all classes and the outstanding provision being offered in our Early Years outdoor areas. Well done to everyone!

Year 1 Phonics test: The statutory Y1 Phonics test has been completed with all Y1 children in the country this week and I am absolutely delighted with the achievements made by our children! Never have we achieved such high scores and this clearly shows that our continued investment in Read Write Inc. across the school is having a very positive impact. We don't yet know the final pass mark but we are confident our children have performed very well indeed: I will keep you posted.

Keepmoat Assembly: On Monday, Keepmoat Homes visited our assembly to tell us all about the importance of safety on or near building sites. There are a number of sites locally, as well as fencing improvements on the estate which children need to be careful of. They will be holding a poster competition over the coming weeks to promote being safe.



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Uniform Orders: some parents and carers have asked about uniform orders and PE kits ready for September. If you wish to place an order, you may do so at the office, where we carry some spare stock to be able to try on sizes. Please note that payment is taken at the time of ordering.

Diary Dates: Please check the diary below as we have lots of dates for the diary in the Summer Term!

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

- YR: 96.67%
- Y1: 98.57%
- Y2: 94.80%
- Y3: 99.29%
- Y4: 96.90%
- Y5: 95.65%
- Y6: 94.70%

Good Manners Award this week goes to Shanade Tyler

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

Monday 20 th June – Friday 24 th June	Year 5 Curriculum Week (Bishop Barrington and St John's) PLEASE NOTE: The children come into Woodhouse Community Primary school and are collected from school as normal
Thursday 23 rd June	WCPS Choir at Durham Cathedral
Friday 8 th July	Summer Fayre, 1.30-2.45pm
Tuesday 12 th July	EYFS Sports Day 10am-12
Wednesday 13 th – Friday 15 th July	Year 6 Transition Visits to Secondary Schools PLEASE NOTE: The children go to their secondary school and are collected from there at home time by parents / carers (or walk home alone)
Monday 18 th July	Key Stage 2 Sports Day: 9.15 -10.30: Y3 & Y4 11.00 – 12.15: Y5 & Y6
Tuesday 19 th July	Key Stage 1 Sports Day: 10.45 – 12.00: Y1 & 2
	Inter-house Sports, KS 2 1.00- 14.55
Tuesday 19 th July	EYFS (Reception) Graduation Ceremony 9.15-10.15pm
Wednesday 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 1.30pm
Wednesday 20th July	Break up for Summer
Wednesday 7th September	Children return to school

