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Summer Term 2 Week 3

Durham Cathedral: Yesterday, I attended Durham Cathedral with Mrs Smith and Miss Sugden with the WCPS Choir. In over 20 years of teaching, I have to say that this was one of my personal 'goosebump' moments which will stay in my memory for a very long time. Our children have worked very hard with Mrs Smith and Clare from the Cathedral, practicing some very challenging songs and hymns (one of which was sung in latin!) To see our children side by side with over 100 children from other schools, accompanied by Durham Choristers, was truly magnificent and made me so proud of what our children have achieved. We have some extremely talented youngsters in our school and I hope they will also remember the pride they felt at performing in such a wonderful venue yesterday. Thanks to everyone who participated and a special thanks to Mrs Smith for all her hard work in preparing the children and to parents and carers for helping learn those challenging words! A final thanks to Mrs Dixon for her absolute determination in getting the Choir T shirt order in time and to Mrs Swinbank for her speedy delivery of them to the Cathedral!

Data Sheets: Data sheets, which we require to update contact numbers, addresses, medical needs, phot consent etc have been sent home this week. It is crucial we have them completed and returned to the office ASAP, so we can begin the mammoth task of inputting the information to our school system before the end of term. **Thank you.**

Sporting Festivals Update: well done to our girl's cricketers who came second overall in a festival this week, they played really well and Miss Fitch was extremely proud of their teamwork and excellent cooperation with other schools. We are excited for the upcoming Year 3 County Tennis Championships in the next couple of weeks, as well as the basketball championships. We are really thriving in our sporting achievements this year and that is thanks to our dedicated staff (Mr Lockey, Mr McGurk, Mr Walker and others who attend festivals), without whom, we would not have such high standards and excellent achievements. Well done to everyone who has participated so far this year!

Governor Update: Governors met this week for our termly meeting. I was sad to receive (although I knew of his intentions) the resignation of Mr Taylor, our Chair of Governors, who after 6 years of being a valuable member of our Governing Body and an amazing Chair for the last 3, has decided it is now time to step down. Mr Taylor has been an invaluable support to me in my role as headteacher over the last 4 years and has worked tirelessly to support the school, driving forward its success, providing first class support and challenge and being an excellent advisor. He will remain Chair until the next Governors Meeting in September, where a new Chair will be appointed.

We currently have 2 vacancies for Parent Governors on our Governing Body. This is an exciting opportunity for parents or carers to become part of a successful, forward thinking group of governors and to play a valuable part in securing further improvements for our school and our wonderful children. If you are interested or would like to find out any further information, please let me know.



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Uniform Orders: If you wish to place a uniform 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 1. Well done!

- YR: 95.00%
- Y1: 96.79%
- Y2: 90.40%
- Y3: 92.22%
- Y4: 95.36%
- Y5: 96.09%
- Y6: 90.00%

Good Manners Award this week goes to **Kelsha-Leigh Chapman**

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

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

