Weekly Bulletin –16th June 2017

Headteacher's Message

On Tuesday evening we had the pleasure of meeting our new starters for September at the New Parents' Information Evening. We look forward to welcoming the children and their families into school in September. For those already at school, another school year is drawing to a close, but there are still a number of activities and events for the children, many of which parents are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there. I would draw particular attention to the FOSS Summer Fair on 24th June.

Below is some additional information from Durham County Council's water safety team. Please do read this information and remember that the school staff are available should you need any additional support or advice.

Best wishes
Mr Tait

Staffing

As of October 2017 Mrs Richardson will be commencing maternity leave and we are currently in the process of advertising for a teacher to cover her absence from school.

Water Safety Information

Please see the following information from Durham County Council- during the warm weather, it is vital to stay safe near water.

Durham County Council – Water Safety Information for Parents

The following information advice and guidance is intended to help keep children safe when playing near open water or visiting the beach. This information is provided free of charge from Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA); The Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI) and The Royal Life Saving Society UK, to help reduce water accidents and deaths.

<u>Water Safety – Rivers</u>

During the school holidays, and in particular in hot weather, increasing numbers of children put themselves at risk of drowning. On average 40-50 children drown per year in the UK. To keep yourself safe, when you are in, on or beside water, always follow the Water Safety Code.

<u>The Water Safety Code (RoSPA)</u>

Spot the dangers!

Water may look safe, but it can be dangerous. Learn to spot and keep away from dangers. You may swim well in a warm indoor pool, but that does not mean that you will be able to swim in cold water.

The dangers of water include:

- it is very cold
- there may be hidden currents
- it can be difficult to get out (steep slimy banks)
- it can be deep
- there may be hidden rubbish, e.g. shopping trolleys, broken glass
- there are no lifeguards
- it is difficult to estimate depth
- it may be polluted and may make you ill

Diary Dates

Tuesday 20th June 2017	- KS2 Mini-Olympics
Wednesday 21st June 2017	- Y4 Vindolanda
Thursday 22nd June 2017	- Reception Assembly
Friday 23rd June 2017	- Y5/Y6 Cricket Competition
Saturday 24th June 2017	- FOSS Summer Fair
Tuesday 27th June 2017	- Y2 St. Mary's Lighthouse
Wednesday 28th June 2017	- Y4 Tree Planting
Wednesday 28th June 2017	- Y1 multi-skills
Monday 3rd July 2017	- Y6 Infinite Air
Tuesday 4th July 2017	- Y1 Seven Stories
Wednesday 5th July 2017	- School Open Evening
Monday 10th July 2017	- Sports Day (13:30)
Tuesday 11th July 2017	- Y1 Brazilian Carnival
Thursday 20th July 2017	- Leavers' Assembly (Y6)
Friday 21st July 2017	- Leavers' Service (full school) – last day of term

For a full list of school holiday dates please see the school website.

Noticeboard

- If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please remember that they cannot contain nuts or cereal bars. There are children in school who nut allergies.

Christian Values

We continue to explore the value of service and worship will be led by Mr Tait, Mrs Matthews, Fr. Bill and our Key Stage Two pupils. We will be thinking about the ways in which Jesus served other people.

Drinking Water in School

During the warm weather it is vital that children stay sufficiently hydrated. To that end children have access to cooled water at the beginning and end of each lesson. Should it be necessary for pupils to drink additional water, staff will give them access to the water coolers as appropriate during lesson time. All pupils have also been reminded of the need to stay hydrated as part of our wider work on keeping healthy and to make use of the opportunities to drink water. Additional water will also be

available with school lunches. From time to time, the issue of water bottles in school is raised. Having considered the issue, we do not feel that these are appropriate due to disruptions to learning as pupils access water, the potential for spillages in classroom areas and the fact that bottled water is not cooled.

School Events

Athletes from year 5 and year 6 participated in the Outdoor Athletics Competition on Monday 12th June 2017. The school came 3rd overall with a number of athletes qualifying for the County Finals. Well done!

Our netball teams competed in the High5 Tournament on Tuesday – the 'A' team came 2nd in their group and the 'B' team came third in their group.

Wednesday was the Durham Dash and we took 46 pupils to take part in this urban road and filed event. Everyone performed really well!

The Change for Life Club attended the Festival on Wednesday which was led by Hoopstarz at Freeman's Quay.

On Thursday the School Sports Partnership ran a Quad Kids event for Year 5 and Year 6 – this was an athletics event.

Year 4 had a busy week with the Roman Potter in class all day on Monday and a Pilgrimage to Durham Cathedral on Tuesday. Year 3 had the Egyptian Potter in class all day on Tuesday. They had great fun modelling pots.

Year 5 visited Beamish on Friday. They left school dressed as Victorian's o attend a Victorian school lesson and a STEM 'Spoonful of sugar' workshop.

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