Weekly Bulletin –19th May 2017

Headteacher's Message

The issue of head lice, their identification and treatment is one that is obviously of concern to parents. On Monday this week, our school nurse, Joanna McCabe delivered a presentation for the children informing them of how head lice spread, how they are detected and how they can be treated. The key message was, 'once a week, take a peek.' Further information for parents can be found using the link below:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx

The school nurse can be contacted on 03000 261507 for further information or support. Free treatment is available under the NHS minor ailments scheme. Please speak to your pharmacist for more information.

E-safety is of paramount concern to all in school. Each half term, each class participates in a dedicated e-safety session using lesson resources appropriate to their specific year group. In addition to this, e-safety is promoted across the curriculum. I would encourage parents to make use of the range of resources available to support you in discussing these issues with your children available via the school website.

Best wishes

Mr Tait

Diary Dates

Monday 22nd May 2017	- Y6 Northern Saints (Y6), School
Tuesday 23rd May 2017	- Violin lessons rescheduled due to PD Day on Friday 26th May
Tuesday 23rd May 2017	- Japanese Culture Morning (Y6), School
Friday 26th May – Friday 2nd June	- Half-Term Holidays (school finishes Thursday 25th May 2017)
Monday 5th June 2017	- School restarts for Summer Term 2
Monday 5th June 2017	- Y6 Yearbook Photographs
Tuesday 6th June 2017	- Y5/Y6 Athletics Competition, Riverside Stadium
Wednesday 7th June 2017	- Y3 Oriental Museum Visit - Egyptians
Thursday 8th June 2017	- School closed, General Election Polling Station
Thursday 8th June 2017	- Y6 Leavers' Service, Durham Cathedral
Tuesday 13th June 2013	- New Parents Evening (Reception intake September 2017)
Wednesday 5th July 2017	- School Open Evening
Monday 10th July 2017	- Sports Day (13:30)
Thursday 20th July 2017	– Y6 Leavers' Assembly, School Hall, 14:45
Friday 21st July 2017	– Leavers' Service, St. Mary's Church, Shincliffe, 10:00.

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

Christian Values

We continue to explore the value of thankfulness and worship will be led by Mr Tait, Mrs Matthews and, Fr. Bill and our Key Stage Two pupils including the Worship Group. We will be thinking about Jesus' Ascension and how the disciples were thankful.

Fidget Spinners

Please note that fidget spinners and similar items are not allowed in school. They are potentially quite dangerous. Children have been reminded in assemblies this week that they are not allowed in school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

School Closure- General Election

School will be closed on Thursday 8th June as Durham County Council requires the school to be used as a Polling Station for the General Election to be held that day. The reasons for a school closure are obviously of interest to parents and we have received a number of queries about this matter. We endeavour to keep the school open, but for the reasons outlined here it has been necessary to close. Under electoral law the school must comply with the council's request to make the school available for the purposes of polling. It is necessary to close the school to pupils as a review of all relevant risk assessments (school security, visitors', fire evacuation and emergency plan etc.) demonstrates that it would not be safe to open the school and that to do so would jeopardise safeguarding arrangements.

Confirmation

The Confirmation Service for the eight Year 6 pupils being confirmed this year was held at St. Mary's Church last Sunday. At an extremely well attended service our children were confirmed by Bishop Mark and made their promises. We extend our thanks to Mrs Duell and Fr. Peter who have led our Confirmation Preparation Group.

School Events

Dr Kit Erlebach, Chair of Governors, met with the **School Council** on Monday as they looked at the role of governance within the school.

The **British Day lunch** on Friday proved popular with the children. This was organised by the School Nutrition Action Group (SNAG) working with Taylor Shaw and included lunchtime options of fish fingers, fish goujons, battered fish with chips, mushy peas, baked beans, curry sauce followed by sponge cake and custard, jelly and ice cream or fruit / yoghurt.

On Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st May members of the Mini-police are helping out at the Beamish Museum Flag Day celebrations. It sounds like a great day.

We have a number of **school trips and visits** in Summer Term 2:

Y3 Oriental Museum – Wednesday 7th June 2017
Y6 Leavers' Service – Thursday 8th June 2017
Y4 Roman Potter – Monday 12th June 2017
Y3 Egyptian Potter – Tuesday 13th June 2017

Y4 Pilgrimage Durham Cathedral – Tuesday 13th June 2017
Y5 Beamish Museum - Friday 16th June 2017
Y4 Vindolanda – Wednesday 21st June 2017
Y2 St. Mary's Lighthouse – Tuesday 27th June 2017

Sunscreen, Hats and Coats

As we move into the summer term please remember sunhats and sunscreen. Please apply long-lasting sunscreen at the beginning of the day. School staff are not able to apply sunscreen. The weather is variable so please ensure that children bring a coat to school every day.

Sport

Congratulations to the **Girls' School Football Team** who became joint winners, with Blue Coats, of the league at Meadowfield last night. A fabulous achievement. Well done.

On Thursday, the School Sports Organising Crew (SSOC), with the SSP, ran an athletics house competition for Year 3 and Year 4. The weather was good and the event was a great success.

Unfortunately, the house **Kwik Cricket** competition for Y5 and Y6 at Maiden Castle was cancelled today due to the wet weather conditions. We hope to re-arrange this event.

Three Year 6 pupils are participating in the **Gifted and Talented** programme with the School Sports Partnership on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd May 2017 at New College Durham and Gateshead Stadium.
Year 6 will be participating in **deep water swimming sessions** after the half-term. A letter will be sent to parents.
We have a number of **sporting events in Summer2**:

Tuesday 6th June - Y5/Y6 Athletics (selected athletes)
Tuesday 13th June – High5 Netball Competition
Wednesday 14th June – Durham Dash (KS2 selected athletes)
Thursday 15th June - Change For Life Festival (C4L Club)
Tuesday 20th June - KS2 Mini-Olympics (KS2)
Wednesday 28th June - Y1 multi-skills (Y1)
Monday 3rd July – Infinite Air festival (Y6)

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