Weekly Bulletin –30th June 2017

Headteacher's Message

During the last week years 1 and 2 have participated in Basketball sessions and Years 5 and 6 a Cricket competition led by our Year 6 School Sports Organising Crew (SSOC) These events are another way in which we which we spend our Sports Premium funding. As well as proving hugely popular with the children they have enabled some of our Year 6 pupils to demonstrate their leadership skills through organising and running sporting events.

E safety remains a concern and staff continue to deliver regular awareness raising sessions for pupils. I draw parents' attention to the information below regarding Snapchat. This is a particular concern for both the Local Authority and Durham Constabulary.

Best wishes
Mr Tait

Snapchat information from Durham County Council E-Safety Team

Snapchat has developed a new feature called Snapmaps which allows users to see the location of other users of snapchat. There are three possible settings, sharing with no-one (Ghost Mode), sharing with select friends (Chose which friends you share your location with) and my friends (Share your location with all your friends). Many children have a large number of "friends" on their accounts who they probably do not know well, and could be accidentally sharing their location.

We encourage parents to check their child's privacy settings if they allow their child to use Snapchat.

Full details are provide in the UK Safer Internet centre blog at
https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/introducing-%E2%80%98snap-maps%E2%80%99-new-location-sharing-feature-snapchat

Staffing

We have appointed a teacher to cover Mrs Richardson's maternity leave and so I am able to inform you that from September 2017 class teacher staffing will be as follows:

Reception	Mrs. Short
Year 1	Mrs. Troupe Miss Newman
Year 2	Mrs. Armstrong
Year 3	Mr. Gowan
Year 4	Mr. Philip Rumbles (am) and Mrs. Morgan & Mrs Bewley (pm)
Year 5	Mrs. Richardson and from October Mr Petts

Year 6 Mrs Gemma Anderson

Parents of children entering Year 4 will note that afternoon sessions will be covered by Mrs Morgan and Mrs Bewley in order to allow Mr Rumbles additional leadership time whist I am supporting at Bluecoat. Mrs Morgan and Mrs Bewley are both well known to the children.

Diary Dates

Monday 3rd July 2017	- Y6 Infinite Air
Monday 3rd July 2017	- Y4 Scooter Day
Wednesday 5th July 2017	- Intercultural Conference
Wednesday 5th July 2017	- SNAG Cake stall 3:30-4:30
Wednesday 5th July 2017	- School Open Evening
Friday 7th July 2017	- Let Us Entertain You
Monday 10th July 2017	- Sports Day (13:30)
Tuesday 11th July 2017	- Y1 Brazilian Carnival
Wednesday 19th July 2017	- Y1 Seven Stories
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

- In preparation for the next academic year, can all members of Years 5 and 6 please ensure that they have a fountain pen for use in school. It is vital that the children learn to take responsibility for their own property and are equipped ready to learn.

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 we can give generously in order to support others in need.

School Events

Transition Days for Year 6 continue and our Reception intake for September 2017 have been into school for their visits. Year 1 continue to practice for their Brazilian Carnival.

On Wednesday, although the Y1 multi-skills was cancelled at Durham Johnston the P.E. teachers and some Durham Johnston pupils came into our school to run the event for our pupils. A huge thank you to Durham Johnston and the Sports Partnership.

Year 2 visited St. Mary's Lighthouse on Tuesday and although the weather was cold and wet, they had a fabulous time. On Wednesday, Year 4 helped to plant trees in the rain.

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