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'To love, live and learn together'

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Our Christian value this half term is 'Trust'

Enjoying summer and our school grounds We are fortunate to have such beautiful school grounds and are delighted that our children take such pride in caring for them, particularly through the work of our Eco Teams but also at break and lunchtimes. We have been planting and caring for a variety of plants. Well done to our great litter pickers also. A Special Mention today to Katie-Belle in Year 3 who has been doing amazing volunteer work, litter picking in her local community.



A huge well done to our Y6 children who completed their SATs tests this week They were all so calm and focussed and gave of their best. Thank you to parents who have supported them and to Mr Ramsbottom, Mrs Smith and Mrs Brooks who have prepared them so well. Along with the Y5's from their class, there are enjoying an afternoon ten pin bowling treat today.

Year 5 Bikeability Cycle Training Once again our Y5 children have taken part in this. The instructors were full of praise for their excellent behaviour, good listening and growing confidence when cycling safely in the road. They all learnt important life skills and safety messages. Well done!



New Club choices for after half term Our popular clubs continue to run all this half term and finish next week. **New club choices for after half term are now ready to book on Parent Pay.** Please re book even if your child is continuing with the same club. All clubs are free and are open to children in Y1 to Y6 (some age variation in each club). **All Clubs run to 4.15pm.**

Clubs starting after half term (from Tuesday 4th June)

Tuesday: Choir (Y1-Y6); Athletics (KS2); Cricket (Y1/2)

Wednesday: Drama (Y5/6)

Thursday: KS1 and KS2 Eco Clubs

Friday: Recorders (Y1-Y6) 8.15am to 8.45am

Lunchtime Clubs We are proud of our children who take on responsibility running lunch time clubs which other children can attend and enjoy. These include: **Art Club; Book Club and Happy Club** (for Service pupils and their friends). **Weekly lunchtime football skills** - is run by one of our Sports Coaches.

Durham University Student on placement We welcome Miss Fairfoot, a final year student on placement with us for 6 weeks. She is based in Class 3 but is working across school also. She will be running a lunchtime Lego Club for Y2/3 children starting next week.

Assessment and National Statutory Tests

Year 1 complete their Phonic screen check in the week of Monday 10th June. **Year 1 children have a phonics packs sent home before Easter which they should continue to use to practice.**

Year 4 will complete the National Times Tables Check in the week of 10th June. Thank you for continuing to practice tables to x 12 with your child. Regular practice really does help. Year 4 children need to know all their Times Tables to x 12. For example $6 \times 9 = 54$; $7 \times 8 = 56$. **Mrs Wright has sent home additional information on the Times Tables Check.**

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

Friends of the School 'Summer Sparkle' Disco Thursday 23rd May This popular event is being kindly organised again by Friends of School. **Please note that an adult needs to stay with all children. Please book your place on Parent Pay, £3.** This includes entrance, a glow stick, drinks and an ice pop.

Class 1 and 2: 6-7pm

Class 3 and 4: 7.15-8.15pm

Swimming as normal for all next week All children in Y1-Y6 continue with their block of 10 swimming lessons this term at Richmond pool with instructors. They swim in ability groups. Payment should be made in Parent Pay in one or two instalments. **In terms of planning ahead, our children have a block of 10 weeks swimming every summer term from Y1-Y6.**

Year 1 and Year 2 children swim on Tuesday

Class 3 children swim on Wednesday

Class 4 children swim on Thursday

Children should wear PE kit on their swimming days.

PE kit days continue to be:

Class 1: Monday and Tuesday

Class 2: Monday and Tuesday

Class 3: Tuesday and Wednesday

Class 4: Tuesday and Thursday

Diary Dates for the summer term These were sent home in paper form in the first week of term and can be found on the school website.

Summer term visit dates:

To support their Transport topic, Class 1 and 2 will visit Locomotion Railway Museum, Shildon on Wednesday 19th June. Information/consent letters are in book bags tonight.

To support their Science topics and History work on Ancient Civilisations; Ancient Egypt and Ancient Greece, Class 3 and 4 will visit the Life Science Centre and Hancock Museum in Newcastle on Monday 10th June. Information/consent letters were sent home last Friday 10th May.

Entitled to Free School Meals If you think this is something you may be entitled to, you can check on:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Please speak to me if you need any help with this.

Safer Internet Guides for Parents with top tips on setting up your child's devices safely can be found on the safeguarding page of our school website or following this link. **<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>**

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any queries.

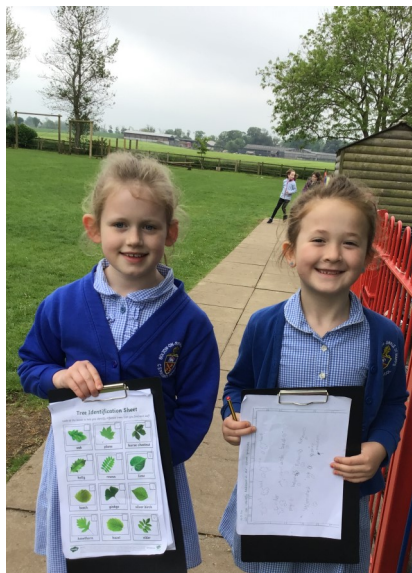
With my best wishes,

Nicola Dobson

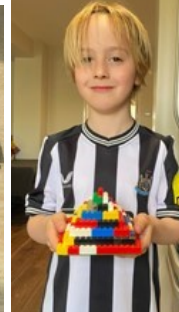
Class 1 really enjoyed their visit from Nurse Emma last week. They had prepared questions to ask her and were able to compare life in hospitals today with what they have learnt about nurses in Victorian times especially their knowledge of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.



Class 2 have been writing some excellent reports on Barn Owls. In History they have started to research the life of George Stephenson ready for their visit to the Railway Museum. In Science they have been using our school grounds to identify plants and animals in their habitats. In computing they have been learning to program using Scratch Junior.



Class 3 continue to work hard to recall their Times Tables rapidly. They have started their History work on Ancient Egypt and were delighted to be able to look at an original book by Howard Carter describing his archaeological dig to discover the tomb of Tutankhamun. In Computing Class 3 have been monitoring temperature and sound with data loggers, gathering data all around school. Mrs Wright has been very impressed by their Egyptian pyramid building homework. These are all in display in class and a selection are featured here. Thank you for sending in photos if it was not possible to transport your model. Well done!



Class 4 have worked incredibly hard during SATs week and have all enjoyed their bowling trip this afternoon. They are very excited to be starting work on their Summer Musical Production, 'Robin Hood'. They also love their new History topic 'Ancient Greece' and their new Class Reader, 'Who let the Gods out by Maz Evans. Well done to our Y5's who have all achieved their Level 2 Bikeability Awards.

