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*'To love, live and learn together'*

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Our Christian value this half term is 'Trust'

**Welcome back to the summer term** It is good to have everyone back. We hope you had a good Easter break and are ready for a busy summer term ahead.

**Easter Celebrations** A big thank you for all your support before Easter. The children enjoyed their egg and bonnet decorating and their traditional egg rolling. Thank you to Friends of School for organising the Easter egg tombola and for donating prizes for the competitions. Thank you for baking cakes and supporting our refreshments which raised £220 for FoS funds. Thank you also to Charlie's mum for bringing her lambs into school to share with us.

**Easter Service in St Mary's Church** It was wonderful to have everyone back together again in St Mary's Church for our Easter Service which the children led so well. Thank you to Padre Hector, Aila and Katie-Belle's Dad, for supporting us with this.

**Well done to Class 2** for their excellent Parental Assembly before Easter. We loved hearing more about their learning linked to the Great Fire of London and the Weather. We were impressed with their singing and confident speaking skills. Thank you to parents and carers who came to support them.

**Class and group photographs** These were taken before Easter and the proofs went home in book bags this week. Ordering online gives school more commission. You can return your orders to school if you prefer; please do this by next Friday 6th May.

**Oliver Twist Theatre visit** It was a real treat for everyone to enjoy a live theatre performance. Thank you to Friends of the School and all our parents. Your donations funded this.

**Summer term dates for the diary** A full list of key dates for the term have been sent home in book bags tonight and will be on our website. Further details about these will follow.

**Sporting success congratulations** Well done to our KS2 tennis teams who competed before Easter. Our Year 3/4 and 5/6 teams finished in 1st and 2nd places. Well done to our cricket teams who competed this week. Both our girls and boys Y5/6 cricket teams finished in 2nd place overall and have qualified for the area finals.



**Clubs this half term** - clubs started back this week and will run for the 5 weeks of this half term. The last SATs Club will be Tuesday 3rd May.

### **Assessment and National Statutory Tests**

**Year 2** complete statutory assessments during May. These support our teacher assessments and the children complete these as part of their work in class.

**Year 6** complete their SAT tests in the week beginning Monday 9th May. The children are very well prepared for these and have been working hard. Thank you for your ongoing support from home.

**Year 1** complete their Phonic screen check in the week of Tuesday 7th June.

**Year 4** will complete the National Times Tables test in the week of 7th June. Thank you for working hard to practice tables to x 12 with your child.

Your class teacher regularly shares information on what you can do to help your child with their learning.

**Reading, learning times tables and completing all homework tasks carefully remain top of the list.** If you have any queries at all please do speak to your child's teacher.

**Class Curriculum Letters and Diary Dates for the Summer Term** A full list of key diary dates for the Summer Term have been sent home today and are on the website. Each class teacher has sent a letter outlining key routines and topics for the term.

**Classes 1 and 2** have a **Transport** topic. **Class 3** are focussing on **Ancient Egypt**. **Class 4** have **Ancient Greece** for their topic.

**Whole school visit to Beamish Living History Museum** This summer term we wanted to celebrate being back together as a whole school and are looking forward to a whole school visit to Beamish in June. More details will follow.

**Year 5 Bikeability/Cycling Proficiency** Year 5 children took information home about this earlier in the week. They will need a working bike and cycle helmet. Please return your consent forms asap. Children will need to bring their bikes into school for Monday morning 9th May and will need them again on Tuesday 10th May. If you cannot ride your bike to school you may leave it in school overnight on Monday and we will bring them into the hall for security.

**Swimming this term** All children in Y1-Y6 will have swimming lessons either at Catterick Leisure Centre or Richmond pool with instructors. They will swim in ability groups. Please see the information sent home. Thank you for returning your consent slips. Payment can be made in ParentPay.

**Year 1/2 swam for the first time this week and will continue to swim on Thursday afternoons.** They were all brilliant. Well done!

**Class 3 will start swimming from next Thursday afternoon. Class 4 will start swimming from next Wednesday afternoon.**

Children should wear school uniform on their swimming days.

**PE kit days from next week:**

**Reception: Tuesday and Wednesday**  
**Year 1 and Year 2: Wednesday**  
**Class 3 and 4: Tuesday**

**Congratulations to Mrs Parr** who got married over the Easter holidays. Class 1 celebrated with a wonderful wedding party complete with cake, balloons, 'champagne' and a card.



Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend and sunshine! We will see you in school on Tuesday.

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

With my best wishes, Nicola Dobson