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IMPORTANT DATES

10th June - Derwent Hill Weekend
13th June - Phonics Screening Week
13th June - Year 2 to visit Gateshead Stadium
14th June - Year 6 cricket festival Washington Cricket Club
14th June - Year 3 class assembly 9.15am
15th June - Year 3 to visit Kirkley Hall
20th June - Nursery Sports morning 9.15am
21st June - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sports afternoon 1.30 start
22nd June - Year 3,4,5,6 sports afternoon 1.30 start
23rd June - EU Referendum, Polling station - school open to children
24th June - School closed to pupils - INSET DAY
27th June - Reception visit for new children 9.30am - 11.30am
27th June - Kingsway Outdoor to work with Year 6
28th June - Year 5 cricket festival Washington Cricket Club
29th June - Year 4 to visit Beamish
4th-5th July - Oxclose transition day for Year 6
4th July - Transition morning Reception - Year 5 - meet their new teacher
6th July - Whole school summer picnic afternoon 12.30pm start
8th July - End of year reports to parent/carers
12th July - Parent/carer drop in sessions 3.30pm - 4.30pm
13th July - Parent/carer drop in sessions 3.30pm - 4.30pm
18th July - Leavers assembly 5.30pm
20th July - 100% attendance bowling visit
20th July - Party lunch for 100% attendance summer term
20th July - Last day of summer term
5th September - School closed to pupils - INSET DAY
6th September - School reopens to pupils

Reminders

As the warmer weather approaches please ensure children bring a sun hat and water bottle to school. Please apply sun cream to children before they come into school. It is important to ensure all school uniform is clearly marked with children's names as children often remove jumpers/cardigans on the school field.

School Dinners

From September the price of a school meal will increase from £1.90 to £2.00 (£10.00 per week, payable on a Monday). The slight increase still proves good value for money and children will continue to have a choice of their preferred meal. We will share with you the new menu once we have received and revised it.

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Headteacher's Update

It is difficult to believe that we only have a few weeks left until the end of this academic year! Every week until the end of term we have many things planned to enhance the work we do. Some of our Year 6 children are off to Derwent Hill today for the weekend. I am sure they will have a great experience in all the outdoor activities. We will be launching our Olympic week on Monday 20th June, children to wear sports gear of red, white or blue on this day. During the week we will have Sports Days across the school. Once again we are wondering which team will win the shields. (fingers crossed for good weather!). Other summer events we are looking forward to are Year 3 class assembly, the family summer picnic and of course the Year 6 leavers assembly and production. New permanent goal posts, ball catcher, basketball net and playground line markings chosen by the school council will be installed by next Friday which I am sure the children will be delighted with. All dates for the rest of this term are on the reverse of the newsletter or available on our school website.

I hope the sun continues to shine for the rest of the school year. I look forward to seeing you all at our summer events.

Best Wishes

Julia Watkins

Family Picnic

On Wednesday 6th July we will be once again holding a whole school Family Picnic on our school field. The theme will be "Best of British". The event will begin at 12.30pm. All children will be required to bring a packed lunch on this day. During the afternoon children will be performing a class song. Sports will be encouraged such as football, rounders and cricket. Bodyrock disco will be on the field along with Dan and performances from The Rock Band and Choir. Refreshments will be available. Fingers crossed for good weather as unfortunately due to organisation of the event, it will only go ahead on this day. We are encouraging family and friends to bring along picnics, rugs and chairs to set up on the field.

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WPSFA Tournament

Well done to James Parkin, Jason Anderson, Josh Gray, Nathan Wilkinson, Sam Parker, Kieran Trevor, Ethan Jones, Euan Walters and Ethan Scott who won the WPSFA trophy. A superb effort only conceding one goal and beating Rickleton 1-0 in the final.



Sports Day Arrangements

Sports days commence week 20th June. The events will start at 1.30pm on the school field. Children in Reception through to Year 6 will need to wear a t-shirt the colour of their respective house teams. Maple - red, Pine - green, Oak - blue, Willow - yellow. The winning house block will be presented with a shield. Parents and families are welcome to come along and join us to support this event. Refreshments will be available. Arrangements for Nursery sports day will be sent out in a separate letter.

Headlice

We would like to remind parents about the importance of regularly checking children's hair. It may be useful for you to know if you find lice and take your child to the chemist treatment is available free of charge.

Blackfell Reading Challenge

Please continue to hear your child read this term. Children need 10 signatures in their reading diaries to achieve the prize. This term the prize will be a Blackfell wristband.

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Attendance

Attendance for this academic year is currently 97%. Well done to Year 6 who won May's class attendance of the month with 98.5%. The children will be rewarded with a movie and popcorn afternoon.

We would like to remind parents that no holidays will be authorised in term time. Any unauthorised absences are reported into the Local Authority which could result in legal sanctions being taken against you or a penalty notice being issued. Attendance is continually monitored as we would like every child in school to achieve 97% at the end of the academic year. 46 children with 100% attendance are on track to go bowling on the last day of term. Children who achieve 100% for the summer term will receive a party lunch on the last day of term.

Circus Skills—Carnival

Parent/carers enjoyed watching Year 2 putting their carnival skills into action. The children put on a fantastic performance of singing, dancing and circus skills. The children are looking forward to continuing their Rio Olympic topic with a visit to Gateshead Stadium.

