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| **Dear Parents,**  Welcome to the latest newsletter- and welcome to some lovely summer weather! A reminder that children should bring sun hats to school and that suncream should be applied **before they come into school** in the morning when appropriate. The children can top up their own sun cream at lunchtime if necessary (please label all bottles) but the best option is to use an 8 hour sun cream. | | |
| **Staffing update**  Mrs Stevens is currently absent from school receiving further treatment for a medical condition. She won’t be back now before the end of term. We are all thinking of her, and wish her the very, very best.  Mrs Mahoney and I will be covering Class 1 for the rest of this term to maintain as much consistency as possible for the children. | | |
| **Sports mark Gold Award**  We are absolutely delighted to have been awarded our Sportsmark Gold award this year for commitment to PE. A huge thank you to Mrs Graham for all of the hard work which she has put into organising all of the different sports/ PE activities this year. I know she is already on the case for next year, too! | | |
| **Arts projects**  I am also delighted to tell you about 2 arts projects which we have got coming up next year.  We have been awarded £2,500 to take part in a community project which will commemorate the anniversary of the felling of the sycamore gap- and work on this starts this term. The theme of the project is ‘Regeneration’ and our Y5/6 children are going to be working with a local potter to create a ceramic art work for display at ‘The Sill’. There will also be opportunities to work with a poet, woodworker and storyteller over the next few months.  We are also going to be working with Beamish Museum- who have selected 4 local schools to pilot new art workshops to celebrate the opening of the Georgian pottery at the museum. All children in Years 1-6 will have the opportunity to visit Beamish early in the autumn term as part of the project. | | |
| **Summer Concert**  A reminder about the summer concert this Friday, 28th June at 9 am. You are welcome to come along to hear some of the pieces the children have been working on this year.  We look forward to seeing you there! | **Sports Day**  We would also like to invite you to our Sports Day. This will be held on **Thursday 11th July.** Class 1 sports will be in the morning, starting at 10.30 am. The rest of the school will be in the afternoon starting at 1.15 pm. Fingers-crossed for a dry day! | |
| **Summer Fair 6th July**  It’s not long now until the summer fair! This is our big fundraising event of the year so we really appreciate all of your support. Raffle tickets will be coming home shortly- and there are some fantastic prizes lined up!  We will be holding a non-uniform day this week - **THURSDAY 27TH JUNE** in exchange for donations for the tombola stall and bottle stall at the Summer Fair. There will still be PE on this day, so children need to be suitably dressed for PE. Bottles can be of anything which will fit in a bottle bag but please make sure things are in date. | | |
| **Early Bird PE**  Don’t forget our Early Bird PE sessions which are being organised and run by our school Sports champions. The children are all encouraged to arrive at school at 8.25 am to take part in a 15-minute session consisting of various different fitness activities to music. This will take place on the field (if the weather is good enough) or inside if it is too wet.  **Next session -Wednesday 3rd July.** | **Spare Uniform and lost property**  We have a huge quantity of spare uniform and lost property in school. I will try to put it out every morning and afternoon while it is dry.  Please, please come along and have a look and take any suitable items/ check for items you may have lost. There is no charge for second hand uniform. | |
| **After School club bookings and outstanding debts**  Please make sure that all outstanding balances for school dinners or wrap around care are paid before the end of term. Mrs Hudson will be sending out reminders over the next couple of weeks.  Also a reminder that when you are booking places for breakfast or after school club, you need to confirm the sessions which are in your basket in order to complete the bookings. **PLEASE BOOK SESSIONS IN ADVANCE AS THERE ARE LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE.** | | |
| Finally, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do get in touch or catch me before school. If I don’t know there’s a problem, I can’t sort it out!  Kind regards,  Mrs Trotter (Headteacher) | | |
| **Dates for your diary** | |  |
| **June** | |  |
| Thursday 27th June | | Non-uniform day- summer fair donations |
| Friday 28th June | | 9 am Summer concert |
| **July** | |  |
| Wednesday 3rd July | | 8.25 am Early Bird PE |
| **Saturday 6th July** | | **Summer Fair** |
| Thursday 11th July | | Sports Day |
| Friday 12th July | | Annual reports sent home |
| Monday 15th July | | End of Year celebration- Methodist Chapel |
| Wednesday 17th July | | 8.25 am Early Bird PE |
| Friday 19th July | | School closes for the summer |
| **MONDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER and**  **TUESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER** | | **TEACHER TRAINING DAYS** |
| Wednesday 4th September | | School opens for pupils |