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| Dear Parents,  Welcome to the latest newsletter. There is a lot coming up in the next few weeks. I’ve included details of as many events as possible below. | |
| **PE and Sports update**  The girls’ football team were in action against a combined Greenhead/Henshaw team last week and secured a 5-4 win. "This football match was very hard however it was a great success. We did win, the score was 5 – 4! With talent, we worked together well as a team. Some of us played in positions we have never played in before but by the end we got used to it. In addition Our goalkeeper saved 3 goals and only 4 goals went in. We were playing against year 3 and 4’s from Greenhead and Henshaw. They wore purple and we wore our brand new Nike kits – which we love!"  All the children took part in a cross-country festival at Haydon Bridge High School last Friday. Again, I know that Mr Chapman was really impressed with the way in which the children challenged themselves. | |
| **Y4 and Y5/6 residentials- meetings for parents**  We would like to invite parents of children in Y4 and Y5/6 to attend meetings on **Tuesday 18th June at 5.30pm** about the residential visits this year. If you have children in both groups, or can’t make the meetings, then Mr Chapman and I are happy to talk to you separately. Children are welcome to attend these meetings. | **Summer Fair Saturday 6th July 12-2pm**  We are holding a **non-uniform day** on **Friday 28th June** in exchange for donations for the tombola and sweet stalls. Please could children **in Class 1** bring in a donation for the sweet stall and children in **classes 2, 3 and 4** something for the tombola or a bottle. If you have any good quality books, toys or games suitable for stalls, please bring these into school anytime and we are especially looking for donations for the plant stall.  We are still looking for people to help in any way they can.  This is our biggest event of the year and all the money raised is going to be going towards improving our playground which will benefit all of the children- hopefully for years to come! |
| **Summer Concert**  You are invited to join us for our Summer Musical concert on **Wednesday 19th June at 2.30pm.**  We hope to feature individual performances from some of our musicians plus some pieces that the children have written themselves in their music lessons this year. |
| **Operation Encompass**  Operation Encompass is a project which [Northumbria Police](https://www.bing.com/search?q=Northumbria+Police&filters=sid%3a6ec512bf-0b80-dc02-5469-9dc06b84a18e&form=ENTLNK) is running in partnership with schools throughout the force area with the aim of trying to reduce incidents of  domestic abuse. As part of the scheme, all schools have been allocated a school safeguarding liaison officer.  Our officer is Sarah Donninson. Sarah will be in school on **Monday afternoon, 17th June,** delivering a workshop to children in Class 3 and 4 on the subject of ‘Friendships and relationships’ using age-appropriate materials developed by the charity Barnardo’s.  As part of her visit, Sarah will be available from 3pm for an hour should anyone (parent, carer, member of staff ) wish to speak to her confidentially to seek advice, make a report or ask for details of an outside agency. | **Sports Day and community lunch**  This year, Sports Day is **Tuesday 25th June.**  **Nursery and Reception** Sports Day will be in the morning at **10am**.  **Class 2,3 and 4** in the afternoon at **1.30pm**.  Parents are also warmly invited to join us for lunch on that date. Mrs Bridges will be preparing a variety of picnic foods and the cost will be £3 per person. Please book a place by ringing or emailing school by Wednesday 19th June. |
| **Transition day**  We held our first ‘move up’ session in school this week which staff and children all seemed to enjoy! There are 2 more sessions before our whole school transition day on Monday 1st July. This is the day when all the children move into their new classes for the whole day. |
| **God’s tent**  **‘**God’s tent’ Is being pitched on our school field next **Thursday, 20th June.** The children will all be taking part in a variety of activities throughout the day and you are very welcome to visit the tent yourselves after school and find out what it is all about! | **French Club Fashion Show**  There will be a French Club fashion show on Monday 1st July. Parents of children involved are invited to come and watch. The performance will be in the hall at 3.20pm. |
| **Attendance Matters**  Congratulations to children in the Reception class who had 100% attendance in the 2 weeks to 7th June.  Your child’s attendance at school really does matter. At this time of year, when we are correlating our end of year data, the impact of children missing school can clearly be seen.  When children are absent from school, they miss not only the teaching provided on the days when they are away but are also less prepared for the lessons that follow which build on prior knowledge and teaching.  **A two week period of absence is over 5% of a child’s school year.**  · Out of pupils/students **who miss between 10% and 20%** of their primary school education, **only 35% achieve 5 A\* to C at GCSE.**  As a parent/carer, you can demonstrate your commitment to your child’s education by not allowing your child to miss school for anything other than an exceptional and unavoidable reason. | |
| **And finally…..**  As ever, your views and feedback are on any matter, large or small, are very welcome.  Please feel free to catch me before or after school or give me a ring during the day. | |
| **Thought for the day**  **I expect to pass through this world but once.** **Any good, therefore, that I can do or any kindness I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it for I shall not pass this way again. Quaker proverb** | |
| **Dates for your diary**:  Thursday 13th June Boys football match against Greenhead/Henshaw  Friday 14th June American Football tournament at Prudhoe High School  Monday 17th June pm Operation Encompass drop in session – 3-4pm  Tuesday 18th June meetings for parents of children in Y4 and Y5/6 about residential visits  Wednesday 19th June Summer musical concert 2.30pm  Thursday 20th June God’s tent  Tuesday 25th June Sports Day and community lunch  Friday 28th June Non-uniform day – Summer Fair donations  Monday 1st July Transition day  French Club fashion show at 3.20pm  Tuesday 2nd July Reserve Sports Day in case of bad weather  Saturday 6th July Summer Fair Save the date!  Mon 8th- Weds 10th July Y5/6 residential- Lake District  Thursday 11th July End of Year service St Aidan’s church  Friday 12th July Reports to parents  Mon 15th-Wed 17th July Broomley Grange visit Y4  Thursday 18th July End of Year celebration pm  Friday 19th July Finish for summer 3.15pm  Tuesday 3rd September Autumn term starts | |