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Y6 SATS

WELL DONE EVERYONE - YOU WERE ALL

AMAZING! This week every one of our year 6 children were **SUPERSTARS!** They all arrived on time and showed enormous commitment to the tests. We appreciate that they will all have been very anxious about this week, but they rose to the challenge and coped extremely well. We must thank all our parents who supported us by ensuring that the children were well prepared for the tests and by not booking appointments or holidays during this important week. However a special thank you must go to Mrs Leslie for coming to school especially early every day to prepare the yummy bacon and sausage sandwiches for our pupils; these were a very welcome start to each day. We must also thank Mrs Alexander who 'came out of retirement' to help support our pupils.

Royal Wedding

Don't Forget that **TOMORROW** is our Royal Wedding Celebration which will include our **BIG BAKE SALE** in aid of **St Oswald's Hospice**. All the children have been very busy mixing, stirring, sieving and baking to prepare for tomorrow afternoon. The plan for tomorrow is as follows;

- **Everyone** can come to school wearing something Red, White and/or Blue (or dressed as princesses or princes) for a **donation of 50p**.
- Pupils will have a 'garden party' style lunch in our playground at 12.00
- **Our gates will open at 2.30**
- Parent/carers who are joining us for this event should collect their child at their usual collection point.
- Parents are requested to sign the children out in the usual way and make their way onto the school playground where our Cake Sale will take place.

DON'T FORGET! If you are planning to donate a cake please ensure it is handed into school by tomorrow morning.

This event would not have been possible without the very generous support of local business, parents, carers and friends. So we must give a **HUGE THANKS** to the following people and companies for their amazing generosity.

Samantha Dixon: flags, cake-stand and lots of bunting

Hannah Nelson: red carpet, photo booth and accessories

Leanne O'Donnell: cake stands, photo booth and accessories

Food bank: biscuits, juice and cardboard cut-outs

Heritage Centre, Lynsey Bland and Eileen Grinsell: who all loaned us their gazebos

Also **Tesco** who donated 180 individual cakes plus **Sainsburys, Morrisons, Birthdays and Costa** all donated several items to help us make this a very special celebration.

In addition to the above we must give **two VERY SPECIAL THANK YOUs** to our main sponsors.

Radar Taxis supplied us with all the picnic boxes, sweetie bags, flags, napkins and bunting. Also **Linda Wilson & Mr John Riseborough the Manager of M & M Value** on the Tyne Tunnel Trading Estate donated lots of drinks and sweets.



Picture Day!

Year 6 CLASS Photo

Tracey Lambton, a photographer from Tempest, will visit our school on **MONDAY NEXT WEEK (21 May)** at

9.00 a.m. to take a panoramic group photo of our Year 6 pupils. These photographs have proven to be extremely popular with previous Year 6 pupils so we have decided to offer these mementoes again. The photograph is priced at £15.00 and is presented in a tube. We envisage presenting these special photographs during the Year 6 'Moving On' assembly on Friday 20 July.



We are delighted to announce that three of our pupils have secured a

place on the Mini and Junior Great North Runs which will take place on 8 September. **Amber**, who is in our Nursery, will be pulling on her running shoes to complete the 1.5K mini run while **Adam** and **Ethan** who are in year 4 will be training hard to prepare for the 4K Junior run. The Junior and Mini courses both start on the Newcastle side of the river and take the young runners across to Gateshead via the Swing Bridge. This is a super achievement for these pupils as both the mini and junior events are now fully booked. We wish them every success in this event.

After School Clubs

We have some super new afterschool clubs starting after half term. Mrs Leslie will be organising a skittle ball club, Mr Mole has offered to hold a 'sapling' club, and Mrs Laura Wilson, one of our student teachers, will run our Eco Club. On top of these Newcastle United Foundation will continue to deliver our Year1/2 football club. More afterschool activities will be announced soon. We must stress that children who sign up for clubs must attend regularly. Staff give up their time voluntarily to offer these extracurricular opportunities to our children so it is extremely disappointing if attendance levels decrease.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

School will **close for the half term holiday at 3.15 on Friday 25 May** (3.30 for Nursery). School will re-open at 9.00 a.m. on Monday 4 June. Breakfast club will be available from 8.15 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.



Error on Newsletter 601

Sorry there were two errors on the Important Dates list printed in newsletter 601. The dates were correct but the days were incorrect. The correct information is as follows;

- Year 6 visit to Northumbria University is Tuesday 22 May (not Monday)
 - Transition Day for Y6 pupils transferring to John Spence is Wednesday 27 June (not Monday).
- Please accept our apologies for any confusion this has caused.



House Reward Day

This half term's House Reward day will be next Thursday (24 May). The winning house will be announced tomorrow. We have arranged a super treat for the winners, so good luck everyone and keep earning those very important house points.



Y6 go to

Next Tuesday (22 May) our Year 6 pupils will have a marvellous opportunity of attending a 'Student Campus Day' at Northumbria University. This visit will provide them with a taste of what life is like at university and showcases the opportunities that would be available to them. In addition to meeting current students, looking around the facilities and discovering what courses are available they will also take part in some sporting activities. We hope this experience will inspire our young people to start considering their future educational paths to achieve their dreams.

Nursery Places



Don't forget that we will be offering 30 hour fully funded Nursery places from September. However to be eligible for one of these fully funded 30 hour places parents/carers must obtain a code. There is no requirement to work a certain amount of hours per week – it is all about how much you earn. We will also be offering paid 30 hour places (i.e. 15 hours free plus 15 hours paid) to parents/carers who do not qualify for the fully funded places. Of course we will continue to offer our usual 15 hours free places for any families who do not require 30 hours childcare. You can find out further information from the government website;
<https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds>

Staffing Update

Mrs Toomey, who was working in our Year 3, has decided to leave us due to personal circumstances and unfortunately she has had to leave at short notice. This now means that Mrs Thompson and Mrs Bruce will continue to work in Year 3 until the end of the academic year. Mrs Laidler will lead Nursery and Mrs Godfrey will be responsible for Reception. We do apologise for changing staff mid-term, but unfortunately staffing decisions are sometimes out of our hands.



Lateness affects Learning

It is extremely important that pupils arrive on time every day. Lessons start promptly at 9.00, children who arrive late miss vital information and instructions that are given before commencing a task. Also late arrivals disrupts not only the teacher but the whole class as teachers have to stop what they are doing to give instructions to the child who arrives late. If 2 or 3 children arrive late this disrupts the whole lesson. Recently our school has spent a considerable amount of money purchasing new Read, Write, Inc. phonics resources to help make this subject interesting and stimulating for our pupils. The importance of phonics cannot be overstated as all reading and writing skills are based around these principles. Phonics is the first lesson of the day so children who are regularly miss out on the beginning of this vital lesson.



Lateness affects Learning

Minutes late per day	Equivalent of missing
5 minutes	3.4 school days a year
10 minutes	6.9 school days a year
15 minutes	10.3 school days a year
20 minutes	13.8 school days a year
30 minutes	20.7 school days a year

Please support your child's learning and their future prospects – **PLEASE, PLEASE GET THEM HERE ON TIME!**