

Newsletter 20th July 2016

Dear Parents,

The last few weeks in school have been really busy. What's been happening

21st June and 22nd June— Both our Year 5/6 Girl's and Mixed Cricket Teams took part in the County Finals. The Girl's team came 2nd overall and the Mixed team came 7th. This is a huge achievement for both teams. Thank you to Mr Turner for his coaching and expertise.

27th June—Our two Junior Road Safety Officers took part in a celebration event at County Hall. Thank you to Joe B and Evie-Mae B in Year 6 for representing our school so well.

Year 5 took part in Curriculum Week from the 20th June. They have visited Bishop Barrington, King James I Academy, Staindrop School, St John's RC and the girls also attended a session at Durham High School. Thank you to our secondary colleagues for hosting these days. It really gives our children a chance to sample secondary school.

29th June—Rugrats came into school and delivered a Rugby training session for Year 1 and Year 2. Children thoroughly enjoyed this event.

30th June—Year 2 visited Saltburn as part of the learning challenge on the seaside. An enjoyable day was had by all.

1st July—Year 6 took part in the Children North East Sandcastle Competition at South Shields. Our children worked with architects from Esh Builders and created two fabulous designs as well as enjoying spending the day on the beach.

6th July—Year 1 visited Preston Park as part of their learning challenge work. Children had a fabulous day.

7th July—Reception class 'invaded' South Shields dressed as pirates. A wonderful day was had by all. There was a Garden Community Event after school on the 6th July. This was well attended. Thank you to parents who came along, I am sure you will agree that the school garden is looking fantastic. Thank you to Mrs Howe (ex parent) and her team of parent and pupil helpers for all their hard work (even in the rain!)

On the 12th and 14th July we had Brass Bands in school. We had Les Traine Savates and the Oompah Band. Children thoroughly enjoyed the interactive performances. Thank you to the Area Action Partnership for funding one of the performances for us.

The school football team played in the BAFSC play off on 12th July. The team played a fantastic game and won the league. Well done to everyone who played; this is such a wonderful achievement.

15th July was 'moving up' day in school. Children got to meet their new teachers for September.

Year 6 have enjoyed a range of events to celebrate their time at Escomb School.

- Prom at Bishop Auckland Town Hall on 15th July.
- 18th July we had a BBQ for our Year 6 Leavers. Our Year 6 and staff had a lovely evening and it was lovely that parents joined us at the end. Thank you to Mr Jones for his excellent BBQing skills!!!
- We also had our Year 6 Performance to parents last night: The performance reflected the children's

I am sure that you will all join with me in wishing our Year 6 children all the very best as they move to their new secondary schools—I know that they will continue to be successful! Thank you to all year 6 children for everything you have contributed to our school and for being a super Year 6! Can I also wish James B (Year 5) and James D (Year 4) all the very best for the future as they move on to new schools.

As you know we have three members of staff leaving this term (Mrs Barton, Mr Turner and Mr Salmon). We wish them well for the future and hope they come back to see us.

Thank you to all our children for coming to school, working hard and sharing their smiles and enthusiasm with us—you are fantastic! Thank you to parents and grandparents for your support throughout the year. It is the whole team ethos and approach that makes our school a special place to be.

We hope that you all have a fantastic holiday and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on
Tuesday 6th September 2016.

Wendy Gill and Staff

Information

Pokemon Go—Advice for Parents from Durham County Council

Many parents will know this is a hugely popular game which can be very enjoyable but parents will want to help their children minimise any risks from playing.

For further advice on this please go to <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/news/pokemon-go-gaming-gone-mobile>

After School Clubs

These will be organised on our return to school. Details of these will be sent to parents once these are arranged in the new academic year. Please see provisional clubs (for September) as below;

Monday	Football Y5/6 Art Club (classes to be confirmed)
Tuesday	Dance (classes to be confirmed)
Wednesday	Jujitsu (All Years) Moky Fit with Mr Salmon Y3/4
Thursday	Multi Skills with Josh Ridley (classes to be confirmed) Art Club (classes to be confirmed)

Dinner Monies — The UIFSM (free meal) scheme for KS1 children will continue next term until we have been advised otherwise. Please note that meal prices for children from years 3—6 have increased to **£2.00** per child from September. Please send payment (enclosed in a marked envelope) into school on a Monday morning.

School Uniform — These can be ordered online or via the school office (orders are sent to the supplier on 21st of every month—not including holidays). Please ensure that all clothing is clearly marked with your child's name. This helps staff to easily identify mislaid items and to return these to their owner. Thank you.

Headlice Check

We have had a few reported cases of headlice in school. Can parents please check their child's hair over the holidays so we don't have this problem in September.



Congratulations



Star of the Week Award

24th June

Class Nominations

Reception	Elise G
Class 1	Danae H
Class 2	Esme S
Class 3	Tom B
Class 4	Aaron B
Class 5	Whole Class
Class 6	Sadie W

Superstar of the Week!

*** Sadie W and Elise G ***

Star of the Week Award

1st July

Class Nominations

Reception	Millie H
Class 1	Kiera B
Class 2	Jack S
Class 3	Dylan C
Class 4	Adam H
Class 5	Liam W
Class 6	Bethany O

Superstar of the Week!

*** Dylan C ***

Star of the Week Award

8th July 2016

Class Nominations

Reception	Whole C
Class 1	Henry S
Class 2	Charlotte A
Class 3	Hope S
Class 4	Mia H
Class 5	No Nomination
Class 6	Matthew H

Superstar of the Week!

*** Henry S ***

Star of the Week Award

18th July 2016

Class Nominations

Reception	Finley H
Class 1	Whole Class
Class 2	Whole Class
Class 3	Whole Class
Class 4	Whole Class
Class 5	Whole Class
Class 6	Josh A Ethan Bowman

Superstar of the Week!

*** Finley H ***

Mrs Gill would like to congratulate all children on being 'Superstars' all week



Congratulations



Writer of the Week

24th June 2016

Reception	Daisy B W
Class 1	Amber C
Class 2	Kayla Mai J
Class 3	Whole Class
Class 4	Zac G
Class 6	Caitlin B

Writer of the Week

1st July 2016

Reception	Kibbi-Jean M
Class 1	Amelia O
Class 2	Poppy W
Class 3	Kayleigh B
Class 4	Abigail B
Class 5	Thomas S
Class 6	Beau B

Writer of the Week

8th July 2016

Reception	Finley P
Class 1	Scarlet H
Class 2	Jessica B
Class 3	James S
Class 4	Leah A
Class 6	Kody S

Writer of the Week

18th July 2016

Reception	Kibbi Jean M
Class 1	Jack R
Class 2	Charlotte A
Class 3	Sophie A
Class 4	Lilia W
Class 5	Tilly B

Recent Good to Be Green Winners

Lucky Dip Winners

Lucy R & Lara R and Ethan W

Lucky Dip Winners

Phoebe W & Patrick B A

ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning: 13th June 2016

Year 1 and Year 5

96.7%

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Week Beginning: 20th June 2016

Year 2

97.9%

ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning: 27th June 2016

Year R

96.4.9%

ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning: 1st July 2016

Year Reception

99.6%

ATTENDANCE

Please note that the expected attendance level for the whole school and individuals is 95%.

Holidays in term time is greatly affecting our attendance and where individual attendance falls below this, then referrals are made.