

Newsletter 27th May 2016

Dear Parents,

What's been happening in school. . .

- On Monday 16th May Veronica from Tempest Photography was in school to take class photographs. The proofs should be with us soon after half term and we will have copies in school for viewing. We will let you know as soon as we get them.
- Bishop Barrington continue to support our curriculum and have just finished a series of ICT workshops with year 4 children. The children have enjoyed these sessions and have developed their ICT skills.
- On Monday 16th May the school nursing team delivered a 'Growing up' workshop to Year 6. This is part of our PSHCE and SRE curriculum.
- On Tuesday 17th May Gillian Bell, outreach worker for The House of Commons, visited school and delivered an assembly to Key Stage 2. She explained to the children how our democracy works and then led two workshops with Year 5 and 6 on debating and campaigning. The children enjoyed the whole morning and really got their teeth into issues that they felt strongly about.
- Year 3 visited Durham on Wednesday 25th May. They visited the cathedral, took part in some outdoor learning and watched Tibetan monks make a mandala and release it into the river. The children found the whole visit really interesting and enjoyed the whole experience.
- Year 6 won the Attendance Award last term and we waited until after SATs for their treat and had a combined celebration! They visited ROF 59 in Newton Aycliffe and had a superb time climbing, trampolining etc. The staff at ROF59 were extremely impressed with the behaviour and attitude of our Year 6 children! Well done Year 6 for being fabulous ambassadors for our school.
- Today, Friday 27th May has been PTA Non-Uniform Day. They have been given their 'Smartie Challenge'. Please note that all boxes are to be returned by Wednesday 8th June. The PTA will be in to judge the competition. There is a prize for each class for the child who manages to get the most objects in their Smartie box! It'll be a tight squeeze!

Britain Through the Decades

This is a whole school project and involves children throughout the school working with a range of professional artists. To date the children have worked with a dancer and a chef to look at dance and food through the decades. Our Open Afternoon, Thursday 26th May, hopefully gave you all a flavour of the work we have been doing in school. After half term a singer, photographer and storyteller will be in school delivering workshops and there will also be a workshop on 'fashion' through the decades!

Thank you to all parents and grandparents who came along to our Open Afternoon yesterday—it was a lovely afternoon. It was a shame that the weather wasn't on our side and we couldn't host it on our amphitheatre. However, I'm sure you will agree that it didn't detract from the wonderful performances by all our children. Thank you to Mrs Hopper for her catering expertise and making sure there were enough strawberries for everyone!

Our school is a happy place to be and our children continue to thrive and make progress—Thank you for your support with all aspects of school life.

Have a lovely half-term break next week and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 7th June when school re-opens.

Wendy Gill & Staff



Congratulations



Star of the Week Award

20th May 2016

Class Nominations

Reception	Amelia S
Class 1	Amelia O
Class 2	Connie H
Class 3	Logan E
Class 4	Kaine R
Class 5	Casper W
Class 6	Luke W

Superstar of the Week!

* **Connie H** *

Writer of the Week

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Reception	Daisy L
Class 1	Amber C
Class 2	Harrison S
Class 3	Kristen T
Class 4	Evi D
Class 5	Emily O
Class 6	Danny S

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Class 4	Whole Class
Class 5	Whole Class
Class 6	Whole Class

Superstar of the Week!

* **Everyone!** *

for being fantastic performers!

ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning: 9th May 2016

Year 6

100%

ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning: 16th May 2016

Year 5

98.7%