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Dear Parent/Carers

Newsletter 28 ~ 14th June 2018

DASH Donations

Do you have any clothes that you no longer wear?

Can you help Year 6 to make a difference to homeless people in Durham?

We are currently doing a project to support DASH (Durham Action on Single Housing) and would like to collect some clothes (including hats, scarves and gloves) to donate to the charity.

If you can help please send in your donations to school as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support!

www.dashorg.co.uk

Art Exhibition

Thank you to everyone who attended the exhibition this week, the children's art work will be in school and available to buy until Friday 29th June 2018. If you wish to purchase your child's piece of art please see a member of staff who will be more than happy to help.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported us by purchasing books from our Half Price Book Fair this week.

Sedgefield Dash

On Tuesday 12th June 2018 a selection of our children attended the Sedgefield Dash at Hardwick Hall Hotel. All the children behaved well and there was some great performances including Olivia (Year 6) who won gold in the long jump for the 3rd year in a row. Holly (Year 5) won the chest push and Lucas (Year 3) got silver in the chest push.

Safeguarding

Please note parents are not permitted to enter school via the green doors from the yard due to safeguarding issues. If you need to speak to staff then they are available on the yard from 8.45am.

Emergency Contact Details

It is **very important** that school has up to date contact numbers and addresses in case of an emergency. We have had several incidents where children have been ill or we have had concerns which have need to be acted upon and we have not been able to contact anyone.

Family Fun Cooking Sessions

There are still places available for the Family Fun Cooking Club sessions which will run on Tuesday 19th June 2018, Tuesday 26th June 2018, Tuesday 3rd July and Tuesday 10th July 2018, from 3:15pm to 5:00pm. If you wish to book a place for your family please contact the school office.

First Contact

If you have a concern about a child or young person who lives in County Durham, First Contact is the service to call. First Contact brings together staff from Children and Young People's Services with partners such as Durham Constabulary and Health.

How can I get in touch?

First Contact has made it easy for you to get in touch with them. You can contact them using any of the following methods:

Telephone: 03000 26 79 79

E-mail: scd@durham.gov.uk

Website: www.durham.gov.uk/.../firstcontact

What happens if I call First Contact?

When you contact First Contact, you will speak to a trained officer who will work with you to decide the level of response needed. Providing early help to children, young people and their families is their priority.

An Early Help Assessment will be started to help inform the next steps, which may be:

- A referral to preventative services such as One Point, with a 'team around the family' and a named lead professional. Giving you appropriate advice and guidance.
- A statutory referral to assessment and interventions teams due to safeguarding concerns, with a 'team around the family' and a named lead professional.

First Contact works to a Single Assessment Framework which can be found on the Durham County Council website.

Attendance Figures

Can I remind parents that attendance was highlighted as an issue during the OFSTED inspection and is something which is a priority in school this year. **Children's expected attendance is 96%.**

If your children's attendance is below 90%, you will be invited into school to discuss how we can support you with improving attendance. If attendance is below 95% then school will be contacting you via telephone to see what else we can do to support pupils with their attendance.

Please ensure **all** appointments are made out of school hours (where possible) and that you contact the school office on the first day of absence to notify us of the reasons for absences, and the expected date of return. Where absences persist beyond 1 day, please keep in regular contact (ideally daily) with the school.

8th June 2018 ~ 14th June 2018

Little Learners	Busy Bees	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
100	95.70	93.93	91.88	96.96	91.60	98.97	96.40	92.06

Please note: From September 2018 **ALL** parents will be expected to complete a Leave of Absence form for **ALL** appointments made during the school day.

Although we have seen some improvement in attendance we are still working on improving this further. If you have any concerns regarding attendance please contact Mrs Gilyeat, School Attendance Officer.

Ferryhill Summer Fayre

Ferryhill's got talent will once again be making an appearance at this year's Summer Fayre.

Does your child have a hidden talent and want to show it off for the chance to win a prize?

Why not encourage them to take part in Ferryhill's very own talent show at Ferryhill's Summer Fayre on Sunday 8th July 2018 at Mainsforth Sports Complex. All entrants must be under 16 and forms are available from the school office. All application forms **MUST** be handed into Ferryhill Town Hall by 29th June 2018.

School Uniform

We have several children who are not coming to school in their uniform. Can I just remind parents that I am very flexible with where parents buy uniform from and do not expect parents to pay for school jumpers with logo etc. but I do expect all parents to provide pupils with uniforms which adhere to our policy.

Pupils must have

- grey or black trousers or skirts / red or blue summer dresses
- a red polo shirt
- a navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- all black shoes or black trainers

If children are not adhering to this then parents will get be contacted by text to bring replacements items.

Please note: children MUST have appropriate haircuts/styles, this does not include the latest trend of shapes and stars.

Free School Meal Entitlement

The regulations for Free School Meals changed on the 1st April 2018. If you claim any of the following benefits you may be eligible to claim a Free School Meal:

- Universal credit with an earnings threshold that does not exceed £7,400.
- Income support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC that does not exceed £16,190.
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit.
- Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment someone receives for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.)
- Support under part VI of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

Application Forms can be obtained from the school office. All applications are dealt with in strict confidence. Though some children prefer to bring in a 'packed lunch', it is important that all those entitled to a free school meal are registered. **Please note: It is YOUR responsibility to inform school if there are changes to your claim.**

June 2018	
18 th June 2018 – 22 nd June 2018	Refugee Week
Tuesday 19 th June 2018	Year 2 visit to Hartlepool Historic Quayside
Wednesday 20 th June 2018	Primary Maths Challenge
Friday 22 nd June 2018	Year 4 Festival for Food
25 th June 2018 – 29 th June 2018	Sports Week
Monday 25 th June 2018	Cricket Festival
Tuesday 26 th June 2018	Primary Olympics
Wednesday 27 th June 2018	Year 2 Class Assembly
Wednesday 27 th June 2018	Go-givers celebration event
Thursday 28 th June 2018	Provisional Sports Day
Friday 29 th June 2018	Sponsored Skip Event
July 2018	
Monday 2 nd July 2018	Year 5 Taster Day
Thursday 5 th July 2018	Year 3/4 Sports Skills
Friday 6 th July 2018	Reports to Parents
Monday 9 th July 2018	FBEC Transition Day
Tuesday 10 th July 2018	Year 5 Cricket Competition
Thursday 12 th July 2018	Year 5 and 6 visit to Beamish
Thursday 12 th July 2018	Parental Consultation Evening
Friday 13 th July 2018	Reception Vision Screening
Monday 16 th July 2018	Friends of Dean Bank Summer Fair
Tuesday 17 th July 2018	Whole School Educational Visit
Friday 20 th July 2018	Year 6 Leavers Assembly