



# Summer Newsletter 1



## Staffing Update



Congratulations to Miss Brockington, who was married over the Easter holidays and is now Mrs Stoker!

Congratulations also to Mrs Knox, who has had a beautiful baby boy. We welcome Miss Newton onto our staff to cover her maternity leave.

## Sports News

Congratulations to all children who represented the school in County Finals at the end of last term. We were represented in the swimming, indoor athletics and cross country finals, which is a tremendous achievement and is testament to the hard work and dedication of the children concerned. Our Y5/6 boys and girls teams won the cross country. The Y3/4 boys also won their competition with the girls coming as runners up. We were also victorious in the swimming and athletics finals- this was a phenomenal performance by all.

Our main school football team are currently competing to win the league with only one week remaining and our girl's team will take part in the county semi-final this week.

## More Than Dance

Our Year 2 and Year 4 children all participated in a liturgical dance workshop just before the Easter holidays. Many of them performed in a moving Lenten reflection that evening in St. Margaret's Church. Thank you to all, who supported this special event.

## School Council News

Our School Council visited County Hall last term, where they learned about local government and met the Chairman of Durham County Council. A 'Neon Dress-Up' day has been organised by the School Council on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, to fundraise for their chosen charity of UK Guide Dogs for the Blind'. Children are invited to bring in a pound to be able to wear anything bright/ fluorescent to school.



## Science/Art's Week

Science Week will take place during the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> May, with a variety of scientific challenges being planned for each year group around the theme of 'Changes'. Art's Week will take place the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> May and will be based around the theme of 'Journeys'. Any offer of help from parents during these weeks would be much appreciated. Please let the office know if you are available.

## SATs Week

SATs Week begins on May 8<sup>th</sup> for our Year 6 children this year. To help your child to be prepared we recommend short bursts of revision and plenty of fresh air, exercise and sleep. Please ensure your child arrives promptly to school as the tests will take place straight after registration.

## Dinner Menus

Please note that any changes to children's dinner arrangements must be made by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May**. There can be no further changes made for this academic year, after this date.

## End of Year Service



Our end of year service will once again take place at the Cathedral this year to ensure that there are enough seats for all of our parents as well as the children. All parents/ grandparents are warmly invited to attend on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 2.15pm**. This was the only time available to us. As it will finish close to the end of the school day, parents/ carers will be able to collect their children from the Cathedral. More detailed arrangements about this will be sent out nearer the time. Any remaining children will be walked back up to school, however it will be closer to 4pm by the time they return.

## Diary Dates



- 5.5.17- Neon Dress -Up day for UK Guide Dogs for the Blind
- 8-11.5.17 - Year 6 SATs Week
  - School Book Fair
- 15-19.5.17- Science Week
- 18.5.17 - Y6 Outdoor Adventure Club- abseiling
- 19.5.17- Y4 Worship at 9.05
- 22-26.5.17- Arts Week
- 22.5.17- Tom Robson in school to work with the children on independent learning
- 24.5.16- Year 6 Outdoor Adventure Club - bike ride
  - Song for Europe competition

### **Half Term: 29<sup>th</sup> May-2<sup>nd</sup> June**

- 5-9.6.17- Year 6 Residential at Kingswood
- 6.5.17- Bags to School
- 8.6.17- District Cricket Competition
- 9.6.17 - Friends of the School Summer Picnic
  - Art Exhibition displaying work from Art's Week
- 12.6.17- Y3 trip to Wharton Park
  - E-Safety Talk for Parents at 6pm
  - Rainbow Class- Phonics Screening
- 13.6.17- Green Class Phonics Screening
- 14.6.17- Team photos and Reception/Year 6 year group photos
  - Durham Dash
- 15.6.17 - Meeting for parents of September 2017 new starters at 9.30
  - Big Sing at Elvet Methodist Church
- 16.6.17 - Junior Road Safety Officers visit to County Hall
- 18.6.17- St. John's Eco-Festival
- 20.6.17- Y3 children to Mini-Olympics Festival
  - Y6 (group 1)- rowing
- 21.6.17- Y6 (group 2) rowing
- 22.6.17- Y6 (group 3) rowing
- 23.6.17- Y4 trip to Washington Wetlands
  - Y6 - (group 4) rowing
- 24.6.17- School Summer Fair- details to follow
- 28.6.17- Y1 to Multi-skills Festival
- 29.6.17 - Durham Johnston Induction Day/ School Move Up Day
- 30.6.17 - Reception Class- Year 5 reports to go home
- 3.7.17- KS1 Sports Day
- 4.7.17 - Y6 Leaver's Eucharist Service
  - 6pm- Orchestra Concert
- 5.7.17- Y6 reports sent home
- 6.7.17- 6pm - Choir Concert
- 7.6.17 - Non-Uniform Day - theme - Sports and Hobbies
  - KS2 Sports Day
- 10.7.17- Reserve KS1 Sports Day in case of inclement weather
- 11.7.17- Drama Club performance of Olivia at 6pm
- 12.7.17 - Reserve KS2 Sports Day in case of inclement weather
- 13.7.17- Y1 trip to Souter Lighthouse
- 14.7.17 - Year 2 Worship at 3pm
- 18.7.17- End of Year Service in Durham Cathedral at 2.15pm - all parents are welcome to attend
- 19.7.17 - Y6 Performance at 6pm

**We break up for the Summer Holidays at 3.30 pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July and return on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.**