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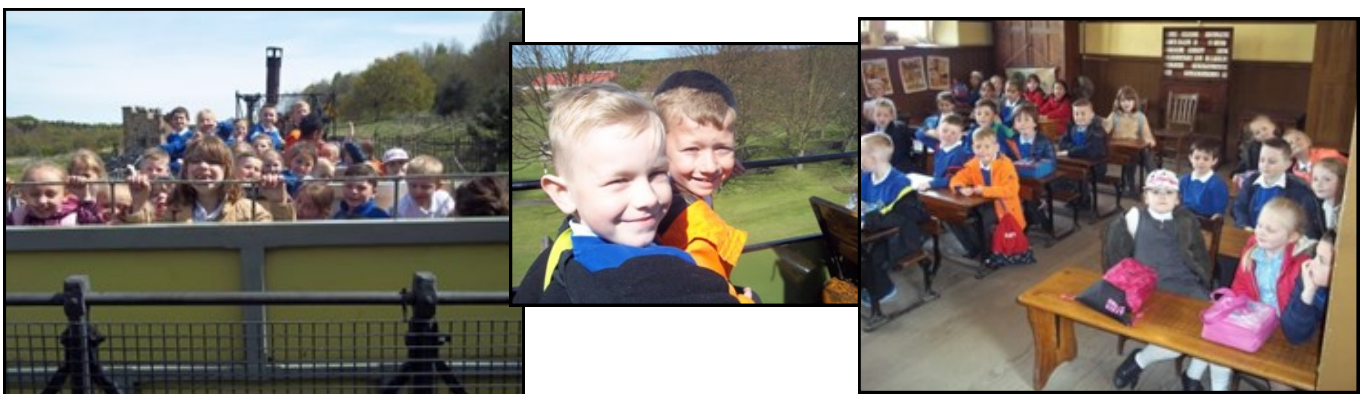
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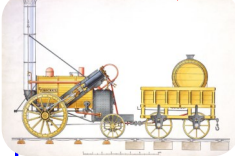
As part of their geography and history work, Years 1 and 2 visited Beamish last week to learn all about 'journeys and different modes of transport'.

All the children took a ride on an old double decker bus, open top trams and even a steam engine! Year 1 visited the new bakery and rolled some dough into sausage shapes and after a quick trip into the vaults of the bank, they went to the sweet shop where they asked some good questions about how the sweets were made and what the utensils were used for. The cinder toffee and fruit sweets were delicious— just look at all those red tongues! After lunch both classes visited the school and for a short time were transported back to Victorian times. If Victorian children were in trouble they got a red chalk mark on their nose or had to stand in the corner with their hands in the air! Year 2 also visited the old church and compared this place of worship to others they have visited. It was a super day and everyone had lots of stories to tell the rest of school when they got back.



We celebrated Ascension Day on the 14th May, when Jesus returned to His Father in heaven. He left a very special promise: "I am always with you." He gave his disciples a special job to do; "Go into the world and share the good news of God's love."

Steaming Ahead



As part of their topic work on transport, Year 1 and 2 visited the Head of Steam Railway Museum.

Here they learnt more about George Stephenson and his inventions. They made replicas of his rocket engine and enjoyed testing how far they travelled. This supported our design and technology work structures, our science work on forces



The PFA are meeting at 9am on Wednesday 3rd June in the Community Room, all parents are welcome.

Many thanks for all your support this term. We hope you have a lovely break and the sun shines! Look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 1st June.**

Business Matters!

On 15th May Year Four finished their enterprise project by making and selling S'mores, a traditional American biscuit treat. The class had researched their market, produced persuasive posters and a press release to advertise their product and costed out their ingredients using a spreadsheet. They also organised a S'mores production line to efficiently supply biscuits to almost the whole school! They were delighted to raise over £63 in profits that they have decided to donate to Cancer Research.

All the children had a fantastic time learning about the world of business, as well as having fantastic opportunities to apply their English and Maths skills to a real situation. Well done to all the children, and thanks to everyone who bought the S'mores—we hope you enjoyed them!

Reading Eggs

Many thanks to all those parents who attended the "Reading Eggs" meeting on Thursday. The school is considering purchasing Reading Eggs—an ICT based programme designed to support reading skills—which can be used at home and at school. The children are very keen but we would like to know what parents/carers think. Anyone can access a free trial of the programme through the Reading Eggs website and we would value your opinions. If you would like to share your views please catch Mrs Brown or Mrs Honeyman in the playground after school.

DATES FOR DIARIES

22.5.15	Break-up for 1 week
1.6.15	Monday - Children return to school
2.6.15	Year 6 Boys Cricket
5.6.15	Year 6 Girls Cricket
10.6.15	Town Sports Day
11.6.15	Year 6 Durham Cathedral Leavers Service
12.6.15	Year 1 Class Assembly
22.6.15	Y6 Education Village Haughton transition - 2 weeks Y6 Longfield Academy transition - 2 weeks Y6 St Aidans CE Academy transition - 1 week
24.6.15	Y6 Hummersknott Academy transition - 3 days (24-26th)
24.6.15	Sainsburys School Sports Day
25.6.15	Y6 Hurworth transition - 2 days (25-26th)
26.6.15	Y6 Polam Hall transition - 1 day
30.6.15	Year 2 visit to Durham Cathedral
8.7.15	Community Games
16.6.15	Y6 Leavers Bike Ride
17.7.15	Y6 Leavers Assembly
17.7.15	Summer Break children return on



Overall attendance for W/C 11.5.15 W/C 18.5.15

Reception	95.7%	97.3%
Year 1	96.8%	99.4%
Year 2	97%	98.7%
Year 3	96%	98%
Year 4	98%	97%
Year 5	95.6%	92.8%
Year 6	100%	97.3%