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Guided by God, to be the best that we can be.

EDEN CAMP MODERN HISTORY THEME MUSEUM

On Wednesday 4th October Year 3 and 4 visited Eden Camp as part of their World War 2 topic.

The children were very enthusiastic as they wandered around the World War 2, Italian Prisoner of War Camp which is now a museum. Despite the long journey there, the children thoroughly enjoyed their visit which brought the experience of WW2 to life. They learned a great deal from visiting the many different parts of the museum such as the Blitz, the German U Boat, the Great Escape, Women at War, the Black Out, the chapel, the music Hall, and many more.



Victorian Town Walks

Last week years 5 and 6 took part in a Victorian Town Trail. We are very lucky to live in a town that was so important during the Victorian times and we learnt lots about how Darlington changed and developed. We began by looking at Eastbourne Park which was built for people to enjoy their day off. Then we looked at some terraced houses and learnt that the toilets would have been in a shed in the back yard! We visited the station, which was the first passenger station in the world. We also saw Edward Pease's house and grave then looked for Victorian features of the town centre such as the town clock, the indoor market, the first bank in Darlington and the place where an abattoir once stood. After lunch we had a look round South Park and learnt some of the ways that Victorians

would have spent their days off, including watching brass bands in the band stand. We are very proud of our town's heritage so next time you are out and about in town, ask your child to show you some Victorian features.



We will be holding our Harvest Festival **tomorrow Friday 6th October 2pm in St. John's Church**. All the classes will be delivering a poem or short play. We hope you can join us! Children who are not collected from the church will be taken back to school for home time

We would be grateful for donations of tinned and packet foods with a good sell by date, for our local Food Bank which provides much needed temporary help to families struggling financially. The food donations will be passed on to the Food Bank before the end of this half term.



We are also asking for money donations to buy portable water purifiers for villages in Uganda. Thank you.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

Many thanks to everyone, including our Goldentime bakers, who supported EYFS MacMillan coffee morning, an amazing £ 264.18 was raised! Nursery and Reception classes sang confidently to a large audience of proud mums, dads and grandparents.



Agape means love. Rev. Sheilagh and

members of the church are coming into school and teaching the story of how Jesus shared bread and wine with his disciples at the Last Supper. Year 1 shared this experience by eating bread and drinking blackcurrant juice.



Attendance Winners for Autumn Term 1

Week 3	Reception, Y2 & Y5	96%
Week 4	Reception	100%

SAFETY FIRST!

We have received a complaint about parents parking on the zig zag and yellow lines. Please note that the Parking Wardens/Local Police have been informed and will be making visits and giving spot fines - be warned!

The health and safety of our children is paramount. Some parents commented in the parental questionnaire that not everyone adheres to our health and safety rules.

Please remember:

- * **Parking on zig zag and yellow lines outside school is not permitted** as it is a serious risk for children and parents trying to cross the road.
- * **Parents are not permitted to park in the school car park** (unless they are registered disabled) **or to walk through the car park as a short cut.**
- * **Smoking** is not permitted on the school grounds.
- * **Dogs are not permitted on the school grounds** parents are requested not to hang around the entrance with them or tie them near the entrance, as many children feel nervous and threatened.
- * **Swearing or inappropriate language** is not permitted at any time and may result in a ban from the premises.

The vast majority of parents follow these rules at all times which helps us to keep children safe and maintain a lovely, safe and caring environment for all our children. Thank you for your co-operation.



Thank you to all those parents/carers who have already subscribed to Parentpay and are already seeing the benefits. In the near future all dinner money payments will need to be made via the

Parentpay system and we will no longer be taking cash payments in respect of dinner money at the school office. Therefore if you could please ensure that you are subscribed to Parentpay in order to make dinner money payments. If you require any assistance with this please do not hesitate to contact Mr Cooke our Business Manager who will be available at open afternoon and evening on the 12th and 13th October to discuss any queries and provide assistance.

Dates for Diaries

6.10.17	Harvest Festival 2pm at St. John's Church. All welcome.
11.10.17	Y2 Agape - Worship with Rev Sheilagh. Parents welcome.
11.10.17	Tag Rugby Festival at Mowden for Y5 & Y6 12noon - 3pm
12.10.17	Tag Rugby Festival at Mowden for Y3 & Y4 12 noon - 3pm
12.10.17	Parent Open afternoon/evening KS1 start 1.30pm KS2 start 3.30pm
17.10.17	SEND Multi-sports at Middlesbrough 10am - 1pm
19.10.17	Cross Country Festival at Eastbourne Complex 10am - 1pm
19.10.17	Autumn Disco KS1 3.30pm - 4.30pm KS2 4.40pm - 5.45pm
20.10.17	Half Term Holiday
1.11.17	Children return to school (Wednesday)