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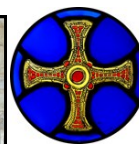


Reception's

Assembly celebrated their end of year achievements. All the children spoke about their favourite moments in Reception, sang songs and performed a ribbon dance. The parents and staff were very proud of them



Year 1 proudly shared their wonderful 'Memories of the Year' with parents and grandparents. They had super loud, confident voices and some lovely pictures. Many received Silver Awards for Outstanding Behaviour and Attitude along with free books for completing the library book challenge. Well done Year 1, you have made super progress this year.



Year 6 attended a Leavers Service held at Durham Cathedral. The theme was about 'The Next Journey' celebrating their hopes for the future and the next stage in their education. Head Boy, Thomas Henderson, Head Girl, Millie Green and Sophie Lamb carried our school banner in the procession through the Cathedral. Many Church of England schools from all over the Durham area attended this service.



Year 6 Pop Vocal Project

Year 6 are currently taking part in the Pop Vocal Project. This is a weekly workshop led by experienced musicians. We have been learning some fantastic songs such as 'Uptown Funk' and 'Happy'. It's a fantastic experience because we get to sing along with a guitarist accompanying us and a professional singer teaching us the songs. We are planning to perform one of the songs in our leavers' assembly so watch this space.



'Reading Eggs' meeting and to those who sent back the feedback forms. Your responses to the ICT based reading programme were overwhelmingly positive, as were those of the children. Taking all your views into account, we have decided to invest in the programme for all children in our current Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 classes as well as for some children who need a little extra support with their reading. The children are enjoying using the programme at school - they can't wait to tell us which plan they are on -and we hope, with your support, that their enthusiasm continues when using the programme at home. Thank you for your time working in partnership like this, will help to ensure that all the children make the best progress possible.

Thank you to all those parents who attended our



Many thanks to the children and parents who supported the sponsored 'Crossbar Challenge'. It was a fun event and lots of the children and the parents managed to hit the crossbar too! We will inform you of the amount raised in the next newsletter.

On a serious note I have received reports from parents complaining about the use of bad language on the school premises in front of children. We urge all parents to be mindful of their language on the school premises at all times. Any adults who continue to use inappropriate language will result in a ban from the premises. We have a wonderful school and are very thankful that the vast majority of parents support us every day and are positive role models for children.

Thank you for your support.
Miss Large

Don't forget to hand in your sports shirt design to the Heron store. They are very generously giving school £1 for every entry.

SPORTS EVENTS & DATES FOR DIARIES	
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	Reception visit to Big Sheep Little Cow
24.6.15	Y6 Hummersknott Academy transition - 3 days (24-26th)
25.6.15	Y6 Hurworth transition - 2 days (25-26th)
26.6.15	Y6 Polam Hall transition - 1 day
27.6.15	Y6 take part in the Darlington Community Carnival - all welcome
29.6.15	Nursery open morning for new children
29.6.15	Y5 Mixed Cricket Tournament at R.A Club (am)
30.6.15	Year 2 visit to Durham Cathedral
2.7.15	Sports Day (pm) weather permitting! - all welcome
8.7.15	Community Games
15.7.15	Sainsbury's Sports Day (children only)
16.7.15	Y6 Leavers Bike Ride
17.7.15	Y6 Leavers Assembly - parents welcome
17.7.15	Summer Break - children return on Wednesday 2nd September

Overall attendance for W/C 1.6.15		Overall attendance for W/C 8.6.15	
Reception	99%	Reception	97.3%
Year 1	94.8%	Year 1	96.5%
Year 2	97.3%	Year 2	96%
Year 3	96%	Year 3	94%
Year 4	95.3%	Year 4	95.7%
Year 5	92.4%	Year 5	98%
Year 6	93.3%	Year 6	96%

Well done Reception and Year 5 for achieving the best attendance over the last two weeks.