



## **17<sup>th</sup> June 2016 Newsletter**

### **Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Event**

This superb village event took place on Saturday 11th June 2016 from 1pm-4.30pm at the school, the village hall and St Peter's Church. There were afternoon teas and other refreshments, food trade stalls, plant stall, Humshaugh First School and Playing Field Trust stalls, singing from the school choir and lots of fun and games including a dog show! Over £700 was raised, some of which will go towards purchasing a bench for the school yard.



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Thank you so much to parents and grandparents who helped, donated, baked, sold raffle tickets and supported on the day, despite the rainy weather. This support will enable the Friends to purchase bookbags, help with bus costs, trips to the theatre and much more. There were lots of lovely comments about the school choir and also how polite and well-behaved the children were.

### **Competition Winners**

#### **The scarecrow competition**

- 1st bat -Tina and Joyce
- 2nd Char lady - Judith Taylor
- 3rd Angry bird -Gwyn

#### **Name the scarecrow**

He was called Felix and Amy Dockray won him

#### **Guess the weight of cake**

Peggy Hogg was the winner

#### **Summer fair raffle**

All prizes claimed

#### **Barrow of booze**

Gary Sim

#### **Archery on the field**

- 1st -Juliet Schroeder
- 2nd -Jack Thompson.

#### **Competition in church**

##### **Design a crown**

- 1st Karis Thompson
- 2nd Isabella Taylor

##### **A poem for the queen**

- 1st Louise Armatage

**Wild About Adventure** The children had great fun on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June making bird feeders, foraging for branches and rocks to build a pond and varnishing the bird boxes. Children who have attended after school club and the school days will receive the John Muir award. Those children who took part in both school days will receive a certificate.

**PLEASE NOTE: THE LAST AFTER SCHOOL CLUB IS TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY.**

**NO CLUB ON: 12<sup>TH</sup> OR 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**We hope to continue the Outdoor Adventure club in September, information to follow.**



**Ice lolly Thursdays** Ice lollies will be available to purchase at the kitchen every Thursday (from 16<sup>th</sup> June) between 3-3.30pm. Please ensure children are supervised at all times and rubbish place in the bins provided.

**Mr. Kealoha**-I just wanted to thank Mr Kealoha on behalf of the children and parents for all his hard work. He will finish his final placement on 24<sup>th</sup> June and starts his new job in Scotsby in September. Good Luck for the future, we will miss you.

### **Sports Day – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 1.30-3.00pm-Playing field (Weather permitting)**

Please come and support the children and treat yourself to some tasty cakes from the Tynedale Hospice cake stall after the event.

### **After school**

Please ensure your child/children are accompanied or supervised if using the yard after school has finished and please make sure that the yard is tidy. Please do not allow your children into the Pre-school area.

### **Reading Challenge**

A fantastic 15 children took part in the reading challenge over half term. Congratulations to all of them and thank you to Mrs Carney and Mrs Long for organising certificates, medals and prizes.

### **Fathers' Day Gift Shop-Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 3.00pm**

This was a great success with lots of children purchasing gifts for their Dads. Thank you to Louise and the Friends for organising such a super event for the children.

### **Parent questionnaires**

Thank you to those parents who returned the parent questionnaires. We had a fantastically positive response and have tried to address suggested areas for improvement immediately.

### **Year 1 phonics testing**

Children in Year 1 took their Phonics test earlier this week. Well done to all children who have worked really hard on the lead up to the test.

### **Morning routines**

Please remember to arrive promptly to school in the morning. The bell is rung for school to start at 8.50am. Parents should leave their children in the playground where they will be escorted into school by Mrs Phillips. Thank you.

### **PE this term**

We will be doing PE outside in the Summer term, so please make sure your child has sandshoes with velcro fastening or trainers that he/she can fasten independently. Please ensure that your child comes to school in full school uniform.

**We are not swimming this half term. Swimming will resume during the 1<sup>st</sup> half of Autumn 2016.**

### **Water bottles and sun cream**

Please remember to send your child to school with a water bottle each day. It is really important that your child stays hydrated in the warmer weather. Sun cream should be applied to your child before he/she comes to school and this will provide protection for the day.

### **Other dates for your diary.**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June:** Leavers' Service at Newcastle Cathedral for pupils in Year 4.

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June:** Swimming Gala-Wentworth Leisure centre –morning (details to follow)

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June: Sports Day at 1.30-3pm. Please note, this date has changed.**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June:** Hexham Partnership Sports Festival for Class 2 pupils at Wentworth Leisure Centre.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July:** 'Pirates v Mermaids' Dress Rehearsal (Pre-school and Newbrough audience)

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July:** 'Pirates v Mermaids' at 9.15am and 6.30pm (Keep checking bookbags for information)

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>-Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July:** Broomley Grange for Y4 pupils

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July:** Leavers Service at 9.15am for Y4 pupils/Y4 water fight and **Break up for Summer holidays!**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July: TEACHER DAY**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September: TEACHER DAY**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September:** Start of Autumn 1<sup>st</sup> term

Kind regards,

Jude Long (Acting Headteacher)

