

Friday 15th July (3 PAGES)

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Every child in Year 1 to 4 received a special Performance Award sticker for their outstanding performance and effort in our production of Hansel and Gretel. Well done everyone!

In Early Years, Spencer and Archie are superstars for 'being gentle'. Ella received the Kindness Award-well done!

HANSEL AND GRETEL

Our production of 'Hansel and Gretel' took place on Thursday and the children performed to packed audiences in the morning and evening. We are so proud of everyone for having the courage to perform in front of a big audience and it was lovely to hear laughter and clapping from the audience. A tremendous amount of time and effort goes into the production and massive thanks must once again go to Amy and Audrey who created our amazing backdrops, props and costumes. We are eternally grateful to them both. There are lots of photos on the website.

Here are some quotes from parents and visitors who kindly took the time to email me with positive feedback:

*A tour de force! Really good fun. Such an impressive performance, with every child involved. We so enjoyed it. Well done to all of you and many thanks for a very happy morning in school.

*Just wanted to say the show was amazing, all the children were fantastic.

*Just wanted to email and say well done and congratulations on an amazing performance this morning. It was so nice to be back watching them in person and all the kids did an amazing job. You install lots of confidence in them and get them performing so well.

*Just a quick email to say congratulations and a huge well done to everyone for the school production! It was first class and an absolute joy to watch, everyone had clearly worked so hard.

*I'd like to say how much I enjoyed the play yesterday morning, it was marvellous! All the children were involved heart and soul, and they performed fantastically in front of a big audience - a rare experience for them. The singing, movement, costumes (brilliant) and scenery showed the hard work you all must have put in, and the wealth of talent at school. I hope the evening performance went well too. Congratulations!



LOOK AT BOOKS

It was great to see so many parents and relatives on Monday and Tuesday for our 'look at books' sessions. We had a 73% turn which is excellent. The children really enjoyed showing their parents all their completed work and learning areas. We hope you enjoyed it too.





SCHOOL REPORTS

All school reports for children in Reception to Year 4 have been sent home today. If you would like to give any feedback, parents of Reception children can complete the form which comes with the report and parents of children in Years 1 to 4 are very welcome to pop a brief email to the class teacher but there is no obligation.

FUN DAY PLAN

We are aiming to have and end of term Fun Day on <u>Thursday 21st July</u>. The children in Nursery and Reception will be getting the paddling pool out and the children in Years 1 to 4 will have the option to have a go on our new slippy slide after the traditional *Year 4 v staff* water fight which will take place first thing in the morning.

In the afternoon, we have a superb face painter coming to paint everyone's faces (if they wish!) and the Tyne Valley ice cream van will also be popping along! Thank you to the Friends for funding our end of term treat!

<u>ALL</u> children will need to come into school wearing their swimming costume with a t-shirt and shorts/leggings over the top.

Please provide a towel, a change of home clothes (no uniform required) and a plastic bag for wet items.

Children in Year 4 to bring in a water pistol if possible.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE LAUNCH

We had a visit from one of the Hexham Library Librarians on Thursday. She talked to the children in Reception to Year 4 about the Summer Reading Challenge. If you can get to Hexham library in the holidays to register then it is a really lovely challenge for your child to take part in. Your child should have a book mark with information on, in their book bag today.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All clubs have now finished for this academic year.

All clubs will resume W/C Monday 12th September. A letter was sent out this week asking parents to indicate which clubs they would like their child/ren to attend from September.

We have decided to continue with free admission to clubs for the time being. There will be a charge for the 5.00pm collection arrangement. Parents who have requested this will be contacted separately.

For those of you who have indicated Football Club as a preference, then please be aware that this club has yet to be confirmed. We are hoping it will be up and running for the second week back but I will let you know.

SWIMMING

Swimming will continue right up until the last week of this term (Wednesday 20th July). It will resume in the second week of the Autumn term (Wednesday 14th September)

ATTENDANCE

YEAR	ATTENDANCE <u>%</u>
RECEPTION	92%
YEAR 1	98%
YEAR 2	86%
YEAR 3	96%
YEAR 4	97%

DIARY DATES

Monday 18th July: EYFS performance 2.15pm-school hall

Wednesday 20th July: Last swimming lesson for this academic year

Thursday 21st July: Fun day -information above

Friday 22nd July: Last day of Summer term/Y4 Leaver Service-9.15am

Autumn Term

Monday 5th September: Teacher Day

Tuesday 6th September: Teacher Day

Wednesday 7th September: Autumn 1 starts 8.45am

School finishes at 3.15pm

All clubs and swimming will resume W/C 12th September (Clubs 3.15-4.30pm)

This includes the 5.00pm collection that parents have arranged with Mrs Long.