



15th July 2016 Newsletter

Wild About Adventure

Children who have attended after school club and the school days will receive a certificate at the Leaver Service on Tuesday 19th July. Those children who took part in both school days will also receive a certificate.

We look forward to continuing Outdoor Adventure club from September but on a **Monday (to replace Sports club)**.

Paul and the children will focus on Navigation in the Autumn term, First Aid in the Spring term and Outdoor classrooms in the Summer term.

Please look out for a letter with dates and a permission slip at the beginning of the new term in September.

PLEASE NOTE: NO CLUB ON: 19TH JULY

Sports Day – THURSDAY 14TH JULY 1.30PM-3PM

The children had a fantastic sports afternoon and thank you all for taking part so valiantly in the Parents' obstacle race – great fun!

Leaver service – Please come and join us to bid farewell to our lovely Year 4s. A service of memories, songs, tears, laughter and a few special awards. Starts at 9.15am in the hall.

Summer reading challenge



The national curriculum for English aims to ensure that pupils develop the habit of reading widely and often for both pleasure and information.

Organised by The Reading Agency (www.readingagency.org.uk) and the UK public library network since 1999, the **Summer Reading Challenge** is the UK's biggest annual reading promotion for children aged 4 to 11. Last year, in **Northumberland nearly 3,000** children took part.

The **Summer Reading Challenge** combines **FREE** access to books with fun, creative activities in the library during the summer holidays. Throughout the Challenge, library staff and teenage volunteers support the children, helping them to discover new authors and to explore a wide range of different types of books and ways of reading,

How the Challenge works

- Children sign up at their local library and receive The Big Friendly Read collector folder
- Children borrow and read at least six library books of their own choice during the summer, collecting special cards to complete their folder and rewards along the way
- Library staff and teenage volunteers are on hand to advise and run family-friendly activities
- Children who complete the **Summer Reading Challenge** are presented with a certificate and a medal

CLASS 2 CHILDREN – PLEASE READ AS MANY ROALD DAHL BOOKS AS POSSIBLE DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS TO HELP WITH THE FIRST TERM'S TOPIC.

School uniform School trends-**please order by 7th August** for September delivery

Charity non-school uniform day Tristan Taylor from Class 1 suggested a non-school uniform day to collect money for Oxfam. The children came to school today in their own clothes and brought a £1 donation. We have received a total of

Pirates v Mermaids What a show! Audiences of 80+ were delighted with our production of Pirates v Mermaids. The children were absolutely amazing and overcame nerves and illness to deliver a fantastic show. Thank you to all those who came to watch and for your help with providing costume. Many thanks also for volunteering your precious time and

support. We have received some lovely letters and cards from guests who supported us. Here are some quotes...

“Congratulations on a brilliant show, the children were absolutely wonderful, from the youngest to the oldest, they were word and actions perfect”

“The children sang, spoke and moved with confidence and total commitment....the actual plot of the play was a lot of fun and both the pirates and the mermaids benefited from the strong leadership of the students.”

Attendance

You should have received your child's end of year report by now. It is a new format and we hope you pleased with the new layout. At the back of the report was a record of your child's attendance, taken directly from our computer system. Many children had very good attendance and hit the target of 97% or above. However, a worrying number of children had well below this expected target.

It states in the Hexham Partnership of School Policy for Leave of Absence during term time leaflet, “If your child's attendance falls below 93% it is of great concern to us and we have to discuss the issue with our Education Welfare Office.”

From September, please ensure your child is in school every day unless unwell. Parents must contact the school office or leave a message on the answer machine giving a reason for absence.

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. **Please also ensure you arrive on time at 3.05pm to pick your child up at the end of the day. Thank you.**

PE this term

We will be doing PE outside in the autumn term, so please make sure your child has sandshoes with velcro fastening or trainers that he/she can fasten independently. **SWIMMING WILL RESUME ON THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2016.**

Other dates for your diary.

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

Wednesday 20th July: TEACHER DAY

Monday 5th September: TEACHER DAY

Tuesday 6th September: Start of Autumn 1st term

Monday 19th September: Outdoor Adventure Day

Monday 26th September: Outdoor Adventure Club starts

Thursday 29th September: Soup day and Harvest Festival (Soup at 1pm and Harvest Festival at 2.15pm)



Kind regards, Jude Long (Acting Headteacher)

