



## **17<sup>th</sup> April 2015 Newsletter**

### **SIAMS report**

You should now have received a copy of the report, following our Diocesan Inspection on 12<sup>th</sup> March. The staff and governors are delighted with the report, which reflects the combined efforts of pupils, parents, staff and governors.

### **Fun Run**

Children took part in a Fun Run on the Sele Park yesterday with other schools in the Hexham Partnership. I don't know who was more excited to see Olympic Gold Medal winner, Colin Jackson; me or the children! Everyone did their best and ran the mile with smiles on their faces. Holly and Amy were chosen to ask Colin questions after the race. Huge thanks to Mrs Blythe for organising this event.

### **Salmon in the classroom**

On Sunday, we received 100 salmon eggs from North Tyne stock at Kielder hatchery. They are being incubated in school and we will be looking after the young salmon for about four weeks. After this time, we will release the young fish into a local burn where they will hopefully make their way into the North Tyne and eventually migrate to breeding grounds in colder waters around Greenland.

### **Open Afternoon**

We will be holding an open afternoon for existing and prospective parents on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April between 1.30 and 3pm. If you know of families in your village or the local area with prospective pupils, please encourage them to come along and see our wonderful school in action. Thank you!

### **School Uniform**

Please remember that you can now order school uniform directly from the supplier, School Trends. To do this, please use the following link: <http://www.schooltrendsonline.com/schools/HumshaughCEVAFirstSchoolNE464AA> Items will be delivered to school in term time and to Louise Armatage in the holidays.

### **Family Fun Day**

This annual event will take place at school from 1pm on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July. There will be the usual stalls and I understand that children will be able to throw wet sponges at the Headteacher, who will be locked in the stocks for part of the afternoon! If anyone can help to organise this event, please contact Louise Armatage. Donations of raffle prizes will also be gratefully received. Thank you.

### **Swimming and Lunch Money**

Swimming this term will be £15 for the half term. Lunch money will be £58 for the half term as we are off on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

### **Coast and Castles**

And finally...I will be cycling part of the Coast and Castles route from Tynemouth to Eyemouth (just over 100 miles) over two days on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June to raise funds for the British Heart Foundation. If anyone would like to sponsor me, please go to my Just Giving page (once I have learned how to set one up!) or just come and see me. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

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

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May:** Break up for half term

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June:** Return to school for second half of Summer term.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June:** Pub Quiz in Crown Inn.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June:** Leavers' Service in St Nicholas Cathedral for children in year 4. Parents welcome to attend.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July:** Production of 'Snow White', 9.15am and 6.30pm

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July:** Sports Day am, weather permitting (Wed 8<sup>th</sup> if wet on Monday).

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 4 trip to Broomley Grange. Details to follow.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July:** Break up for Summer holidays!

Kind regards,

Cath Newson (Headteacher)

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"A friend who is far away is sometimes much nearer than one who is close at hand. Is not the mountain more awe-inspiring and more clearly visible to one passing through the valley than to those who inhabit the mountain?"

Khalil Gibran

