



Thursday 23 May

May half term newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

We are quickly approaching our final half term in this academic year. We have our INSET day tomorrow (Friday 24 May) and we will return after the half term holiday on **Monday 3 June**.

Events in the Summer Term

Our Y6 pupils sat their SATs tests last week. They all worked incredibly hard and made us all very proud.

Lots of our classes have visited Seaton Delaval Hall this half term as part of our collaboration with the National Trust. These are the first visits as part of our long-term project with the National Trust.

Our school football team took part in a tournament with other primary schools within our Trust. They all played brilliantly and won the tournament! We were particularly proud of how well behaved the whole team were and how much determination and resilience they showed.

Year 4 visited Theatre Royal to watch a performance of *The Boy at the Back of the Class*. This is the book that they are currently studying. It was a wonderful experience and the whole class behaved impeccably. Year 2 have also visited the Discovery Museum and the Laing Art gallery this half term.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the Year 1 Phonics Screen meeting this week. We hope that you found it useful.

Four of our Year 4 children made their First Holy Communion at Mass last Sunday. Eight more children will be making their First Holy Communion over the next two Sundays. It was a wonderful celebration and many members of the Parish attended Mass to share in this special event for our pupils.

Future events

Our final half term is always a busy one with lots of events. We will keep you updated with all of the events when we have finalised the dates.

Attendance

We do not want you to send your child to school if they are genuinely ill. However, please always try to send your child to school if they are suffering from a mild cold or cough. We always monitor your children closely and will contact you if they get worse throughout the day. Also, please try to make doctor or dentist appointments outside of school hours. Again, we do understand that this is not always possible, but it is important for your child to be in school as much as possible.

Behaviour in Breakfast Club

We have always offered our Breakfast Club to all children from Reception to Year 6. We appreciate how important it is for many of our families to make sure that children have breakfast and are in school on time and ready to learn. However, over recent weeks, the behaviour of some children in school has fallen below the standards we expect. This has included children being unkind to their peers and being disrespectful towards adults. If the behaviour of individual



pupils doesn't improve, we will ask them not to return to Breakfast Club. We would appreciate your support in this and reinforce with your child that we expect good behaviour at Breakfast Club.

Collecting children from school

We know that there are times when you can't collect your child from school and you ask a family friend/ another parent to collect. When this happens, you must inform school before the end of the day, either on dojo or by calling the school office. Unless we receive a message from you as the parent, we will not be able to send your child home with someone who doesn't normally collect. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Statutory Assessments next term

Our Year 6 pupils have completed their SATs tests this half term. Next half term, Year 1 will be completing their Phonics Screen Check and Year 4 will complete their Multiplication Tables check. The results of these tests will be shared with you in your child's end of year reports.

Water safety

I am sure that many of you will have seen in the news the tragic events where two boys lost their lives when they got into difficulty playing in the Tyne. Water safety is incredibly important, and more important as we move into the summer months. As a school, we have made contact with Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue and SafetyWorks to arrange workshops for the children next half term. On Class Dojo, we have shared a link to Newsround which has some useful videos and information about water safety.

We hope that you all have a wonderful half term holiday, and we look forward to seeing you all on **Monday 3 June**.

Kind regards,

Mr Brown

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Head of School

