



# June 2017 Newsletter

*All children and young people have a right to a primary education...Young people should be encouraged to reach the highest level of education they are capable of. (Article 28, United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child)*

Welcome to our June newsletter. Please take a note of the diary dates as there are a lot of them this term.

## Skipping Festival

Our children took part in a skipping festival and some of them did really well, achieving bronze and gold awards. Congratulations to all who took part .

Good luck to all of our children who are taking part in sports events during the rest of this term.



## Parental Questionnaire Results

Unfortunately, we only received one questionnaire in response to them being sent out so there are no overall conclusions for us to make. We have read & considered the one that has been returned.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Communions

We are hoping that our 4 children making their 1st Holy Communion on Saturday 17th June, have a lovely day. They are all in our thoughts & prayers. Anyone who would like to join in the celebration, this is being held in church at Hutton Henry at 10am on Saturday.



**Dinner Money** - Can parents **PLEASE** ensure lunch money is paid in advance **EVERY Monday morning, in an envelope with your child's name on. Thank you.**

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PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOL OFFICE IF NEEDED.

### **Summer Sun!**

Please can I remind you to protect your child from the sun? On sunny days all children should have sun cream put onto them before they come to school and should have a sun hat with them, with their name clearly marked inside the hat.



**Medication Authorisation**—Under the direction of Public Health England and Durham County Council, we have been advised we can keep our own supply of prescribed medicines in school: Calpol, Paracetamol, Sting Cream, and Piriton. This is to help children have full access to education, play a full and active role in school life, remain healthy and achieve academic goals. Forms have been sent out to all parents, with an authorisation slip to be signed and returned to school.

### **Our Fabulous Writers**

Class 3 have been taking part in lots of writing activities. They are all in a book published by 'Young Writers' full of their stories.

Paddy & Hayden took part in several workshops with other children to write a book. This has now been published and can be bought on

Amazon!!!! It is called 'The Wishroom' and is a great read.



### **Water Safety Advice— How to keep your child safe this summer:**

Jumping into rivers without acclimatising can kill.

Being suddenly immersed in cold water can cause you to have a heart attack and die. The change in temperature can also lead to a gasp response where you could breathe in water, get into a panic and drown.

Drowning is one of the major causes of adolescent deaths worldwide. An estimated 57,000 ten to nineteen-year-olds drowned across the globe in 2015 – two thirds of them boys.

Fourteen year old Cameron Gosling never came home after jumping into the river without acclimatising, while playing with friends one sunny day. The lives of those closest to him will never be the same again.

His family has no routine or structure and his brother goes to sleep every night listening to Cameron's funeral music.

Some of his friends have been taken out of mainstream school, friendships have suffered and there have even been thoughts of suicide.

Cameron's mum Fiona has been left wishing she had spoken to her son about 'cold water shock,' believing he would still be here if they had had that chat.

Do your children know about the dangers of jumping into rivers? Do you?

Please learn about cold water shock and have the conversation with your children that Fiona will forever regret not having with Cameron.

You can find out more at [www.durham.gov.uk/dyingtobecool](http://www.durham.gov.uk/dyingtobecool) and

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## Dates for the Diary - all dates are available on our school website

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- 16th June - Reception children—Vision tests
- 17th June Saturday - 10am 1st Holy Communion Celebration in church
- 21st June - Shotton Hall Academy -Y6 Transition Day
- 22nd June - Year 6 Primary Festival @ Diocesan Youth Village all day
- Year 3/4 Athletics Festival pm
- 23rd June - School Closed - PD Day**
- 26th June - Climbing Wall & Archery in school
- 2pm - Summer Fayre**
- 27th June - **10am Sports Day followed by & Family Picnic Lunch**
- PM children taking part in Race for Life event,
- 28th June - Class 1—The Sage, Gateshead—'Big Sing For Mini Singers'
- Year 5 with school nurse "Keeping Healthy"
- 29th June - Class 3 Beamish trip 'Wind in Your Sails Final' all day
- 30th June - Shotton Hall Academy Year 6 Transition Day.
- 30th June - Some of our children attending the County Finals @ Shildon
- 1st July Saturday - Beamish—Children & Parents, 9.30 bus pick up (bottom car park)
- 3rd July - Wellfield Y6 Transition Day
- 4th July - Year 5 visit to St Bede's all day
- Y6 Wellfield Transition Day
- 5th July - Class 1 Partnership Festival—St Joseph's Blackhall
- 7th July - Reports to parents
- 10th July - First performance of KS2 Musical 'The Keymaster' 6.00pm
- Years 3,4,5 & 6 taking part (Details of tickets to follow)
- 11th July - Second performance of KS2 Musical 'The Keymaster' 1.30pm
- 12-14th July - Year 6 Residential visit to Robinwood, Alston
- 17th July - Class 1 visit to the Blue Reef Aquarium, Tynemouth
- 18th July - **Leavers Assembly 11am**
- Leavers Disco— whole school 1.30—3.00pm
- 19th July - **Leavers Mass 9.15am** in the school hall—All Welcome!
- 2.30 pm End of term Music Concert
- 21st July FRIDAY - BREAK UP FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS!!**
- 5th September Tuesday - School returns**