



# May 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)*

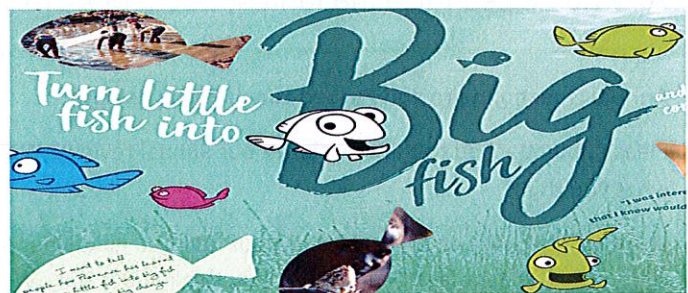
Welcome to our May newsletter. Please make a note of the diary dates, as there are a lot of them this term!! There will be more to come soon too!

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils for working so hard for their SATs tests. They all tried their best & worked really hard.

## Lent

Thank you for encouraging your children to support the charities we have focused on this term. We raised for :

**£71.50 for CAFOD—Turn little fish into big fish appeal.**



## New Outdoor Gym Equipment

We are delighted that our outdoor gym equipment has now been installed, thanks to the £10,000 'Awards For All National Lottery Grant'. The children are enjoying using it.

## Year 5/6 Windmills Engineering Project at Beamish Museum

Saturday 1st July.9.30 to 4.00pm

Free bus for ALL families to Beamish for that weekend

Our Class 3 children are taking part in an engineering project sponsored by Beamish Museum on Windmills. The designs from schools will be exhibited there during the 1st weekend in July. As part of the funding for the project, they will provide a bus to Beamish for free for **ALL** families at our school. You would only have to pay an entrance fee of £6 per person. Letters have gone out regarding this. If you require a ticket or seats on the bus please contact the school office.

**Dinner Money** - Can parents **PLEASE** ensure lunch money is paid on a 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!

Just in case a summer does arrive, can I please 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.



### Attendance

I would like to congratulate all of the children for their much improved attendance at school. We are delighted with them.

### Special thank you to:

All who helped raise the fantastic sum of £218.00 through the schools sponsored spell.

### Annual Questionnaire and Packed Lunch Policy Review

Please find attached to this newsletter our annual review. We do take note of your comments, so please let us know what you think.

The local authority have also brought out updated guidelines about packed lunches, so we are reviewing our policy in light of this. Please let us know what you think about this. We are lucky to have such a good cook, so not many children take a packed lunch.

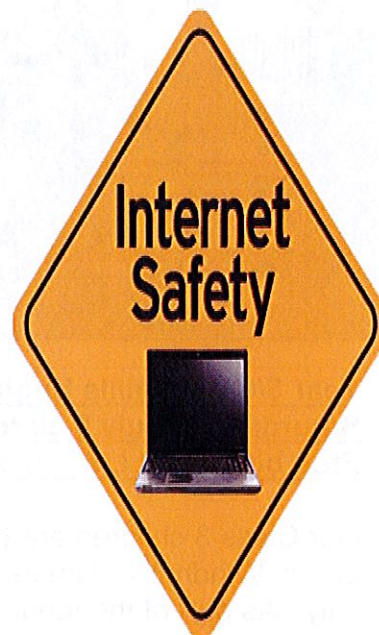
Internet Safety We would like to remind parents that we do not allow pupils to bring mobile phones, tablets or cameras into the school as they can distract pupils from their learning and damage children's privacy.

If a child needs to bring a phone into school they should hand the phone to the school office for safekeeping during the school day. The school may impose sanctions on pupils who break these rules.

Parents will also want to help ensure that their children are safe when using their phone or tablet at home, and will want to know about what they are sharing online. Any Social Media site used by children will have inherent risks; the website **net-aware.org.uk** provides advice on many popular sites along with a suggested minimum age.

If our pupils see unpleasant or hurtful comments they have been taught to take a screenshot and show a trusted adult. We will treat cyberbullying seriously and may impose sanctions on pupils. We are committed to keeping our children safe working with you, so we will inform you if it comes to our attention that your child has been playing con

We are committed to keeping our children safe working with you, so we will inform you if it comes to our attention that your child has been playing console games rated 18 (based on the international PEGI system).

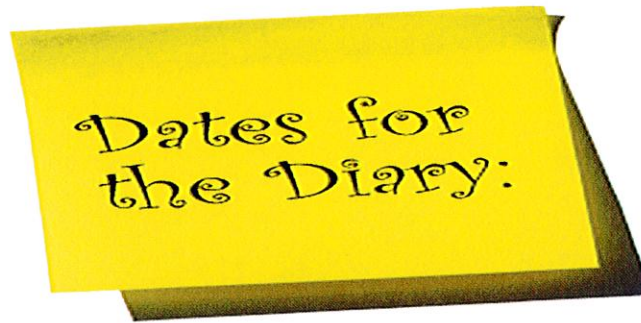


Uniform Can I please remind you that school uniform must be worn at all times – this includes school trousers – track-suit/jogging bottoms are not permitted as a substitute.

Nail varnish is not permitted. Could all uniform have your child's name in it, please.



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

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- 22nd May - Class 1 - Down at the farm, Houghton
- 24th May - Year 2— Shotton Hall Activity Day
- 29th May - **BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM HOLIDAY**
- 5th June - **Back to school**
- 8th June - Class 2 & 3 doing 1st Aid training in school
- 13th June - School Photographer—whole school
- 15th June - Year 5/6 Athletics Tournament (children arriving back to school @ 4pm)
- 16th June - Reception children—Vision tests
- 17th June Saturday - 10am 1st Holy Communion Celebration in church
- 22nd June - Year 6—Primary Festival @ Diocesan Youth Village
- 23rd June - **School Closed - PD Day**
- 26th June - Climbing Wall & Archery in school
- 27th June - Race for life event, sports day with Summer fayre
- 28th June - Class 1—The Sage, Gateshead—'Big Sing For Mini Singers'
- 29th June - Beamish trip 'Wind in Your Sails Final'
- 1st July Saturday - Beamish—Children and Parents, whole school- 9.30 to 4.00pm
- 4th July - Year 5 visit to St Bede's
- 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 2,3,4,5 & 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 to Robinwood, Alston
- 17th July - Class 1 visit to the Blue Reef Aquarium, Tynemouth
- 18th July - Leavers Disco— whole school 1.30—3.00pm
- 19th July - Leavers Mass 9.15 am in the school hall—All Welcome!
- 19th July - 2.30 pm Music Assembly
- 21st July - **Break up for Summer Holidays**
- 5th September Tuesday - **School returns**