

## Good Morning Everyone

This is a beautiful sunny day and I was so please to see all the hats on and water bottles.

We have sports days happening next week so this will be important next week too as we look like we will be blessed with great weather and look forward to seeing you join your child / children with some end of year sporting fun. Plenty of sun cream!

## Leavers Performance

On the 20<sup>th</sup> we have our traditional end of year pantomime / performance from the year 6 children. It has become a long-standing tradition that they leave us laughing. It will also be my final day in school so we wanted to open up the invitations to join us on the school field at 10.00. It is tickets only but you can order tickets using the following link

<https://forms.office.com/r/zudYAYa31G>

Or by telephoning Mandy in the office 01388 604168. I would love the opportunity to say goodbye to you all before I step forward on my new venture.

## Teddy Bears Picnic

The last dinner in school will be Teddy Bears Picnic – the children can bring their teddy friend, come dressed in the Summer Holiday Clothes and if they usually have a packed lunch from home you can opt for a school packed lunch if you would prefer. Information has already been sent out.

## Save out planet and pocket

Our uniform shop will be ready for you to come and see what you could make use of. It is donations only via parentpay and we would encourage anyone to donate and use – you will have received a leaflet earlier in the week. What we have is of a great quality and needs someone to make use of it. Hopefully this will grow to be a great sustainable project in school Again any adults available to help prepare uniform and run the shop we would love to hear form you.

## Thankyou

More fantastic Citizens this week – litter picking in the community. Well done to Isobel and Macie in year 3

## Non-swimmers in Y5 and Y6

Yesterday I sent out information for FSM children who have not quite mastered 25m – an opportunity to have some extra lessons in the holidays.

**Measles:** - I have been asked to circulate this to you.

### **Public Health updates**

#### **Measles:**

Could we ask that head teachers share the following message with parents through their respective communication channels including social media:

- *Health colleagues have highlighted that nationally Measles is circulating. Although we have not had any confirmed cases regionally, now is a good time to check your child's vaccination*

status. It's never too late to have your MMR. For more information please follow the link [www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine)

#### Summer Activities:

STEM Activities – please see the attached poster for

We have received funding from Durham County Council to provide **free summer holidays STEM activities** for your pupils. Our activities have been shown to support an improvement of SEMH and allow children to experience exciting things that they would not usually be able to do. Activities include things like making 3D printed products, building a mini soap business, making compressed air rockets and medieval catapult construction and destruction. We also provide a **free hot meal at lunchtime for all attendees**.

Here is the link to book: [www.steamaheadeducation.co.uk/book](http://www.steamaheadeducation.co.uk/book)

#### Fun and Food Activities

##### **Holiday Activities with Healthy Food – Summer 2022:**

Whether it's finding fun things for children to do, paying for extra childcare, or even just all that extra food they seem to eat, the school holidays can be a struggle for many families. This Summer our Fun and Food programme is providing fun activities with healthy food for children and young people. Activities are provided by range of partners including schools, voluntary and community sector groups and sport and leisure services.

For information on Fun and Food activities during the Summer holidays check out [www.durham.gov.uk/FunAndFood](http://www.durham.gov.uk/FunAndFood)

Also, join our Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/funandfoodcountydurham>

## School Result

We are so proud of all the children after the strange few years we have had. Our end of year results are amazing and although we have nothing to compare with as yet for Early Years, phonics, multiplications check or Key Stage 1 the outcomes are good. All schools were challenged by Dfe to get 90% to pass the phonics check and we achieved this.

The KS 1 results are very strong

The KS2 results are really strong in comparison to National:

Subject	National	School
Reading	74%	<b>85.5%</b> 25% working at higher
Writing	69%	<b>71%</b> 9.5% working at higher
Maths	71%	<b>76%</b> 29% working at higher
SPAG	72%	<b>76%</b> 33% working at higher
Combined – reading, writing and maths	59%	<b>67%</b>

## Reports

These are coming out tonight – there is a section for your parent / carers /family views. Any concerns booking meetings with teachers – just let the office know.

## Changes in contact details

Just a very quick reminder to let the office know if you change address, email addresses or telephone numbers

## Attendance

We are aware that some families are going on holiday without informing school – we will be doing home visits and following up all absences. Next year the threshold for fining families will be tightened up so it is important to telephone school at the earliest opportunity to inform us of absences and reasons why. I have attached next years holidays again so you are aware of when the children are off.

Foundation 2	91%
Year 1	93.5%
Year 2	93.5%
Year 3	94.1%
Year 4	92.8%
Year 5	93.4%
Year 6	93.3%
Total	<b>93.1% - this is low for the whole school</b>

Have a lovely warm weekend and be aware of the sunshine

I can't believe we all have 8 more school days!

M Mackenzie and all the staff