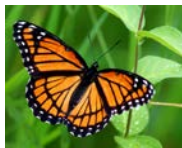


JUNE/JULY 2018



We hope you all had a lovely half term holiday. This is our last half term of the academic year as we break up for the Summer on **Friday 20th July**.

May was a very busy month for children and staff!

Swimming...

Lessons will continue this term - our last lesson is on **Wednesday 4th July**. The children's hard work is paying off; we are seeing some fabulous progress and lots of children are now swimming without floats.

Spanish lessons with Joanna from Lingotot...

The children continue to enjoy their lessons and are practising lots of songs in preparation for their performance on the afternoon of **Thursday 12th July at 12.45pm**. Children who leave us this July (that attend Nursery on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons) have been involved. We will send you an invitation soon.

Pop-up Theatre from the Auckland Project...

The children loved playing with all the props and resources to act out the story of Pollard and the Boar. This project linked really nicely with the date of the Royal Wedding so there was lots of play focused on Castles, Knights and Bishops and Princesses and Queens too!

Farmyard Flyer...

Having a mobile farm come to Nursery was a great success! We were really impressed with how confident the children were to get involved with holding and stroking all the different animals.



Stay and Play...

Our next stay and play for the special men in the children's lives will be on **Thursday 14th June from 10am - 11.30am and 12.30pm - 2pm**.

Please sign up on the office door so that we can arrange refreshments and resources. ☺

Family seaside trip... By now you will have received information about our Family seaside trip on **Wednesday 11th July**. We would be grateful if you could return the paperwork to the office as soon as you can. At this time of year the coach companies are very busy and we don't want the children to miss out!

Mini-Graduation for our July 18 leavers... This year our Mini-Graduation for our children leaving us to go to Primary School this September will take place on **Wednesday 18th July at 10.30am at Woodhouse Close Church**. It will last approximately 20-30 minutes and you are welcome to join us for refreshments afterwards. Our younger children will be joining us so **ALL CHILDREN** (with the exception of those attending Nursery all day) **should be collected from the church by 11.30am**. (We'll remind you!)

Picnic in the Park... **Friday 13th July** - more details to follow!

Kiddywinks Kitchen... We are currently in negotiations with Hayley from Kiddywinks Kitchen to come and deliver a taster class for us. Cooking and baking are vital life skills - these children's cookery classes are an ideal way to get young children involved.

We would like to say a very big 'thank you' for your voluntary £1 weekly donations to school fund. Last month you paid for the healthy daily snacks and resources for the children including books about castles and knights and some new furniture for the dolls' house as well as birthday gifts for the children. The visit from Farmyard Flayer was also subsidised.

The Family Seaside trip will also be very heavily subsidised and we are awaiting delivery of caterpillars so that the children can experience the lifecycle of a butterfly.

Please can you help us to keep records for auditing purposes by ticking your child's name on the sheet? (Mickey Mouse money box and black folder in main Nursery entrance)

We would like to wish a very warm welcome to Miles, Millie and Elliott who are joining us this month. Exciting times ahead!



The following children will be celebrating their birthdays this month... **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Warren, Patrick, Ella and Freya.

In July, Isla, Jake, Matthew, Halia, Anastasia and Sophie will be celebrating their birthdays whilst Joe, Zac, Harry, Luke and Danny-Joe will celebrate their birthdays in August. We hope you all have a fabulous time!

Your child's safety is very important to us...

- Please avoid driving down the approach to the school as this puts other children and parents at risk.
- Please be mindful of our neighbouring residents by parking in the lay-bys whenever you can.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Are you looking for a special gift or a treat for yourself or would you like to host a class at home? (Products are used at Wynard Hall and Seaham Hall!) Joanne Groves, one of our Mums, is a Temple Spa representative - more info is available on her Facebook page. @joannegrovestemplespa

Dates for your diary

- Stay and Play: **Thursday 14th June** at 10am and 12.30pm.
- Primary School transition days are being held on various dates **throughout July** - do check with your child's school if you're not sure.
- Last swimming sessions will be on **Wednesday 4th July**.
- Family seaside day: **Wednesday 11th July**.
- Picnic in the Park: **Friday 13th July** - details to be confirmed.
- Graduation for children starting Primary School in September '18 will be on **Wednesday 18th July at 10.30am at Woodhouse Close Church**.
- We break up for the Summer on **Friday 20th July**. We return on **Tuesday 4th September**. (Staff Training Day on Monday 3rd).

GOVERNOR NEWS...

Mrs Courtney has worked with Mrs Jenkins to ensure Early Years Pupil Premium funding is being spent effectively. Information is available on our website:

<http://www.acletclose.durham.sch.uk/about-us/early-years-pupil-premium-funding/>

Miss Marley and Mrs Toole have worked with Mrs Jenkins to look at the opportunities offered to our children and families.

Mrs Jago will be working with Mrs Jenkins to ensure that we meet the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

Governors are delighted that our first Toddler session was so successful... if you have any family/friends with young children, they are very welcome to come along. Mondays from 1pm - 2.30pm, £1 per child over 1 year of age. We provide a range of activities, outdoor play, snack, story and songs. ☺

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