

# North Park Primary School



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## June 2019 Newsletter

### What have we been up to?

- Year 3 pupils enjoyed a wonderful visit from staff at Durham University, to learn all about the Ancient Greeks
- Pupils across the whole school have enjoyed visits to High Crane Lodge Farm – they have had some brilliant days and have learnt so much – well done!
- Year 5 pupils have enjoyed visits to Whitworth Park and to Bishop Barrington over this month – a great opportunity to learn about the things they have to look forward to in secondary school.
- Year 6 pupils enjoyed taking part in the Leaver's Service at Durham Cathedral
- Year 6 have also enjoyed a Multi-skills sports festival
- Children across school had the opportunity to learn about water safety watching the Super Splash Heroes Show
- Year 2 pupils have given us a wonderful class assembly all about Flat Stanley's travels around the world! Well done!
- Year 6 pupils have also been working with the PCSO in some drama workshops.
- Children enjoyed a visit from Kinetic Theatre this week – learning all about 'Sound' in an entertaining show.

### Coming up...

- Children are looking forward to a variety of activities across the coming weeks; pupils in Year 6 will spend transition days in comprehensive schools and staff from the comprehensive schools will also meet with teachers to ensure a smooth transition. In addition we welcome our new Reception class into school for their first visits in the coming weeks.
- We are also looking forward to welcoming our visiting Chinese students for the last two weeks of term – a fantastic opportunity for our children and always a pleasure to welcome our visitors.
- Year 6 students have the opportunity to work with a chef in the next few weeks – delicious cooking and a chocolate challenge!
- Year 6 are also organising their end of term show (they are very busy rehearsing) and their Fun Day – look out for the information fliers coming from pupils.
- As part of Durham's Brass Festival we have arranged a visit from a Brass Band again – always a highlight of the year!
- Once again the diary is full of activities across school – as a result it has not been possible to schedule a whole school Sport's day – children will be taking part in a range of sporting activities in school in the coming weeks, however.

**Classes next year** - children will have the opportunity to spend time in their new classes in the coming weeks.

Teachers next year are:

**Nursery** – Mrs Summerill

**Reception** – Mrs Willcock, Mrs Natrass, Mrs Summerill

**Year 1** – Mrs Kalus

**Year 2** – Mr Logan, Mrs Alderson

**Year 3** – Mrs Wood, Mrs Eason

**Year 4** – Miss Walton

**Year 5** – Mrs Cope

**Year 6** – Miss Dobson (Mrs Logan from September)

### School Facebook page

We have been pleased to share some of the activities happening in school on the school Facebook page (a few technical difficulties we were having have now been sorted). I remind parents that comments added are screened and any with inappropriate language etc. will be removed from the page.



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## 2019-2020 School Holidays

A reminder that next year (2019-2020) some of our professional development days are blocked together so families can benefit from a slightly extended closure and use this as an opportunity to book holidays at a cheaper rate. As you know we are not able to authorise holidays at other times, unless in exceptional circumstances.

The planned dates when school will be closed for PD days in 2019-2020 are:

- **2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019**
- **1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020** – these three days follow the May half term week (thus giving a slightly longer block)
- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

## Polite Reminders:

- **Uniform** – if new uniform is required, please place orders with Mrs Harris.
- **Attendance** - A reminder that we are **not** authorised to grant leave of absence in term time except for exceptional circumstances, and the Local Authority will now intervene if your child accrues **seven days or more** of unauthorised absence in a term (this includes ALL unauthorised absence – holidays and any unauthorised sessions, including late after registration). If you have any concerns about attendance, please contact Mrs Harris in school.
- Any child wishing to join the **school bank** and start saving each week, please see Mrs Harris – we collect and bank monies every week.
- A reminder that we ask that parents **do not drive into school to drop off or pick up, including for breakfast club – especially into the staff car parking area** - unless by prior agreement with the headteacher. The speed limit for those with permission is **5mph**.
- Remember we are able to offer parents **After School Care** via **Jack in the Box Day-care** – this runs from 3.15 – 5.45pm each night. Contact school for registration forms and cost information.

Mrs P Monk  
28.6.19

## Summer Dates – 2019

### July

1	New Reception starters parent meeting
1	Year 3 and 4 Thrills and Skills OAA event
2	Reception class assembly – 10.20am
2	Nursery visit to St. Andrew's Church
4	New starters – Reception visit morning
4	Year 3 River walk
5	New starters visit morning and whole school Move-Up morning
5	KS2 pupils to meet Richard Crane, Durham Director of Education
8	Chef – Year 6
9	Rock Band workshops
10	Year 5 – Mini Police workshops and visit
10	KS2 pupils Google Internet Heroes show – internet safety
10	Sedgefield Dash
12	Year 2 Fun afternoon
15	Chef – Year 6
17	Year 6 Leaver's Show – 2pm
18	Brass Band Show
19	Golden Day
19	<b>School closes for Summer break. Re-opens Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019</b>

Some of the Autumn term dates will be sent out in July, along with pupil reports and attendance certificates.

