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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Goodbye and Good Luck**

We would like to say goodbye and good luck to Mr. Walker, Miss Banner and Ms. Stanworth who have now left us to start new jobs. We would like to welcome Mr Hegarty who has joined us as a Teaching Assistant.

### **Year 6 SAT's Week**

Well done to all our Year 6 children who completed their SAT's this week. You look great in your new sweatshirts.

### **Year 6 Swimming**

Year 6 pupils will be going swimming on a Monday, for further information please see Class DOJO.

### **School Timings as of Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 ~ To align with the changes across the rest of the school**

Reception children will continue to be dropped off at the front of school at 8:40am and collected at the bottom of the yard at 3:10pm.

Nursery children will be dropped off at the front of school at **12:30pm** and collected at the front of school at **3:30pm**.

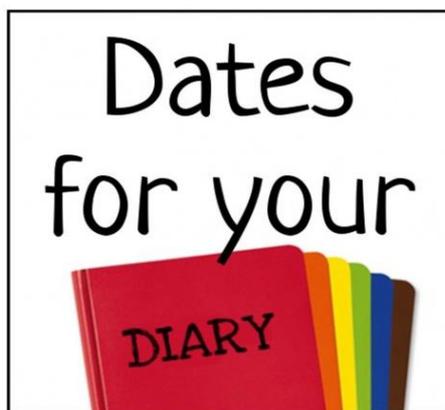
Year 1 to Year 6 children start the school day at 8:45am and finish at 3:15pm.

### **Parent Governor**

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor, if you would be interested or would like more information please contact Mrs. Northcott.

### **Coffee Morning**

Mr. Murphy will be holding a Coffee Morning every Monday from 9:00am (via the main school office), this is an opportunity for you to come into school and have a coffee and a chat with other parents and Mr. Murphy. We look forward to seeing parents and carers back in school.



May 2022	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	School Closes for Half Term Holidays
June 2022	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	School re-opens
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	KS1 Alternative Sports Festival (Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Year 5&6 visit to Beamish Open-Air Museum
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Bishop Auckland Dash
20 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 – 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	National Sports Week
20 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 – 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Refugee Week
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2022	Year 3/4 Cricket Skills Event (Tudhoe Cricket Club)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	World Record Skipping Event
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Primary Olympics (Sedgefield Community College)
July 2022	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Year 5 Taster Day – FBEC
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Reports to Parents
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Whole School Colour Run
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	EYFS Parental Consultation
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Girls Football Festival
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Year 1-6 Parental Consultation
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Year 6 Taster Day – FBEC
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Party at the Palace
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Whole School visit to Seaton Carew
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	School closes for Summer Holidays



# Attendance Matters



## Attendance and Safeguarding

If your child is absent from school it is your responsibility to contact the school office with a reason for their absence.

**ALL** absences must be reported to the school office on the first day of absence (by 9:30am) to notify us of the reasons for absences and the expected date of return, otherwise they may be recorded as unauthorised which could possibly lead to referrals to the Attendance Improvement Team.

Absences can be reported by contacting the school office on 01740 651512, emailing school on [deanbank@durhamlearning.net](mailto:deanbank@durhamlearning.net) or sending a message to **Mrs Northcott** on Class DOJO. Where absences persist beyond 1 day, please keep in daily contact with the school.

For the purpose of Attendance, a "Parent" is defined as:

- Any natural parent, whether married or not
- Any parent who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility as defined in the Children Act (1989) for a child or young person
- Any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person

## The Law

You need to make sure your child attends school regularly and on time. Because parents are responsible for this duty in law, you will be **breaking the law** if you do not do this and there are no good reasons for missing school.

Section 7 of the 1996 Education Act states that parents must ensure that children of compulsory school age receive efficient full-time education suitable to their age, ability and aptitude to any special educational needs they may have, either by regular attendance at school or otherwise. A child is of Compulsory School Age at the beginning of the term following their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006, as amended by 2016 regulations, require schools to take an attendance register twice a day, once at the start of the morning session and then again during the afternoon session.

The School and Local Authority **want to help you if you have a problem.**

If attendance does not get better or you do not accept help and support offered, the Council may issue you with a warning notice, Penalty Notice or ask you to attend an interview to ask you questions about whether you have broken the law.

Under the Education Act 1996, the Local Authority has a statutory responsibility to ensure that parents secure education for children of compulsory school age and where necessary, use legal enforcement.

If you go to court and are found guilty of an offence, you could be fined up to £1,000 for a less serious offence or up to £2,500 if the law breaking is more serious.

**In very serious cases, the court may involve the probation service or consider up to 3 months in prison. Once you have a criminal record, this will have serious implications when you apply for a permanent or temporary job.**