



Dear Parents,

Please note the following:

**SPORTS DAY/COFFEE AFTERNOON - Monday 16 July (Weather permitting)**

Our annual sports day will take place in the multi-use games area (MUGA). The event will commence at approximately 1.15pm and all parents, family and friends are welcome through the side gate from 1pm. This gate will be locked at 1.15pm – if you arrive after that time please use the main entrance. Our Friends of School group will be selling refreshments from the gazebo. Should the weather be unsuitable for the sporting activities, the coffee afternoon will still take place as usual in the hall.

**SEASIDE TRIP – Tuesday 17 July**

Once again, our annual whole school trip will be to Seaburn. Our school fund will cover the full cost of this outing and we will provide each child with an ice lolly. Please do not send any money with your child. We will leave shortly after 9am and return for normal home time. Your child will need the following:

- Bucket and spade (if desired) – must be named
- A towel
- Casual clothing and suitable footwear for the beach (weather appropriate)
- A waterproof coat and sun cream

If your child usually has a school meal, our school kitchen will supply a packed lunch. If you would like to send any extra items on the day, please put them in a disposable bag or container. No fizzy drinks please.

**REEL BRASS – Wednesday 18 July**

We are excited that we have been able to book a performance from this Scottish brass group as part of Durham's 2018 Brass Festival. We are hoping for good weather so that we can have an outdoor show.

**ONLINE SAFETY - FORTNITE**

Fortnite is rated 12+ by PEGI (Pan European Game Information) for its frequent scenes of mild violence, meaning it is deemed unsuitable for children under the age of 12. This rating is simply advisory for parents. As with all games of this type, children younger than 12 are engaging with Fortnite. Therefore, it is important that parents are aware of all the safety concerns around Fortnite and can facilitate safer gameplay for their children. Please see the link below for further information:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/fortnite-everything-you-need-know-about-online-game>

**CONTACT DETAILS**

It is vitally important that we have up to date contact information for all parents. Please let Mrs Blenkiron know as soon as possible if you change address or telephone numbers. This is particularly important in relation to mobile phone numbers as the vast majority of our day to day communication is via our text message system (Teachers2Parents).

## **STAFF UPDATE**

Mr Weeks, who has been teaching Y3/4 this academic year, will be leaving our school at the end of the summer term. He has been offered the opportunity to work as a yoga coach for primary schools in the Teesside area and will take up his new position in September. I would like to thank Mr Weeks for his contribution to our school and I am sure you will join me in wishing him the best of luck for the future.

The organisation of teaching staff from September 2018 will be as follows:

- Class 1 (Reception) – Miss Morgan
- Class 2 (Y1/2) – Mrs Bradwell
- Class 3 (Y3/4) – Miss Dodds
- Class 4 (Y5/6) – Mrs Mowbray
- Support and intervention – Miss Forth
- PPA cover – Miss Jewett

Miss Hardie (PE and School Sports Apprentice) will complete her apprenticeship at our school in July. I would like to thank Miss Hardie for her hard work this year and wish her all the best for the future.

## **SUMMER HOLIDAY**

School will close for the summer break on **Friday 20 July 2018 at 3.15pm**. We return on **Tuesday 4 September 2018**.

**Mr W. Kirtley (Headteacher)**