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5th June 2017

Dear Parents,

Silver Green Tree Award

We are delighted to announce we received our Silver Green Tree School Award in May. This acknowledges the quality of outdoor and environmental activities carried out in outdoor learning provision and Forest School.

ParentMail

On 5th June, our new payment system will go online. Parents may choose to pay for school items such as school meals, milk and trips using the online pay option in ParentMail. Please be aware that this option is for card use only and will incur a 1.29% card charge fee on each transaction. This cost has been passed onto parents rather than coming from the school budget.

Kingswood Residential

Our Year 3 & 4 children visited Robin Wood for their residential in May. Congratulations to all the children on their achievements. They all came home with certificates and tales of adventures which we have all enjoyed listening too. Well done for showing resilience and team work. Pictures of their adventures can be found on the school website.

Sports Day

Sports Day has been arranged for Monday 12th June at approximately 1pm, weather permitting. All parents are welcome to join us on that afternoon to cheer on the children in their physical pursuits. The H.S.A. will be organising a social event for families straight after the event, jam packed with raffles, refreshments and fun for all.

Independence

During this final half term we would like to encourage all children, including those in Reception, to become more independent, responsible and organised. This is particularly important for our children moving up to middle school next year. To help them do this we would like to encourage

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them to come into the classroom by themselves, hang their coats up independently and put their book bags away. Children should be taking responsibility for their own P.E. kits, art shirts and wellies. Of course staff will be on hand in a morning if you need to see them in an emergency or pass on important information.

Year 5 Transition

Preparing our Year 4 children ready for Year 5 next term is vitally important to us. The middle and high schools inform us that the most challenging issue for them is getting children to organise themselves and take responsibility for their belongings. To this end, we would like to encourage Year 3 & 4 children to begin to pack their own school bags each day, remember their own PE kits, art shirts and musical instruments. Having a planner at home, that they can use to tick off items they will need each day, will greatly support them with their transition and organisational skills. All children should be able to tie their own laces, remember to complete their reading homework each evening and look after their own belongings.

Cultural Topic

Our cultural topic this year is Northumberland, celebrating the school's 80th birthday. Please see the curricular newsletter for the exciting activities planned for this half term including a local author visit, musical groups playing local songs, mosaic art workshops and drama workshops amongst other things.

Dates for Diaries

Thursday 8th June - Glendale Countryside day Trip Y3-4

Monday 12th June - Sports Day (weather permitting) 1pm start

Week beginning 12th June - Y1 phonics tests.

Friday 16th June - H.S.A cinema night 6pm.

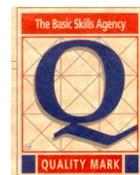
Friday 16th June - Art afternoon at Duchess High School Y3-4

Thursday 29th June - New parents meeting for Reception 2017 September starters 6pm

Thursday 29th June - Musical Roots Concert Y3-4

Thursday 6th Friday 7th July - Dr Thomlinson transition days for chn moving in Y5.

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Friday 14th July - Leavers Disco 6-7:30pm

Thursday 20th July - End of year performance/leavers' assembly at Swarland Village Hall 1pm.

Friday 21st July - Children break up for summer.

Children return to school on Wednesday 6th September 2017.

Regards,

Louise Fletcher

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