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Dear Parent/Carer,

It is typical that the wonderful British weather has meant that Sports’ Day was cancelled on Tuesday, it seems to be causing disruption to many sporting events at the moment but we were fortunate that our other planned sports activities have still been able to take place. Children have thoroughly enjoyed the variety of activities but they will most definitely sleep tonight! A huge thank you goes to the staff involved in organising these events, particularly Miss Simpson who has overseen the full week and also a well done to the team of parents who won the relay race at our KS2 sports’ day- it was a very competitive race!

I would also like to say a big well done to our Year 6 children this week. On Thursday they had 2 performances to parents and both were amazing. The children were full of energy and their acting was as good as any West End performance. The children show great courage getting up on the stage, with some children even singing a solo. Well done to everyone for making the event happen and I know families will have memories to treasure forever.

On Monday, please look out for your child’s annual school report. These will be sent home with them so please check their bags. They will give you a detailed report of the curriculum your child has covered this year and a personal comment from the class teacher. These are always a pleasure to read and I hope you enjoy reading how proud we are of your children. If you have any questions about your child’s report, class teachers are happy to make an appointment to see you.

**Reading with children**

The Reading Agency’s Summer Reading Challenge 2024, Marvellous Makers, is being launched in all County Durham libraries this Saturday, 6th July.  Children have from 6th July – 7th September to enrol on the challenge and read 6 books. Please encourage your child to visit any of our 39 County Durham libraries to take part in the challenge, experience the joys of reading for pleasure, and find out about all of the free activities happening across our libraries this summer. A full list of our libraries can be found at [www.durham.gov.uk/libraries](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.durham.gov.uk%2Flibraries&data=05%7C02%7Cj.bromley200%40kingstreet.durham.sch.uk%7C69aa8ab3c9f244d4594c08dc9f3cdc55%7C45dfff5283644d73bf3a8f98bdf10d87%7C0%7C0%7C638560330940219773%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ZDMqH%2BbVvVwfKuIYQ6CRasWb1H6BB8v%2BxBPemlgCPVc%3D&reserved=0). Families can also follow ‘CountyDurhamLibraries’ on Facebook.

**Holiday Clubs**

I would like to remind parents that there are a huge number of holiday clubs available over the summer holidays. Some of these are free to eligible families but most also have paid places available. Durham County website has a full list of availability if you look under ‘fun and food’. We do have one club that is running from our own Hub building. The club is through a company called Lingotots and will be available on 5th, 6th and 7th August. They have both free and paid places available. Information on this is available on their website: lingotot.com/centre/redcar

**Community events**

We are hoping to work in partnership with our Outdoor Education company, Endless Adventure, to run a Family Fun Day on Sunday 21st July. This event will be free to attend but will be limited in numbers. The plan is to have a bus collect families from Spennymoor and take you to Herrington Park for lots of different activities and a lovely lunch. We will be confirming details on Monday next week and will send all information to families ASAP. Please keep this date free in your diary if you think you would be interested.

Bloom and Witches are also going to be offering every child in our school a free mini milkshake over the holidays. Next week, your child will receive a voucher, these can be redeemed in the shop for their milkshake. We are very grateful to the local community for supporting families over the summer.

Finally, we will be celebrating our students of the term next week with 5 children from each class who have been commended for demonstrating our gem powers. After they are announced in our assembly on Monday, children will enjoy party time on Thursday afternoon. We have so many fantastic children, it is always a difficult decision to make but we will definitely have some excited children looking forward to their ice cream.

**Upcoming diary dates:**

Friday 19th July – school closes for summer break

**The 2045-25 academic year begins on Wednesday 4th September 2024**.

Joanne Bromley

Head Teacher