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**June 10th 2016**  
**Letter to Parents/Carers**

### **Welcome back to the Summer Term**

I would like to say how hard all of the pupils in Year 6 and in Year 2 worked as they prepared themselves for the Standard Assessment Tests before the Half Term break. Thank you to all of you for supporting the pupils with their preparation. I would also like to thank the staff for their hard work, too.

Following the Government's announcement that all schools are no longer compelled to become Academies, I was approached by a number of colleagues and asked to reconsider my position. After much consideration, I duly spoke with Governors about this. They met recently and accepted formally my request to rescind my letter of resignation. So, after an eventful few weeks, I will be continuing in my role as Head Teacher for the foreseeable future. I do see that there are issues that I had raised that have not been addressed- notably the Standard Assessment Tests. Which, I believe, are no longer age appropriate. The Aycliffe Head Teachers are in the process of compiling a letter for the Secretary of State for Education about this issue.

I would like to thank you all for the support that you have given me, especially over the last few weeks, I really appreciate it and look forward to continuing to work with you all for the benefit of the pupils.



### **Book Fair**

The Scholastic Book Company will be in school on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June and is open to all family and friends.

Books for all ages will be on sale. The starting price for these is £2.99. Reception and KS1 will attend the fair from 1.30pm until 2.10pm & KS2 will attend from 2.15pm until 3pm. If you are unable to attend and would like your child to buy a book, please send the money in with your child in a clearly named envelope or purse. Refreshments will also be on sale for visitors and pupils.

### **Music Concert**

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the performance in school with the Little Big Band, due to be held on Wednesday 15th June, has had to be cancelled. The reason is that the Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will be performing with the world famous Halle Orchestra and the time frame will not allow them to rehearse for that performance and the Little Big Band concert at the same time.

The performance with the Halle Orchestra will take place during school time. The rehearsal will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> June and the concert will be on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. We understand that the performance will be available to watch on You Tube and we are hoping to set this facility up so that parents of the pupils taking part can view the performance with the other pupils in school.

In order to allow the younger children to show their talents, the Year 3 and 4 pupils will be singing and playing the recorder for parents. This will take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> July and parents will be invited in to listen. There will be more information to follow on this.

### **Fundraising**

Thank you, to everyone who helped with the fundraising for school by guessing the time that it would take Mrs. Johnson to complete her Triathlon event. The Triathlon took place on 29<sup>th</sup> May. Mrs Johnson finished in 6 hrs 3 minutes and 26 seconds (36 minutes faster than last year!) The money raised will help regenerate the Early Years area for our youngest pupils to use.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Mr Gargan

Spot prizes - James Dean, Miss Beuster, Ethan Nicholson & Jayden Hogarth

Total raised for school fund was £95.10.

We would like to congratulate Mrs Johnson on her success in achieving her best ever time for the event.

### **France visit- an apology**

Mrs Brown would like to apologise for any confusion caused by her letter, sent out earlier in the week.

The children will return from France on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2016. She promises to check her letters more carefully, before sending them, in the future!

As usual, if anyone would like to discuss any of the issues raised here, with me or any member of staff, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J.P.Gargan.  
Head Teacher

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>School Re-opens</b>		
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	New Starters Meeting for Parents	9.15-10.30	Hall
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair	1.30pm	Hall
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Visit	Allday	Woodham
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Halle Concert practise	12:3-3pm	Longfield
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Halle Concert performance	9.30-3pm	Dolphin Centre
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	PTA Summer Fair	3.30pm-6pm	Hall
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	New Starters In (Move Up Day)	09.00-12.00	Classrooms
27 <sup>th</sup> June-1 <sup>st</sup> July	Sports Week*		
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Induction Day	All day	Woodham/Greenfield
28 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 Sports Day	9.30-11.30	Field
29 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Sports Day	9.30-11.30	Field
<b>July</b>			
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	France Visit	5am	School
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 Music performance	2.30pm	Hall
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Vindolanda visit	Allday	Hexham
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	New Starters In (Move Up Day)	09.00-12.00	Classrooms
11 <sup>th</sup> July- 14 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Afternoons*		
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers' Disco	6.30-8pm	Hall
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Full STEM Ahead *	9.15-3.15	Excel Centre
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers' Assembly		
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>School Closes</b>		

**\*More information to follow**

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