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Dear All –

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So – the school heating is back on and the Early Years waterproofs are out of the cupboards.
Autumn is well and truly here....

'Meet the Teacher' Night

A big 'Thank You' to all those parents who came in to meet with their children's class teacher on Monday night. We had an excellent turn-out - in many classes over 95% of parents/carers attended – which is a fabulous indication of the high level of support which you give your children.

Of course, we recognise that some parents were unable to attend due to work/other commitments; please make an alternative convenient appointment via the main office if this applies to you.

Packs containing information with regard to homework, reading, writing and maths skills have been sent home with children whose parents were unable to attend. If you have any questions about any of this information – please don't hesitate to ask a member of staff.

Keeping our Children Safe – Bikes and Scooters

Unfortunately, I have had a number of complaints from concerned parents regarding a small number of children - who come to school on bikes and scooters – who are then coming on to school premises and riding them up and down erratically, pulling wheelies/tricks etc, making the yard dangerous for other (particularly younger) children making their way in to school. I have spoken to all children in KS2 about their **Right** to stay healthy and to come to school on a bike or scooter – and their **Responsibility** to not misuse the privilege; all riders must consider the safety of others – and their own safety, by wearing a helmet (in the case of bikes). As last academic year, **all riders must dismount at the school gate and walk their bike or scooter across the yard. The same applies on exit from the school building at the end of the school day.** All children are aware of this rule – and that failure to comply will result in a one-term loss of the privilege.

Pupil Assemblies – Y6

Thursday morning saw the second pupil-led assembly of the year. 'Thank You' to Alexis B and Morgan D who led a super assembly which focused on the theme of 'Respect' and launched a dancing and singing club. They were also ably supported by three volunteers from Y3. We look forward to seeing a Y5 assembly next week!

Family Assemblies for Parents/Friends

These are scheduled for the following dates:-

Y2 (Mr. Roberts' Class) – Thursday 3rd October

Y1 (Mrs. Berry and Ms. Coatham's Classes) – Thursday 10th October

Y4 (Mr. Clark and Mrs. Dunn's Classes) – Thursday 24th October

Y3 (Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Dixon's Classes) – Thursday 14th November

Y4 Trip to Hamsterley

'We really enjoyed our school trip to Hamsterley. We built shelters using sticks and leaves – and collected insects and used charts to find out their real names. At the end of the day we had a scavenger hunt - which was very exciting!'

(Reporters – Hollie, Harry, Holly H and Evie)

Y6 visit to Greenfield

Last Friday, Year 6 enjoyed a trip to see 'Cuddy and his mates' at Greenfield School. Three actors and a musician led the children through a story involving some of the Northern Saints, linked to a group of school children. The 50 minute performance was both funny and thought provoking! (Reporter - Ms Enzor)

Judo and Netball Tasters

From Wednesday to Friday this week, Glyn Fidgeon from 'Destination Judo' visited our school giving taster sessions to children from Reception through to Year 6. All the children had huge amounts of fun and learnt that Judo is not only a martial art – but is also a great way of keeping fit and healthy, whilst developing self-control and discipline. On the morning of Wednesday 18th September, Y5 were given the opportunity to work with an experienced netball coach. Each class received an hour-long session, learning the rules and regulations as well as practising the basic skills of handling, passing and moving. (Reporter – Mr. Clark).

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

School will be hosting a coffee and cake afternoon to raise funds for MacMillan Cancer care on Friday 27 September from 2pm until 4pm. Parents/Grandparents are welcome to come along and pick up their son/daughter from class go to the dining hall. We look forward to seeing you all next Friday.

The Community College will also be holding a coffee morning on Saturday 28 September, to also raise funds for MacMillan. This will commence at 10.00am. Everyone welcome!

Year 5 bulb planting

On Friday 4 October, children from Year 5 will be taking part in bulb planting around the village. The Town council will be inviting local press to take photos – if any parent has any objection to their child having their photo taken then please let the office know by Monday 30 September.

Lost – If anyone has taken home an ASDA blue coat (orange fleece inside) size 11-12 by mistake please return asap.

Awards

Neat Handwriting and Presentation

Class 1	Millie-Rose	Class 2	Lexie	Class 3	Cameron
Class 4	Jessica	Class 5	Elena	Class 6	Leoni
Class 7	Lucy	Class 8	Alfie	Class 9	Cassidy
Class 10	Logan	Class 11	Deacon	Class 12	Leah
Class 13	Abigail				

Nursery Star of the Week

Am nursery Layton pm nursery Keaton

Maths Award

Class 1	Keyn	Class 2	Declan	Class 3	Declan
Class 4	Lennon	Class 5	Chloe	Class 6	Teigan
Class 7	Hayden	Class 8	Harry	Class 9	Rebecca
Class 10	Alex	Class 11	Robbie	Class 12	Jack
Class 13	Jay				

Citizen of the Week

Class 1	Shay	Class 2	Summer	Class 3	Emma
Class 4	Jessica	Class 5	Harvey	Class 6	Kaitlyn
Class 7	Brianna	Class 8	Holly	Class 9	Dylan
Class 10	James	Class 11	Jamie	Class 12	Danielle
Class 13	Phoebe				



This week's attendance award goes to Class 10 with 99.23%

As usual, please do not hesitate to contact me via the main office with any comments, suggestions or queries that you may have.

Best wishes to you all,

Mrs A Pybus-Coates
Headteacher

