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A Message from the Head Teacher

Hello everyone, I hope you have all had a good fortnight since the last newsletter.

Please could I take this opportunity to say some thank yous...

To all the staff in our Federation who worked incredibly hard to organise and run our Sports Day event at the Wentworth, a big thank you - it really was a wonderful afternoon. Thank you to our community for travelling down to the Wentworth for this event, I think it was an amazing opportunity for our children to compete on a real track and athletics field. A big well done to all the children as well, they were fantastic and a credit to us all. From the event, we raised an incredible £450 for the Federation which will go towards enrichment opportunities for our children.

It is hard to believe that we are already in July - where has the time gone! Teachers are busy writing your child's end of year report and these will go out in the last week of term.

For health reasons, please can I remind everyone that we have a 'no nut' policy in school. It is important that we ensure this to keep every member of our school safe.

I hope you all have a lovely, long weekend and we will see you on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, we sent out an email and paper copy so you could share your thoughts on our school. Please can I ask parents and carers to return their school questionnaires as soon as possible to the office. This will really assist us to gather the views of our supportive community.

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

If you are free to help in our school on a regular basis, why don't you volunteer to become a reading buddy? It makes such an enormous difference when children are heard read regularly and this voluntary role will really help our children in school to become fluent readers. A DBS check will need to be completed before you start but we will organise this. If you are interested and feel you can give a few hours each week, please contact the office.

Class News

Eden Class

In Eden class this week we have had lots of fun retelling and acting out our class story of Handa's Surprise. The children have loved using and tasting the real fruit from the story. We've been using barrier games to explore spatial patterns and give instructions to others. We are all really good at remembering patterns and describing where different objects are. In Forest School, we've been playing and exploring with nursery. We've built confidence using our hammocks and some of us made a beautiful woodland mobile. We've been watching George's caterpillars grow big and he has now taken them home for the next part of their cycle. To continue learning at home, have a go at choosing some household objects, hiding them under fabric and describing what is there for a partner to recreate. Do you end up with the same things in the same order?

Clyde Class

In Clyde class we have had a fun packed couple of weeks. Father Steve showed us the different features inside St Cuthbert's Church. Also, during RE we have been looking at different features of a synagogue. In English we have been retelling one of our favourite Julia Donaldson books, Zog. We have also had a fantastic time on our Sports Day. During Maths we have been working on telling the time in both Year 1 and 2. To help support your child at home to tell the time, focus on the hour and half hour before moving to quarter to and quarter past.

You could even put a clock in their room which has an hour and minute hand on to help them

Danube Class

Danube Class have had an excellent time celebrating Sports Day. We worked well within our teams to compete in a series of sporting events, and it was wonderful to see so many of you cheering us on. Inside the classroom this week, we have generated emotive language to use in our diary entries.

In our science lessons we have been learning about the dangers of UV rays and how we can keep safe in the sun. Our maths sessions have focused on telling the time. To support your child at home, please practice telling the time on analogue and digital clocks.

Mississippi Class

During science this week we investigated the Saturation Point. The children planned, carried out and explained their findings, including concepts to convey their knowledge and understanding! Ask your child about the results and where we find examples of this in our everyday lives and around the world! In English we have been working on non-chronological reports based around our Ancient Greece topic. In maths year five have been reapplying their knowledge on multiplication and year six, decimal numbers. In PSHE we have been looking at what becoming a teenager may involve and sharing our thoughts and opinions on this topic. In French the children have retained lots of vocabulary relating to classroom objects. They have been able to include these words in spoken and written French sentences! Ask your child to say a few words or sentences at home! Parfait!!



Our School Promise

Our School Promise reminds us of our vision and values that we hold dear at The West Tyne Church Schools Federation.

The Values of Our School

Wisdom gives us strength in all we do

Endurance keeps us going, trust in teamwork too

A thankfulness to God and community is right

Respecting his creation, the gifts we hold tight

Everyone's forgiven, kindness big and small

We value humility, justice for all

Peace and friendship for all to see

Striving for koinonia is where we want to be



Staff nominate children who have shown these values in our schools and have been role models for our Christian values in our weekly Celebration Assembly.

Well done to the following children for achieving their awards:



Learning Award - Ellie & Eden class

Resilience & Teamwork award - Fraser, Ollie & Layla

Etiquette award - Hannah & Connor

Environmental award - Finn & Katie

Kindness award - Daniel & Hannah

Inclusion award - Ollie & Danube class

Friendship award - Casey & Ella

Role model award - Lily & Everlynn



Each week, other children receive a postcard through the post to let their adults know how proud of them we are.

Attendance:

Eden - 100%

Clyde - 94.1%

Danube - 95.3%

Mississippi - 89.6%

Raffle Ticket Winners

The raffle ticket winners from our Sports Day event are: 949, 980, 938, 879, 990, 922, 943, 909, 963, 880. Please ring the office to claim your prize and collect it at the end of the day. This winning ticket stub will be needed on collection. A HUGE thank you to Mrs Broadbent for organising the prizes for the raffle which was very successful.

Workshop Wednesday 6th July from 2pm

Come and join us on the Millennium Green next Wednesday for some outdoor adventure activities. Parents and carers are welcome into the school hall from 1:45pm for refreshments and then we will move to the outdoors for some games and activities. If it is poor weather however, we may have to postpone. Looking forward to seeing you there. Please let the office know if you can attend.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 4th July - Jubilee bank holiday for the Federation - School closed to children
Tuesday 5th July - Year 6 Transition day
Wednesday 6th July - Workshop Wednesday from 1.45pm
Friday 8th July - Children meet their new teacher (afternoon session)
Monday 11th July - Summer Library Book Challenge Assembly
KS1 (Y1/Y2) Wallsend Boys Club for Multi-Skills Festival
Thursday 14th July - Angie Scott (NHS nurse & Labour candidate) Assembly on British Values
Week beginning 18th July - End of year reports out to parents
Monday 18th - Wednesday 20th July - Lockerbie residential for Year 5 and 6
Friday 22nd July - END OF SUMMER TERM

School Uniform

Under new DfE Guidelines ([Cost of school uniforms - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/cost-of-school-uniforms-guidelines)) we have published our school uniform policy on our website and also you can find a copy attached to this newsletter. The governors and I have taken the steps to try and reduce the cost of school uniform including:

- Setting up a pre-loved uniform provision. Please can parents continue to donate to this any school uniform which is clean but no longer needed. Especially as your child moves up to the next year group, any pre-loved uniform will be greatly appreciated.
- Changing the uniform policy to allow leggings for PE and PE kit to be allowed to be worn to school on PE days (Not including swimming days).
- Allowing children to wear dark coloured trainers instead of stipulating shoes. However, these trainers should be not be colourful (e.g. bright blue, yellow or green).

We hope this will help parents during this challenging time. Could we ask that if you are getting your child's ears pierced during Summer holidays, this is done at the start of holidays to give them time to heal so they can be removed for the start of the new school year. Also, in line with the uniform policy, please can we ask that jewellery is not worn in school (in particular, we have noticed a lot of bracelets and necklaces coming into school in recent weeks). We really appreciate your support with this.

A final thought...

"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible."

Dalai Lama