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**Welcome back! The weather was much kinder during half term than it was for our jubilee celebrations! We hope you had fun spending time with friends and family.**

## This half-term

We have now less than seven weeks until the end of another school year. The time is flying by!

In our assembly this morning children were told about various events we have planned up until the end of term. We also spoke about having to work hard and behave well in between the exciting times so that we can all enjoy them together!

Throughout this term there will be opportunities for the children to work with visitors, and some will represent the school in other events. This term, some of our events/activities will be for all children and some will be for specific groups (separate letters will be sent home if this applies to your children). **In school/children's events will include:**

- John Gillette – updates from Zambia
- Fire service visit for KS2
- Computing session
- Athletics and cricket festivals for KS2
- Sarah McAllister – cooking for the whole school / with Y6
- Hoopstarz
- Brass concerts
- Proud of me day (with Adam Bushnell)

Most of these events have been confirmed and if you need further information, it will be sent nearer the time.

## Dates for your diaries

We will be holding some events families/friends, and hope to see some of you joining us – hopefully you haven't been put off by the rain showers we had before half-term!

- Tuesday 21 June; from 1.30pm – Family sports activities carousel & summer fair (*see below for details*)
- Thursday 14 July; from 1pm – Parent consultations. *We will be in touch to make arrangements soon.*
- Friday 15 July – Year 6 leavers' assembly - *time may depend on Brass performance so will be confirmed as soon as possible; most likely 9.10am or 2.10pm*
- Thursday 21 July; from 12.30pm – Family picnic to celebrate the end of term / say goodbyes

## Reminders / Updates

**Breakfast & After-school club users** – Please note that parents wishing to use before and after-school care organised by Mrs Garside MUST pre-book places by a Friday for the following week. The number of children using the clubs is increasing and Mrs Garside must be able to ensure that appropriate adult supervision is in place. Messages can be passed on through Mrs Medcalf – 01429 836376 or by emailing [hesleden@durhamlearning.net](mailto:hesleden@durhamlearning.net) or directly with Mrs Garside on the school number, or 07500894425, or by email to [hazeldenecare@hotmail.com](mailto:hazeldenecare@hotmail.com).

**School meals** – thank you to those parents who have changed their children's lunchtime choices, and have made us aware – this has helped with the smooth running of ordering and providing the food the children enjoy.

### Family Sports Carousel / Summer fair – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June; from 1.30pm

Since we had to cancel our Anniversary open day and Christmas fair back in November and haven't had the opportunity to redo the event, we thought we would have a summer fair this year. We are also planning to have a 'family' sports/activities event at the same time. This will replace our normal sports day as the children haven't worked together in their Houses this year so we won't be having the usual team competitions.

Families and friends are welcome to join their children in activities on the field, or attend the summer fair on the yard. If the weather is bad, the fair will be set up in the hall and the sporting activities will be postponed until later in the term.

#### If you can help with donations to support the fair, we would be grateful for:

- Cakes (on Mon 20<sup>th</sup>/Tue 21<sup>st</sup>)
- Raffle prizes – for children and adults
- Chocolate bars / sweet treats

### School holidays – this term and 2022-23

Holidays – Summer term	Closing Date	Re-open for Teaching Purposes
Summer half-term 2022		Monday 6 June 2022
Summer 2022	<b>Thursday 21 July 2022</b>	

Holidays – 2022-23	Closing Date	Re-open for Teaching Purposes
Autumn term 2022		Tuesday 6 September 2022
Autumn half-term 2022	Friday 21 October 2022	Monday 31 October 2022
Christmas 2022	Tuesday 20 December 2022	Thursday 5 January 2023
Spring half-term 2023	Friday 17 February 2023	Monday 27 February 2023
Easter 2023	Friday 31 March 2023	Monday 17 April 2023
May Day 2023	Friday 28 April 2023	Tuesday 2 May 2023
Summer half-term 2023	Thursday 25 May 2023	Monday 5 June 2023
Summer 2023	Friday 21 July 2023	

#### **School will be closed for the following staff training days:**

1. Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022
  2. **\*\*Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2022\*\***
  3. Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023
  5. Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- \*\*Nov date may change due to training opportunities\*\***

Mrs Dunn