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Dear Parent/Carer,

The end of term has quickly arrived and the children are ready for a well-deserved rest. I would like to remind you that the children return on Monday 30th October and this is also the day of the Halloween disco. Tickets have been selling fast but you are not too late if you still need a ticket. Please ask at the office on the Monday we return and we will organise them for you.

I would also like to thank you all for a wonderful half term with your children, they returned after the long 6 week break and have worked really hard to get back into school routines and I have heard there were some very positive Parents Evenings. We are pleased with the progress the children are making and I am sure you are too. As always if you have any comments, queries or concerns about your child please speak to myself or the class teacher. We are looking forward to the next half term and all the things that Christmas brings – although the snow can stay away!

Thank you once again to those of you have brought donations of spare clothing into school- this is such a valuable asset when the weather is cold and children forget jumpers and coats and we can provide for them.

**Whitworth Park Football League**

Over the last three weeks, children from Year 5 and 6 have been taking part in a local football league held at Whitworth Park School on a Tuesday evening. This year we entered two teams: King Street A and King Street B. King Street A were very successful, winning their Tier 1 league while only conceding 1 goal. King Street B were not as successful in their league, but thoroughly enjoyed taking part.

A huge congratulations to our little football stars of the future.

**Whitworth Park Tag Rugby Tournament**

On Tuesday a selection of our Year 5 and 6 children took part in a Tag Rugby tournament at our local secondary school Whitworth Park. It was a fantastic day and a successful one with our team finishing 4th out of the 14 schools who attended. Mr Swift was delighted with his team’s performance, as this was the first time they competed together.

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**Special assembly**

At Kings Street, we promote and value respect for other cultures and we do this through our Rights Respecting Ethos “Article 29- Education should encourage respect for other cultures”. We have had a special assembly to celebrate Diwali this week. If you would like to continue the celebrations then Durham Oriental Museum are having a celebration on Friday night (20th) from 6-8pm. Try fun crafts, taste Indian food and Listen to Diwali Stories. Cost is £2 per person. First 100 children will receive a free flower garland. It sounds like a fun and interesting night!

**Half term activities**

Also during half term- Palace Green in Durham are hosting a Science Event from 10am -4pm Tuesday 24th to Thursday 26th. It looks like very good fun with experiments and opportunities to test out scientific theories. Parents must attend with children but the event is free for everyone. We are really promoting Science in school at the moment and the children have shown an amazing interest so this should prove a popular few days.

**Early Years Open Evening for prospective parents**

We are holding an open evening for prospective parents of Nursery children and Reception children on Wednesday 1st November at 5pm. This is designed to allow parents with young children the opportunity to observe the wonderful environment we have created and hear how we will provide a safe, stimulating and caring environment and nurture your child for years to come. If you have a child who will be of Nursery or Reception age next year, or know of family, friends or neighbours who do please come along and meet our staff and see for yourself how brilliant we are!

**School news**

We have recently advertised for a Teaching Assistant post and have had an overwhelming response- we will be shortlisting and interviewing after the holidays and we will let you know as soon as possible who our successful candidate was.

Finally, during the half term I will be getting married and will return and Mrs Bromley- However- I fully appreciate that for the foreseeable future it will take some time to get used to this (me included) and my maiden name will still be used and no offence taken!

I wish you all a lovely half term and hope the weather is good to us all.

Thank you once again

Yours Sincerely

J Nugent

Head teacher

****Key Dates for Academic Year 2017-18

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| Date | Time | | Event |
| Tuesday 12th – Tuesday 19th September 2017 | 3.00 – 3.30 | | School Book Fair & Art Auction |
| Wednesday 13th September | 3.45 – 5.00 | | Year 5 & 6 Cross Country tournament |
| Monday 18th September | 9.30 – 2.30 | | Year 6 Transition Day at Whitworth Park School |
| Tuesday 19th September | 4.30 – 5.00 | | Year 6 Parents’ Meeting – Ski Trip |
| Friday 22nd – Wednesday 27th September | 8.30 – 9.00  3.00 – 3.30 | | Scholastic Book Fair |
| Tuesday 26th September | 9.00 – 12.00 | | Year 2 Trip to Botanic Gardens TBC |
| Friday 29th September | 1.30 | | Harvest Festival at St. Andrew’s |
| Monday 2nd October | 9.00 – 3.00 | | Year 6 Trip to Nissan |
| Tuesday 3rd October | 3.45 – 5.00 | | Year 5 & 6 Football League begins |
| Friday 13th October | 9.00 – 12.00 | | Year 3 & 4 Multiskills Tournament |
| Monday 16th – Wednesday 18th October | 3.00 – 6.00 | | Parents’ Evening |
| Tuesday 17th October | 9.30 – 2.30 | | Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby Tournament |
| Thursday 19th October | 3.30 – 4.45  5.00 – 6.15 | | NO LONGER THE HALOWEEN DISCO!! |
| Thursday 19th October | 5.45 | | School Closes for Half Term Holiday |
| Friday 20th October | ALL DAY | | CPD Day – School Closed  Holiday Club Available |
| HALF TERM HOLIDAY | | | |
| Monday 30th October | | 7.45 | Schools Re-Opens  **EYFS & KS1 Halloween Disco**  **KS2 Halloween Disco** |
| Tuesday 31st October | |  | EYFS Magical Tuesday |
| Wednesday 1st November | | 5.00 | Open Evening for Prospective Reception Parents |
| Tuesday 7th November | | 12.00 - 3.00 | Year 5 & 6 Sportshall Athletics Competition |
| Wednesday 8th November | | 3.45 – 5.00 | Year 5 & 6 Netball League begins |
| Friday 17th November | | ALL DAY | Children In Need |
| Monday 24th November | | 9.30 - 12.00 | Year 2 Multiskills Tournament |
| Monday 27th November | | 4.00 | Full Governing Body Meeting |
| Friday 1st December | | 3.00 – 5.30 | Christmas Fayre |
| Monday 4th December | |  | Nativity Tickets On Sale |
| Friday 8th December | | 9.00 - 12.00 | Year 5 & 6 Boccia Tournament |
| Wednesday 13th December | | 9.30  2.00 | EYFS & KS1 Christmas Nativity  KS2 Christmas Nativity |
| Thursday 14th December | | 9.30  2.00 | KS2 Christmas Nativity  EYFS & KS1 Christmas Nativity |
| Tuesday 19th December | | 1.00 – 3.00 | EYFS & KS1 Christmas Parties |
| Wednesday 20th December | | 11.00  1.00 – 3.00 | Advent Service at St. Andrew’s  Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party |
| Thursday 21st December | | 1.00 – 3.00 | Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Party |
| Friday 22nd December | | 5.45 | School Closes for Christmas Holidays |
| CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS | | | |
| Monday 8th January 2018 | | 7.45 | Schools Re-Opens |
| Wednesday 10th January | | 12.30 - 2.30 | Year 1 Multiskills Tournament |
| Tuesday 23rd January | | 12.30 - 3.00 | Year 5 & 6 Basketball Tournament |
| Friday 2nd February | | 1.00 – 2.30 | KS2 Swimming Gala |
| Friday 9th February | | 5.45 | School Closes for Half Term Holiday |
| HALF TERM HOLIDAY | | | |
| Monday 19th February | | 7.45 | School Re-Opens |
| Tuesday 20th February | | 12.30 - 2.30 | Year 3 Sports Skills Tournament |
| Wednesday 21st February | | 12.30 - 2.30 | Year 4 Sports Skills Tournament |
| Thursday 1st March | | ALL DAY | World Book Day |
| Friday 9th March | | 11.30 | Mothers’ Day Afternoon Tea |
| Monday 12th – Wednesday 14th March | | 3.00 – 6.00 | Parents’ Evening |
| Friday 23rd March | | ALL DAY | Red Nose Day |
| Thursday 29th March | | 11.00  5.45 | Easter Service at St. Andrew’s  School Closes for Easter Holidays |
| EASTER HOLIDAYS | | | |
| Monday 16th April | | 7.45 | School Re-Opens |
| Monday 7th May | | ALL DAY | May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed |
| Monday 14th – Thursday 17th May | |  | Key Stage 2 SATs Week |
| Friday 25th May | | 5.45 | School Closes for Half Term Holiday |
| HALF TERM HOLIDAY | | | |
| Monday 4th June | | ALL DAY | CPD Day – School Closed |
| Tuesday 5th June | | 7.45 | Schools Re-Opens |
| Friday 15th June | | 1.00 | Fathers’ Day Event |
| Wednesday 27th June | | 1.00 – 3.00 | EYFS & KS1 Sports Day |
| Thursday 28th June 2017 | | 1.00 – 3.00 | KS2 Sports Day |
| Monday 2nd – Wednesday 4th July | | 3.00 – 6.00 | Parents Evening (Pre-School to Year 5) |
| Tuesday 10th – Thursday 12th July | | 3.00 – 6.00 | Parents Evening (Year 6) |
| Wednesday 18th July | | 1.45 | Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly |
| Thursday 19th July | | 6.00 | Year 6 Sleepover |
| Friday 20th July | | 5.45 | School Closes for Summer Holiday |
| SUMMER HOLIDAYS | | | |
| Tuesday 4th September | | 7.45 | School Re-Opens |