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Dear Parents/carers,

As we head towards the end of term, it was lovely that we were able to rearrange the KS1 Sports Day and that the rain stayed away! It was a brilliant event and I think we had more parents join in the race than ever before - it was certainly quite competitive. Thank you all for coming, the children enjoy performing you all and you see this from the huge smiles on their faces.

It was lovely that so many families could attend the school fair yesterday too. We have raised just under £1000 which as always, goes towards experiences and treats for our children. Thank you to everyone for the donations you have made over the last few weeks and to Miss Starkie and Mr Swift who organise the whole event. It is always a very popular event and always well organised. Most of the organisation is done in their own time and we really do appreciate it. I have heard today that they are already thinking about the Christmas fair!

Raffle prize winners

Bounce House Voucher -199 (Logan Jayne)

Fox cub voucher- 10 (Luke Smith)

Mr B’s Bakery voucher -172 (Mrs Atkinson)

Clem’s Voucher- 134 (Oscar Jacques)

Bottle of Prosecco – 251 (Ruby Local)

Pug cuddly toy- 166 (Charlie McAloon)

Scentsy Hamper- 144 (Millie Harris)

Perfume gift set- 137 (Macey Paterson)

Aftershave gift set (William McNamara)

Guess how many sweets stall- Archie Pringle

Name the Bear (Swirl)- Alicia Brain

Please collect your prize from the school office. Thank you.

Next week we have children in Year 4 and 5 heading off to Weardale for their residential visit and we hope the weather is kind to them. They always love these experiences and seem to come back more grown up and independent. It is amazing what 3 days away can do. We hope they have a brilliant time.

After the fun of Weardale, we will be holding our transition day on Thursday 13th July. This gives all the children a chance to see their new classroom and meet the new staff. It will reduce any anxiety that children may have over the holidays and allows staff to put names to faces.

New school timings

As I have previously mentioned, the government have released guidance to all primary schools regarding the length of the school day. We have been requested to open for longer, whilst maintaining our school clubs and activities and we consulted with parents about the best way to offer this. Thank you to everyone who responded to the consultation. I can now confirm that, from September, the school day will begin at **8:45am**. We will continue to offer a flexible start that we call our ‘Early bird’ Session. This will now start from 8:30am for those who wish to use it.

The school day will finish at **3:15pm**.

We are expecting our roof works to be fully completed by this time and therefore we will revert back to using the doors and rooms that we have used previously. Early years children (Reception and Nursery) will enter through the EYFs yard doors, Year 1 through the blue door on the EYFS yard, Year 2-4 through the main yard entrance and Year 5 and 6 through the rear of the building on the sports yard. They will exit from the same doors.

Staff will continue to be available on the school yard should parents will to speak with teachers.

After school childcare will run as normal and we will continue to offer after school activity clubs which we will advertise in September.

Holiday clubs

We are starting to get lots of notifications of clubs that are running throughout the holidays. These are all across the area. It is worth looking on DCC website for the full offer but there are some below that we have been informed of:

***AJX Summer 2023 Fun & Food Holiday Club***

Expression of interest form. Please complete one form per child(see link below for the form).

Successful applicants will be informed via the email you provide on this form, please keep a record of the dates you have requested.

Places are provided based on response time and eligibility.

9:30AM/9:45AM Arrival

2:45PM/3:00PM Collection

**Locations**

Oakleaf Sports Complex-Aycliffe

Ferryhill Sports Centre-Ferryhill

Multisports Holiday Club

Healthy Hot Meals Provided

Ages 5 to 13

**Free**

<https://forms.gle/jWurcw2GqxJ4pA7w9>

***Kalma Life***

Over the Summer holiday period, Kalma Life are running free holiday activity clubs with Fun and Food fully funded by Durham County Council for all children in and around the Spennymoor area.

Each day there will be a range of fun yoga activities, games, crafts, workshops, mindfulness and more aimed at primary aged children between 4-11 years old.

Breakfast, snack, lunch and drinks will also be provided for each child. Any dietary requirements must be noted on the booking.

There are no limitations to how many sessions your child can attend however, there are a maximum of 25 places each day and bookings are to be made on an individual basis via the website below. Priority will also be given to children eligible for free school meals as part of the funding requirements from the Department for Education (DfE).

Register your interest on the booking link below. Please note your places aren’t confirmed until you have an additional booking confirmation including dates.

As the places are limited and very sought after, we respectfully ask that any sessions that can’t be attended for whatever reason, we are told about so the place can be given to another family to benefit from. If we are not informed and 2 or more dates are missed, then we will assume you no longer require the remaining pre-booked places and these will be offered to someone else.

All clubs will run between 9.30am – 2.30pm at St Andrew’s Church Hall, St Andrew’s road, Spennymoor. DL16 6NE.

Tuesday 25th July & Wednesday 26th July

Tuesday 1st August & Wednesday 2nd August

Tuesday 8th August & Wednesday 9th August

Tuesday 15th August & Wednesday 16th August

Tuesday 22nd August & Wednesday 23rd August

Bookings made via; www.kalmalifeuk.co.uk/gatesheadwest

Click on ‘Book a Class’ at the top then filters ‘Holiday Club 4-11 years’ to show all clubs.

Any questions, please contact via emma@gatesheadwest.kalmalifeuk.co.uk or 07581359585

As always, if you have any concerns or queries, please speak to the school office or your child’s class teacher. We are here to help.

Future Dates

10th-12th July Year 4 and 5 Weardale residential

13th July- transition day – meet new teacher

13th July – Y6 leavers assembly 1:15pm & 6pm

19th July – Y6 sleepover in school hall

20th July- Y6 breakfast with families

20th July- school closes for the end of summer term.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please speak to class teachers or email the school office. [kingstreet@durhamlearning.net](mailto:kingstreet@durhamlearning.net)

Yours Sincerely

Joanne Bromley

Head Teacher