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Dear Parents/carers,

It is that time of year, again, when we say goodbye to our children in Year 6. This week, they have performed their production to the school and parents and impressed us all with their acting talents. They are an amazing bunch of children who have bright futures ahead of them. They are a credit to themselves and their families and we look forward to them returning with tales of their new adventures. They have grown into mature, thoughtful, diligent young people who never fail to impress us, or visitors we have in school with their positive outlook and impeccable manners and behaviour. It will be mixed emotions for both children and staff next week. They will be excited, nervous, sad and happy all at once! We definitely expect tears. We look forward to signing their shirts and creating their final memories of King Street primary. I am sure you will all join us in wishing them good luck for the future.

End of year reports

Today, your child should come home with their annual report. These were a pleasure to write and once again, reflects the effort our children make in school. If you have any questions about their report, please do get in touch with class teachers next week. We will be happy to answer any queries.

Bikes in school

Just a polite reminder for September- if your child brings a bike to school, this should be placed in the bike shed area on the yard. These should not be brought into the reception area as they create an obstruction to families who need to access the area.

New crossing patrol

I am delighted that we now have a new crossing patrol to help keep our children safe when crossing the road. However, I was disappointed to hear this week that she has already received abuse from some of our families. This is now the third crossing patrol who has received abuse and it is not acceptable. The police are already aware and have been in school today to attempt to identify those involved. If your child is dropped off by an older sibling, please ensure that they are also courteous to those around them. It is not appropriate for children to witness abusive behaviour; our children are taught in school to use kind hands and kind words and we expect our adults to do the same. Thank you.

New school timings

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. Doors will now open 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.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding children is a high priority for us in school but as we approach the holidays we appreciate that families sometimes have concerns about things they have witnessed in the community. If you have any concerns about a child’s welfare, please report these to County Durham First Contact on 03000267979.

Holiday clubs

We now have so many holiday clubs in County Durham that we could not list them all here. The DCC website is a wealth of information of all the activities for children, over the summer period. We encourage you to use this site to find free things to keep children entertained. This includes some swimming pools which offer free swim sessions to families.

Uniform

We know that many families like to purchase new uniform and shoes for children over the summer, ready for September. However, we also appreciate that this can be quite expensive. We would like to point out that our blue jumpers do not need to have a school logo and can be purchased from local supermarkets. Shoes should be all black so no sports logos or brightly coloured laces. These can also be purchased from supermarkets.

If anyone has any difficulties in purchasing uniform or shoes, please speak to us on the first day back as we may be able to access a small amount of funding to support families.

Future Dates

Wednesday 19th July – Y6 sleepover in school hall

Thursday 20th July- Y6 breakfast with families

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

Tuesday 5th September – School reopens for new academic year

Monday 11th September – Meet the Teacher event Years 1 – 6 (from 3.15pm)

Monday 11th September – Phonics information event for Reception parents

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

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