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'We take our vision from John 10:10 'that they have life and have it abundantly'

Dear Parents and families

May I endorse Mrs Brett's gratitude to the Y6 children as they prepare for their SATs [week beginning 13 May] and add a huge thank you to Mrs Brett and her team for the military precision in which they have supported the children. I would also like to thank sincerely you, the children's parents and families who have completely engaged in the process from the moment the children began in Y5; homework, revision, healthy lifestyle [sleep, food, fun]; and the love and support at home. Thank you, too, to Mrs Cafferty, Mrs Garner and the KS2 team of teachers and HLTA/TAs who have consolidated interventions; and the whole school for double checking the school's SATs timetable and ensuring communication between staff, school and home is as ever, sustained and supportive.

We lose the sports hall from 8 May and shall ensure our children respect the High School pupils' need for quiet as they have their own exams from May to the end of June.



Spelling Bee

Three of our pupils competed in the French Spelling Bee competition, accompanied by Miss Fletcher and another pupil. Miss Fletcher was extremely proud of them and they all performed exceptionally well.

Head Girl – Olivia Brown & DHG: Natalie Fielding
Head Boy: Fraser Heron & DHB: Lewis Scholes
Prefect: McKenzie Sutherst & Cameron Fraser
Alex Haig & Myles Paperesti
Isla Cardno & Ashvee Shah
Ellie Angus & Ruby Nagra

Glenn McCrory visited school this week and presented badges to the Eco Team, prefects and Headboy, Headgirl, Deputy Headboy and Deputy Headgirl; and music certificates to celebrate the children who have done very well in their external grade exams. You will see pictures on the school Facebook page.

Thank you to Mrs Garner and staff who have presented induction adventures for the new Y5 coming in September. We are looking forward to the induction mornings on Monday 10 and Tuesday 11 June; with the Induction Evening for ALL new starters on Thursday 20 June from 6-7.30; and the Transfer morning on Wednesday 3 July from 9.15 to 11.15. Letters are being prepared and shall be sent out shortly.

Thank you to our amazing Art teacher, Mrs Olbrecht, who has refurbished our precious mural wall in the corridor. It looks like new!

As we prepare for our end of term activities please see dates below LISA. There is so much to celebrate and we look forward to being together with staff, children and parents for some auspicious occasions.

Please remember we have the May Bank holiday this Monday [6 May] and resume school Tuesday 7 June. Have a lovely weekend.

With kind regards
Caroline



Sports News

It has been lovely to see the amount of pupils turning up for clubs and activities before, during and after school. With the weather hopefully improving, it would be lovely to see if we can get every child in school to attend a sporting activity of their choice if possible as it is a great start and end to the school day. A list of clubs appear on the School website and there are plenty to choose from

Girls Cricket

Well done to the U13 girls indoor cricket team, they were placed in the top 30 from across the country. 870 teams entered and the girls played well in the Northern Regions final on the 30th April. After a three hour drive and three good group stage games, they faced Yorkshire in the semi final, but just couldn't quite overcome a strong team. I want to thank the team for their good humour and dedication throughout the year and I am looking forward to seeing them compete in the outdoor competition.
Mr Burgess

Girls Football

The U11 Girls football team were presented their Newcastle United strip this week by our boxing visitor, Glen 'The Gentleman' McCrory. The girls won a Newcastle United Foundation competition a couple of months ago, and on the 21st May they will travel down to Molineux Stadium, the home Premier League ground of Wolverhampton football club. They will take part in a Premier League Tournament representing NUFC against teams such as Everton, Fulham and Wolverhampton. We wish them the best of luck and this fantastic opportunity. An extra congratulations to our tickets winner this week who will see Newcastle United against Liverpool at St James' Park at the weekend, courtesy of NU Foundation.



Year 6 SAT week

Monday 13th-Thursday 16th May

The Year 6 children have been working so hard in preparation for their end of Key Stage Two tests. We would like to congratulate them on their excellent progress and achievements this year.

A gentle reminder please that parents alert school as soon as possible if a child will not be present any morning or afternoon during SAT week. This is so that we can make alternative testing arrangements, if needed.

With only one more week to go, myself and the Year 6 team would like to wish the children the very best of luck: we are so very proud of our classes and all they have achieved!

Well done Year 6!
Mrs Brett

Key Dates for Diary

13 —17 May	SATs Week
17 May	Interclass rounders
20– 24 May	Book fair
20-24 May	WOW/Barcelona/London
23 May	Y5 Swimming Gala
27 May	Half Term
4 June	Return to school
4 June	Y6/Y7 Whole year group photos plus cricket and athletics teams
6 June	Y6 swimming Gala
10 June	Induction Day 1 of 2
11 June	Induction Day 2 of 2
20 June	Parents Induction evening for new starters
24 June	KS3 English & Maths exams
28 June	Y5 trip to Bamburgh / Y6 trip to Tynemouth
3 July	6.00pm Concert—Sports Hall
9 July	Sports Day—Track events
12 July	Y6/7 –Whole school Leavers/Colours celebration
15 July	Y8 Trip to Lightwater Valley
15 July	Y7 Trip to Cinema and Bowling
15 July	6.30pm KS2 Disco (both 5&6)
16 July	9.15am Y8 Colours Assembly
17 July	9.15am Leavers Assembly—Sports Hall
17 July	6.30pm—9.00pm Y7 Prom
18 July	6.30pm—9.00pm Y8 Prom
19 July	School closes 1.15pm

For sale Ex-Display Polo shirts £3.50

Large White x2
Small White x2
Small Red x1
Age13 White x2
NEW £9.50 Large white

Lost property to be collected

10th May second reminder
17th May items will be offered for sale
24th May items will be recycled

Attendance percentages to date for each class– Target for school is 98%
Percentages taken 29 April 2019

Total	5JH	5MG	5MB	5CW	6KS	6OT	6LC	6DB	6VR
	97.1	96.9	97.8	96.9	96.1	96.7	97.6	97.5	96.2
7MP	7TB	7MW	7EP	7BN	8BF	8DR	8NM	8PC	8CC
95.4	95	96.8	95.5	96	96.6	95.8	96.5	96.7	95.1