



23 June 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term is busier than ever and every week is completely action packed! We hope that our Year 6 children will look back on these last few weeks together with great fondness, as they spend their last half term together as one year-group. They are heading off to different Comprehensive Schools, with the majority going to Belmont Community School. We also have children going to St. Leonard's, Framwellgate School and Durham Johnston. I'm sure that all parents of Year 6 can hardly believe that the time for them to leave us is approaching so quickly. Many have been with us for 7 years and, as a staff, we do all become very attached to them.

One of the greatest qualities of our school is the excellent relationship we have with you, our parents and families, and we would like to thank you for your help and support, especially during our trips and visits over the last few weeks. Nursery enjoyed their first trip to Butterfly World, Reception had great fun learning about dinosaurs at the Centre for Life and Year 1 children thoroughly enjoyed being a Victorian child for the day at Beamish Museum. Our Year 2 children were delighted to visit Souter Lighthouse, whilst Years 5 and 6 enjoyed their visit to Eden Camp – even though they got a little bit wet!

Thank you for your support with our Fun and Fitness Week. The children especially enjoyed our 'wheels' day. Thank you also for your support at Durham Dash and our Year 5 Family Worship.

The next few weeks continue to be action-packed so please make a careful note of all the diary dates.

As always, please do not hesitate to speak to us if there is anything at all that we can do to help.

#### Staff News

After 21 years of teaching at Belmont we are sadly going to be saying goodbye to Mrs. Draper at the end of this term. I'm sure you will join us in thanking Mrs. Draper for her teaching, dedication and caring nature to many children. We wish her and her family all the very best for the next stage in her life. Mrs. Draper will be missed by all of her Belmont family. If you would like to contribute to her leaving gift there is a collection in the school office.

Miss. Dunn will also be leaving us at the end of this term. We wish her well in her next teaching job.

We also say goodbye to Reverend Miranda and her family. They are relocating to Liverpool over the summer. Rev. Miranda has been a very important person and part of our Belmont family for five years and staff and children would like to say a big 'Thank You!'

We wish all of our leavers, peace, love and happiness.

Congratulations to Mrs. Wood and her husband, who have welcomed a beautiful baby girl. Mum and daughter are both doing very well!

### End of Year Reports and Results

The staff are all busy writing the children's end of year reports which will be given out on 14th July 2017. At this time Year 1 parents will find out whether their child passed their Phonic Screening check, Year 2 parents will be given the end of Key Stage 1 assessments and Year 6 will receive the results of the SATs tests. While we do receive the rest results earlier than that for Year 6, these are never shared with parents until the reports are given out and until we have had a chance to check for any marking errors. I am sure you will appreciate that this is a time-consuming task!

### Bring and Buy Book Sale

One of our pupil's in Year 6 has helped to organise a bring and buy book sale in aid of Book Aid International.

It is at Belmont Library on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 10am – 12 noon. Any donations of unwanted books can be dropped off at the Library. Please pop along to support our pupil.

"I believe every child deserves a chance to read which is why I want to raise money for Book Aid International".

*Emma, Year 6*

### Polite Reminder

Please can we remind you to ask your child to dis-mount their bikes and scooters at the top of the school drive and at the start of the path near the Cheveley shops, when coming to school in the morning. We have children from age of 3 on our site and we would like to keep everyone safe. Thank you.

### Durham Dash

A huge congratulation to all of the children who participated in Durham Dash. A big well done to Sofie Knaggs who won her heat and made it to the finals of the road race.

### KS2 Mini Olympics

Class 7 thoroughly enjoyed a Mini Olympics Festival at the Riverside Stadium, where they were able to compete in sports including cricket, skipping and Quad Kids. Huge congratulations to children who scored very pleasing and fast times.

### Fun and Fitness Week

What a fabulous and busy time, we have had during our Fun, Food and Fitness week! Investigating a range of fitness related scientific investigations, we have practised so many enquiry skills whilst having so much fun! We have learned lots from our School Nurse and a special thank you to Mrs Schraner who shared with KS2 all about her role as a nutritionist. Children loved the wheel's sessions and the fun races, movement sessions, skipping and dodgeball lead by Mr Walton, from Craig's Coaching. At Durham Dash on Wednesday evening, the children made us so proud! A huge congratulation to Sophie Knaggs who reached the final! On Thursday lunchtime, the children enjoyed a tasty healthy picnic and they have also had fun making monster fruit faces, smoothies or fruit kebabs. A massive thank you to Sainsbury's in Belmont, for donating so much food and to Skye Neal (Class 10) who wrote a brilliant letter to request it. Lastly, we would like to say a huge thank you for your kind donations. We all looked wonderful in red and raised an amazing £173 for the British Heart Foundation - an incredibly worthwhile cause. Well done Belmont for a fantastic Fun, Food and Fitness week!

### **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

#### **Nursery Celebration Evening 4pm**

Please come along to have a look at your child's learning journal and to have a chat with your child's key worker.

### **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

#### **Quad Kids**

There will be an event held at Riverside Athletics track and the children invited will receive separate information. The event will include competing in a variety of sporting activities.

### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017 & Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

#### **Prayer Space**

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 children will have the opportunity to visit Carville Church, who are hosting a prayer space for the community.

### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017 & Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

#### **New Reception Children Visit**

We look forward to welcoming our new Reception children for a visit. 12 of our children from Nursery will be moving up to Reception in September.

### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017 & Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

#### **Year 6 Transition Visit to Belmont Community School**

Our Year 6 children who are moving up to Belmont Community School, will visit for two days. Good Luck!

### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

#### **NSPCC – Staying Safe Workshops (Year 5 and Year 6)**

Years 5 and Year 6 children will participate in workshops led by the NSPCC.

### **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

#### **'Moving Up' Morning**

All pupils will spend the morning with their new teacher for September. A letter will be sent home next week to explain the school organisation for next year.

### **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

#### **Parent Activity Afternoon – (Year 1 – Year 6) 1:30pm – 3:15pm**

Please come along to spend some time working alongside your child in the classroom. Enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and a chat too!

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017**

**New Nursery Meeting 3:45pm**

New Nursery parent meeting for our children starting Nursery in September 2017.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

Year 6 transition day to St.Leonard's Comprehensive School.

School nurse will visit with Year 5 girls.

**Sports Afternoon – 1:30pm (School Field) – Year 1 – Year 6**

Please come along to have an enjoyable afternoon supporting your child. Fingers crossed for some sunshine!

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017 – 2pm (Nursery & Reception)**

**EYFS Sports Afternoon**

Please come along to our Foundation Stage sports afternoon.

The children can come to school dressed in their sportswear. The session is all about enjoyment and having fun.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**Durham Cathedral Music Celebration**

Miss. Skelton's class will be performing alongside other schools in a concert in Durham Cathedral.

NSPCC Celebration Assembly

Summer Fair 2pm – 4pm – details to follow.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**Year 6 Leavers Performance – 2pm**

All Year 6 parents/carers are welcome to join us.