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Dear Parents / Carers,

I can't believe I am writing the final newsletter of this academic year and for some of you, this will be the end of your Stamfordham journey.

We would like to wish our Year 6 pupils the best of luck for high school although I have no doubt that they are ready for the next stage of their education.

Goodbye **Ayda, Beth, Cole, Fin, Finlay, Isaac, Isabelle, Jack, Jacob B, Jacob S, Jake, James, Katy, Lil, Seth, Summer William B, William W** – We will miss you!!

We also say goodbye to **Phoebe** who starts Corbridge Middle in September. Good luck Phoebe!

I would like to thank you all on behalf of myself, the staff team and the governors for your unbelievable support across the year. Without you all, our school would not be such an amazing place and your generosity and kindness helps us to give the pupils the opportunities they deserve.

For most of you, we will see you back in school on Tuesday 2nd September.

Wishing you all a fantastic summer holiday. Let's hope the good weather continues!

Miss Briddock and the team at Stamfordham Primary

The last 2 weeks in school

Preschool and Class 1

What a busy couple of weeks we've had in Early Years! Although we were disappointed about the weather spoiling Sport's Day, our teddies decided to cheer us up and join us for a picnic at lunch - it was lots of fun however, our teddies were very messy guests!

Preschool have revamped their construction area and home corner - the children are really enjoying having that extra space to play and be imaginative!

We have now had our final gymnastics session with Gail - she was very impressed with our great listening, determination, balance and coordination! We have some amazing little movers! Early Years have also been practising for Sports Day, so you can expect to see some very impressive athletes next week!

The Reception children bravely set off to Class 2 for their transition morning and got a taste of what September will be like. They were very excited to share what they had been doing when they came back to reception, so I'm sure their transition will go smoothly. In maths, Reception have been grouping and

sharing and remembering to use their maths language, such as 'We have shared the apples equally.' when answering questions.

We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to The Glasshouse for 'The Big Sing'. The children all joined in beautifully and had remembered lots of the songs from our practices in school.

Class 2

And just like that, we are at the end of another busy, amazing school year and we couldn't feel prouder of our Class 2 pupils! We are currently concluding topics such as 'Let's visit Australia' in Geography and 'Everyday Materials' in Science, the children continue to impress us with their excellent knowledge. We also enjoyed a recent trip to 'The Big Sing'; staff felt incredibly proud of all of the pupils! Class 2 pupils continue to work so hard, we have been really thinking about our handwriting, spelling and correct use of punctuation to help us to be ready for September.

In English, we are finishing the year with a short non-fiction unit focusing on newspaper reports; the children have been busy identifying the features of a newspaper report including the 5Ws (who, what, when, where, why). Next week, they will be writing their own reports, using a range of conjunctions to join words and clauses as well as quotes to show a person's thoughts and feelings. In Maths, we have been revisiting tricky units such as money and time. We have also introduced column addition and subtraction to our Year 2 pupils; they are making great progress with this.

We are looking forward to Sports Day next Wednesday; we will keep our fingers crossed for more lovely weather! Thank you for all of your support over the year and we hope you have a wonderful summer break when it arrives!

Class 3

How is it the end of the year already? What a fabulous year it has been! It has been lovely to watch the children be ambitious with their learning, build resilience in a range of activities and nurture each other along the way - they really have demonstrated our SPS values! I am so proud of everything they have achieved. Earlier this week I asked Class 3 what their favourite things had been this year and the things that stuck out were: our residential trip to Robinwood, making milkshakes in DT, being 'let loose' with paint in Art and lots of them said they'd enjoyed our maths lessons. This week, we have been wrapping up our learning in lots of subjects, the children have taken end of year assessments in their stride and even asked if they could do more! From now on we will be winding down, having lots of fun and cherishing our last moments as the current Class 3! Thank you for your ongoing support this year and I wish the Year 4's lots of luck on their transition to Class 4. I look forward to working with the Year 3's again next year.

Class 4

Over the past couple of weeks, Class 4 have been very busy! We completed our unit of work based on the book *Holes*, where we wrote letters as Stanley to his mum, explaining what he was thinking and how he was feeling. In Maths, we have been converting units, looking at miles and kilometres, as well as imperial measurements and comparing them to metric measurements. We also finished our Geography unit about the UK, producing bar charts to show the different heights of hills and mountains. We explored major rivers, locating their sources and mouths. In RE, we have come to the end of our unit, where we considered the values that Jesus promoted amongst his people and thought about whether we can live by those same values in the 21st century. On top of this, we have been practising songs for the 'Big Sing', which we took part in this week with great enthusiasm.

Kindness Award

As part of the 'Kindness Award', children took part in a fundraising day in school today to raise money for CHUF (Children's Heart Unit Fund) The total raised was £205. Many thanks for all your support.

Staffing Changes

The following staff will also be leaving us at the end of term. Mrs Walters, who has been a teaching assistant in school for 8 years is taking up a new role in September and Miss Cook comes to the end of a maternity cover in Class 2 and will take up a new teaching post in September. We also say goodbye to Mrs Hillman in the school office who is leaving us to spend more time on her business ventures outside of school.

We really will be sorry to see you all go. You have all made a huge difference to school and we really appreciate the hard work and dedication you have shown during your time here. Good luck in your new roles and ventures!

Today, we also say goodbye to Miss Joyce in Class 3 who has completed her final teaching placement with us this year. We wish her the very best of luck for her first teaching position in September.

Arbor Balances

Please can you take a few minutes to check your child's Arbor account and ensure any balances are cleared before the end of the academic year. This includes school lunches, trips, clubs, music lessons and Kidzone. If you have any queries regarding your account or if you are unable to make payment, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

School Lunches

Week commencing 14th July – Week 3

Week commencing 1st September – Week 1

The dinner menus are available on the school website.

Diary dates for the coming week:

Monday 14 th July	Leaver's Service at St Mary's Church 9.30am
Tuesday 15 th July	Swimming for Years 3 & 4 Year 6 Leaver's Assembly 2pm in school hall
Wednesday 16 th July	Sports day Preschool and Reception 10.45am – 11.45am Year 1 - 6 1.15pm – 2.45pm Early Years Graduation 2pm
Thursday 17 th July	
Friday 18 th July	School closes for the summer break at 1.15pm

Upcoming Dates:

Date	Event
Monday 1 st September	Teacher Training Day – school closed to all pupils
Tuesday 2 nd September	School re-opens to all pupils