



# Stamfordham Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

The end of term is coming around quickly and as well as preparing for transition and our leaver's events, the calendar day-to-day is becoming extremely busy.

Last week, Class 4 enjoyed a fantastic trip to St Mary's Lighthouse at Whitley Bay and this week, Class 3 enjoyed a residential to Robinwood. These visits not only provide extra experiences that we can't offer in school but also give children lasting memories that they will look back on for years to come.

On Monday, we held a reflection assembly in school and talked about the things we had learnt this year and the things we enjoyed the most. There were a real range of responses from trips, visits and sporting events to activities that they had undertaken as part of their curriculum work.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming you into school for our annual sports day. The pupils have been working hard to prepare for the day and we have our fingers crossed that the weather forecast is on our side.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Briddock and the team at Stamfordham Primary

## **The last 2 weeks in school**

### **Preschool and Class 1**

Even though the sun hasn't made much of an appearance this week, Early Years have been learning all about sun safety – ready for when the weather finally starts to warm up properly!

Our summer topic, The Coast, has kept us very busy during the last couple of weeks. The children have been finding out about the different features of coastal areas and learning what lighthouses are used for. They have designed and built a fantastic lighthouse, complete with a 'lamp'. It has been given pride of place in the pirate area in Reception, which has sparked lots of imaginative play.

The children have created beautiful ocean paintings and colourful collages – our display boards are now covered with sea-themed artwork. In English, Reception have been writing some lovely sentences about the sea and all the amazing things they might find in it – from treasure to sea creatures!

Maths in Preschool has been all about weight and carefully weighing objects to see if they are heavy or light. In Reception, we have been focusing on shapes and using smaller 2D shapes to create bigger 2 and 3D shapes.

We've also explored sculpting in our art sessions. The children have used different tools to mould and texture clay worms, which they then painted beautifully.

One of the highlights of the last couple of weeks has been our gymnastics lessons. Our older pre-schoolers have joined Reception to begin preparing for the big move in September. They have shown super balance and coordination, as well as listening and teamwork skills and have proven that they are more than ready for Reception

## Class 2

We have had a super couple of weeks in Class 2. The children have been busy retelling our class book 'The Magic Finger' by Roald Dahl and are moving onto planning their own adventure stories; we can't wait to see all the descriptive language they use. In Maths, we have finished our 'Statistics' topic and have moved onto 'Geometry' where they have been introduced to position and turning. They have continued to produce beautiful work in Art where we have been exploring a range of techniques used by Indigenous Australian people which include dot art, cross hatching and naturalistic art work. In connection with this, the class has been learning all about the geography of Australia. As we approach the end of term, we look forward to the Big Sing, Sports Day and Transition Day where the class will get a taste of life in Year 3. They continue to bring excellent ideas, hard work and kindness into our classroom and we will be sad to see them go in a few weeks!

## Class 3

This week we have been diving into the exciting world of 'How to train your dragon' during our English lessons. With its thrilling adventures, mischievous dragons, and unlikely hero Hiccup, the book has sparked imaginations and inspired powerful writing in the classroom, focusing on the characters' speech. In our Geography lesson this week we have explored a range of different settlements in the UK and practised using maps to identify features of each settlement in order to compare them.

Class 3 have also embarked on an unforgettable residential trip to Robin Wood – and what an incredible experience it was! From the moment we arrived, the excitement was non-stop. Students challenged themselves with a wide range of activities including **canoeing, archery, rock climbing, the zip wire, the giant swing, and the legendary Piranha Pool!** We were so impressed with everyone's confidence, courage, and cooperation.

Another great week for class 3!

## Class 4

The last 2 weeks in Class 4 have been very busy. Last week, we enjoyed a range of bee-themed activities as part of the Year 6 high school transition. The pupils wrote their own bee-themed short stories and we learnt all about the different parts of a bee hive. We explored the school grounds and carried out a survey to see if we are bee-friendly using the quadrats we made in class. We also designed our own bee-friendly gardens and used the sewing skills we learnt earlier in the year to make our own felt bee. We managed to cram all this in around our trip to Whitley Bay Lighthouse which was a fantastic day. Sam, our guide for the day, accompanied us on a beach fossil hunt, we created pencil sketches of the skyline by the lighthouse, climbed all the 137 stairs to the top of the lighthouse tower (the views were amazing) and we found lots of different wildlife species during the rock pooling session. Even the British weather was on our side so we were able to enjoy a picnic on the beach.

### **Kindness Award and CHUF Fundraiser**

We are pleased to inform you that we have achieved the Kindness Award again this year! Well done to our pupils who went above and beyond, carrying out kind acts in their own time such as going on a litter picking walk, giving food and water to a homeless person they passed or filling a bag of unused clothing / toys to give to charity.

As part of the Kindness Award, Student Council pupils are arranging a fundraising day in school which will be 'Wear Red for Chuf'. We have decided to raise money for CHUF (Children's Heart Unit Fund) and this will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Pupils are invited to wear non-uniform on this day (we are encouraging pupils to wear red if possible) and to please bring a £1 donation.

If your child would like to take part in 'guess Mr Chuffy's first name' sweepstake, to win a bear and /or sweets play 'guess the number of hearts in the jar' to win the jar of sweets, please send in £1 for each additional activity they would like to participate in.

Thank you

Mrs Gray and Student Council

### **Modeshift Stars**

We have also been successful in achieving the 'good level' Modeshift Stars accreditation. This award recognises all the work we do in school to stay active and to encourage sustainable methods of transport. Some of these initiatives include a cycling event that Year 5/6 attended earlier in the term, school trips that incorporate walking, encouraging pupils to come to school on bikes or scooters and curriculum work about road safety and reducing air pollution. We are now increasing the size of our pupil working group so we can work towards the 'very good' level during the Autumn term.

### **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, 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 30<sup>th</sup> June – Week 1

Week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> July – Week 2

**The new dinner menus are available on the school website.**

**Diary dates for the next 2 weeks:**

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Swimming for Years 3 & 4 <b>Big Sing for Mini Singers (Reception, Year 1 and 2)</b>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Sports Day (Pre School and Reception – 10.45am – 11.45am) Sports Day (Year 1 to 6 – 1.15pm – 2.45pm)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Gymnastics (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)</b> Yoga Club – age 8 upwards ( <b>week 5 of 5</b> ) <b>Year 6 Transfer day to Ponteland High School</b> <b>Transfer morning in School</b>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Music with Mr Radford <b>Year 6 Transfer day to Ponteland High School</b>

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Swimming for Years 3 & 4
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	PE with Mr Thompson Craft Club – Year 1 and 2 ( <b>week 4 of 4</b> ) <b>Big Sing (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6)</b>
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Gymnastics (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)</b>
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Student Council CHUF fundraiser</b>

**Upcoming Dates:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am	Year 6 Leaver's Service at St Mary's Church
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leaver's assembly (pm)
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Early Years Graduation (pm)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>School closes for the summer break at 1.15pm</b>