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Dear Parents / Carers,

It seems hard to believe that we have reached the end of another half term with only one more to go before the summer break.

I would like to say a huge well done to all our Year 6 pupils who recently completed their SATS. We were so proud of the way they approached all the tests with such determination and resilience and managed to maintain their positivity throughout. To reward their hard work, we took them for a celebratory lunch to Fratelli in Ponteland where they were an absolute credit to school. Their behaviour was outstanding and all the restaurant staff commented on what a lovely bunch of children they are. Well done Year 6; we are so proud of you!!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and a restful half term break.

Miss Briddock and the team at Stamfordham Primary

The last 2 weeks in school

Preschool and Class 1


We have had a great couple of weeks in Early Years! Reception thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Gosforth Nature Reserve, where they loved pond dipping, bird watching from a hide and making beautiful nature art. The minibeast hunt was a big hit too with lots of exciting discoveries under logs and in trees! We particularly enjoyed spending the day with our Year 2 friends, sharing adventures and getting to know them all a little bit better. Back at school, cricket fever has hit! The children have been learning how to play and it's been fantastic to see their coordination and teamwork skills develop. Our Understanding of the World topic has taken us on a virtual visit to Mabel and Toby's farm! We have found out all about farming in our local community and we have even built our own farm in the outdoor area using giant Lego blocks. We have gone back in history to find out about dinosaurs, when and where they lived and why they are now extinct. The children have made some super dinosaurs out of recycled materials.

Class 2

Class 2 have had a fantastic term. We have been very busy preparing for our summer assessments and the class have done a great job, trying their best and putting a lot of energy into their work. In English we have been reading 'The Pirates Next Door' by Jonny Duddle and have had a lot of fun thinking of ways to describe the fearsome pirates and their naughty antics! In Maths we have been focusing on fractions, developing our knowledge of quarters and how to write a fraction. The class have really enjoyed designing and making their smoothies in DT; thank you to everyone for sending fruit in for this! The

classroom was filled with all sorts of lovely fruit smells and the children enjoyed drinking their smoothies. We had a very enjoyable trip to Gosforth Nature Reserve where we went bird spotting, pond dipping, nature walking and participated in some nature art. The children did really well on the trip, showing curiosity and interest for each activity. In History, the children have loved learning about the tragic Titanic incident and have produced some brilliant pieces of work. Well done to everyone in Class 2, we are looking forward to our next (and final!) half-term.

Class 3

This week in Class 3, we've been reading the traditional tale of The Three Little Pigs.  First we sequenced the story and discussed how to make equally weighted paragraphs from the different parts of the story. We then wrote our own versions of the story and added in our own details to make them unique. We have been working on including direct speech in our work and it was lovely to see the children had all included this and the punctuation was near bang on! Good job Class 3. Next in English, we will move on to writing a persuasive piece of writing with the key question being: Are zoos good or bad? We have already had a class debate over the question and I was very impressed with their debating skills! This week in Year 3, we've been busy learning how to tell the time – a really important (and sometimes tricky!) life skill. The children have been getting to grips with both analogue and digital clocks and learning to tell the time to the nearest minute. We've also been talking about AM and PM, and what different times of day mean (like when we eat lunch, get up for school, or go to bed!). We're very excited to let you know that Class 3 (and 4) have been busy warming up their voices and learning their songs for the Big Sing event – and they're sounding fantastic already! We'll continue rehearsing right up until the big day, and we're sure they'll be ready to wow the audience (other schools) with their performance. Keep up the hard work Class 3!

Class 4

Class 4 have had a very busy few weeks. Year 6 worked so hard leading up to and during SATS week and we were also impressed with how well the Year 5 pupils worked in other classes while the tests were taking place. You all made us very proud! We have started learning some of the songs for the Big Sing which will take place in July and we have been adding actions to help us remember the words. Some of the songs are very catchy! In Art, we have been looking at the work of Keith Haring; the graffiti artist. The children designed their own PE mural in the Keith Haring style and then created their own pieces using card templates and repeated patterns. We were blown away by the standard of work produced and it was lovely to hear that pupils were so inspired by the artist, that they created some further pieces at home. We had our final cricket session this week. Nathan has been a brilliant coach and we have really enjoyed our sessions this half term.

ICT / Computing Fundraising

This week, our new Lego Spike equipment arrived. This has been made possible by grants from Virgin money (kindly applied for by Sarah Pickard), a donation from Stamfordham Young Farmers and funding from Friends of Stamfordham. Thank you to you all for your fantastic support, this wouldn't have been possible without you all. Next half term, the pupils in Class 4 will begin using the new programming equipment and will then use their skills to work with the younger children across school. Pupils will be taking part in a Computing workshop in the first week back after the half-term break led by Martin Bailey also funded by the kind donations.

The £50 challenge

Last Friday was the final day of the £50 challenge. Across school, pupils raised the grand total of £2162.43. They worked so hard on a range of events and activities and their hard work has certainly been rewarded. The pupils are now choosing how they would like this money to be spent; we will keep you updated on what they have decided in the next half term.

School Lunches

Week commencing 2nd June – Week 3

Week commencing 9th June – Week 1

The new dinner menus are available on the school website.

Diary dates for the next 2 weeks:

Monday 2 nd June	Class photos
Tuesday 3 rd June	Swimming for Years 3 & 4 New to Reception information evening
Wednesday 4 th June	PE with Mr Thompson Athletics Club – Year 4.5 and 6 (week 1 of 4)
Thursday 5 th June	Yoga Club – age 8 upwards (week 1 of 4) Year 1 and 2 Sports Festival
Friday 6 th June	Music with Mr Radford ICT day with Martin Bailey

Monday 9 th June	
Tuesday 10 th June	Swimming for Years 3 & 4
Wednesday 11 th June	PE with Mr Thompson Craft Club – Year 1 and 2 (week 1 of 4) Athletics Club – Year 4, 5 and 6 (week 2 of 4)
Thursday 12 th June	Yoga Club – age 8 upwards (week 2 of 4)
Friday 13 th June	Music with Mr Radford

Upcoming Dates:

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Week commencing 16 th June	Bee Week in Class 4 (transition project with Ponteland High School)
Wednesday 25 th June – Friday 27 th June	Class 3 Residential visit to Robin Wood
Tuesday 1 st July	Big Sing for Mini Singers (Reception, Year 1 and 2)
Wednesday 2 nd July	Sports Day (Early Years am and Year 1-6 pm)
Thursday 3 rd and Friday 4 th July	Year 6 pupils transfer days to Ponteland High School
Thursday 3 rd July	Transfer morning in school
Wednesday 9 th July	Big Sing (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6)
Monday 14 th July at 9.30am	Year 6 Leaver's Service at St Mary's Church
Tuesday 15 th July	Year 6 Leaver's assembly (pm)
Wednesday 16 th July	Early Years Graduation (pm)
Friday 18 th July	School closes for the summer break at 1.15pm