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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after our Easter holidays; it is hard to believe this is the Summer Term. Let's hope the weather warms up soon.

All pupils should have copies of their new curriculum grids and homework. These are also on the website if you need copies.

May 21st 2016 marks the 90th birthday of our longest serving monarch, Queen Elizabeth II. To celebrate this grand occasion, a special birthday party will be held in school on Wednesday 20th April. In the afternoon, children will learn about the Queen and then participate in a variety of party games which will be accompanied by the traditional food at parties: hot dogs, jelly and ice cream, cakes. Children are encouraged to attend school dressed in red, white and blue.

Next Friday, team 2 and 3 will be practicing and performing their opera at St John's village hall. All parents are invited to go along and watch. I don't have the details yet but will have them early next week although, I do know the performance will be in the afternoon. I will pass the information on as soon as I get it. All children will need a packed lunch. School will provide packed lunches for children entitled to a free school meal.

We are also holding an open day on May 19th. It will run all day long for everyone to call in and see our school. If you know anyone wishing to send their children to our school, please let them know. We are celebrating our new name and badge and will be showing off different ideas for our uniform in September. There will be an assembly by the children in the morning and a coffee morning after. Throughout the day, you can come and have a look around and work in the classrooms with our children. There will be opportunities to talk to myself and the rest of our staff and governors.

We are very lucky to have two very dedicated gardeners who give up a lot of their time to work with our children in school and improve our school grounds. Anthony Gowland turned our grounds into a world of imagination and Mary Crosby our fabulous school cook, a habitat for wild life. She has worked on developing a garden in our Jubilee Yard which will attract all manner of creatures. The children in Mary's nature club love using the areas she has developed. This term Mary and her dog "Shinty" have planned to do a sponsored ten mile hike on April 29th to raise money to buy plants which will attract Bumble Bees. Our children will be doing their bit by walking around the school field, giving a small donation on Thursday 28th April. However, if you would like to sponsor Mary you can fill in the pro-forma at the bottom of this letter and return it to school next week.

Our swimmers this half term are Team 2.

Year 6 SATs will take place the week beginning May 9th, Monday to Thursday. All year 6 children are welcome to attend breakfast club for free on those days at 8:15am. Parents of Year 2 children will be informed by the teachers when their children are doing their SATs.



We have an awful lot of other things happening this term. Please see the list below for what we have planned:

- Thursday 21st April: Reception trip to Durham Castle. All day
Friday 22nd April: Team 2 and Team 3 Inter Opera performance at St John's Chapel village hall. Parents welcome at 2:30pm and can pick children up.
Wednesday 27th April: Team 1 trip to Captain Cook's Birthplace Museum. All day
Thursday 28th April: Children walking in our school field to support Mary and Shinty
Friday 29th April: Mary and Shinty's 10 miles sponsored walk
Wednesday 4th May: Whole school "Donate your old clothes" day. Plastic bags to be sent soon.
Monday May 9th to 12th: SAT's week, Year 6.
Tuesday May 17th: Team 3 trip to Forbidden garden. More details to follow
Monday May 23rd: Team 3 Puberty Talk, PM
Tuesday May 24th: Hockey Festival at Wearhead. KS2 (09:30-12:00)
Friday May 27th: Half term
Monday June 6th: Back to school
Friday June 10th: Last day to order NEW uniforms
Tuesday June 14th: Athletics Festival KS2 (AM), KS1 (PM) at St Johns Chapel
Thursday June 16th: Year 5 Activity Day at Wolsingham School.
Thursday June 23rd: School photos, leavers' photos.
Wednesday June 29th: Team 2 trip to Hancock Museum, all day.
Tuesday July 5th to 7th: Induction days at Wolsingham School, Year 6.
Thursday July 14th: Leavers assembly
Friday July 15th: Saltburn trip, whole school
Monday July 18th: Sport's Day.
Tuesday July 19th: Last day of school

Yours Sincerely,

Ms S Rogan
Head Teacher

I would like to sponsor Mary and Shinty for the ten mile walk on April 29th 2016.

I am attaching £ _____

Parents of _____

