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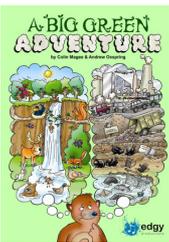
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Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to our penultimate newsletter of the year - I can't believe the last few weeks have flown by so quickly!

In last Friday's celebration assembly we had a visit from Mrs. Bailey from Leyburn Library who told us about this summer's reading challenge. The children seemed really excited by this - so pop along to the library this weekend (or over the holidays) to get signed up. (It's free!)



On Wednesday afternoon and Thursday evening our KS2 children performed "A Big Green Adventure". They were absolutely brilliant! I had the job of leading them in their dress rehearsal on Tuesday and I couldn't believe how hard they had worked to learn their lines - both spoken and sung. Thank you for all of the parents, grandparents and friends who came along to support them and see them do so well. A massive thank you to Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Fawbert for their help in designing and organising the painting of the scenery; to Mrs. Lawton for the most fabulous hand sewn masks and to Mrs. Monaghan for all of the artistic direction. Special mentions go to Edward who masterminded the sound desk and to Oscar and Cameron who changed the scenery so competently.

Class 1 have been learning all about the Olympics in preparation for Rio 2016. Miss Seymour writes "After having our own javelin and discus competitions we worked out who had won medals and calculated the difference between distances. We have also been looking at the Olympic motto which is "faster, higher, stronger" and exploring the attitude of self-challenge, writing our own targets and aiming for them. This is all in preparation for our Sports Day next Monday (or Wednesday if it rains on Monday afternoon!)"



Please come and join us on Thursday 21st July at 2pm in Church for the Leaver's service. It is open to everyone and we would love the church to be as full as it was for the Christingle at Christmas to give these super young folk a good 'send-off'. I'm sure it will be a really lovely opportunity to reflect on their time at Middleham and the memories they have. (bring tissues!)



Next Friday will be a non-uniform day. Children will be invited to come to school in their casual clothes and bring £1 to contribute towards FOMs (The Friends of Middleham School) who work really hard to support the activities and the learning in school.



It was great to have Mrs. Brown, Mr. Hutton and Mrs. Sykes in school today - they enjoyed getting to know the children and the school better and are all really looking forward to their new start in September. It was also great to see our new starters in school this afternoon, getting to know their new school and their new teacher.

Next Friday, 22nd July will be the last day at Middleham School for Cameron, Alaina and Eve. To celebrate, they have devised a fiendish knockout competition for their classmates in KS2, called 'Middleham Taranaki Survivor' (based on a game played by some of our blogging buddies in New Zealand). The game will feature a number of challenging knock out rounds, in which water MAY be involved... please could children leave their PE kits in school until Friday or make sure they have a complete change of clothes... we're not sure what may happen!



Tonight your child will be coming home with their annual school reports. Please make sure that you take the time to read them through and discuss them with your children. We are all really proud of the work that the children do in school and I know that this is reflected in the reports. If you have any questions after you have read them - please don't hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or me.

This morning, Mrs. Sykes and I met with Mrs. Sedgewick and Mr. Kettlewell to discuss the extra provision that the school may be able to offer. We will keep you informed as we explore the possibilities.



Our Value for Collective Worship this half term is Trust and our thought for this week is from Psalms 126:6 which says, "Man says... Show me and I'll trust you. God says... Trust me and I'll show you" What do you suppose the writer meant by this? I wonder if any of you can find a good answer!

And lastly, don't forget it's our Sports Day on Monday afternoon (weather permitting). Please make sure you come along to support the children at 1pm



I hope that you all have a good weekend!

Jo Dobbs,
Headteacher

Diary dates



Monday 18th July	Sports Day	1pm
Wednesday 20th July	Spare Sports Day	1pm
Wednesday 20 th July	Class 1 'Sleepover'	Letter has gone home and on website
Thursday 21st July	Leavers Service 2pm	At St. Alkeldas Church
Friday 22nd July	End of Term	
Monday 5th September	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 6th September	School opens	

CLUBS

The following clubs will be running this term:

After school multiskills with Mr Bullock - Monday 3.15-4.30pm - FREE

Dance Club - Miss Seymour Thursday 3.15-4.15pm - FREE

Trust

What does this mean to you?

Man says... Show me
and I'll trust you.

God says... Trust me
and I'll show you.

Psalm 126:6

School Meals for next week:-

Monday	Cheese & Tomato Pizza / Tuna Jacket Potato Vegetable Sticks, Potato Wedges & Garlic Bread Lemon Drizzle Cake Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit
Tuesday	Sweet Chilli Chicken / Cheese Baguette with Wedges & Salad, Broccoli & Sweetcorn Brown Rice & Poppy Seed Bread Chocolate Berry Sponge & Chocolate Sauce Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit
Wednesday	Spaghetti Bolognese / Salmon & Cream Cheese Wrap with Wedges & Salad, Green Beans & Cauliflower Herbie Bread Digestive Biscuit, Cheese & Grapes Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit
Thursday	Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy / Garden Vegetable Bake, New Potatoes, Carrots & Broccoli Strawberries & Dairy Ice Cream Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit
Friday	Battered Fish / Cheese Pasta Bake Peas & Carrots, Potato Wedges & Wholemeal Bread Blackcurrant & Oat Slice Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit