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Newsletter Summer 3

Dear Families,

This final half term started with a lot of excitement, as last week our Year 4 children went on their first residential trip to Chollerford, Year 3 went to Glendale Show, and the Year 1 pupils have done their phonics screening check.

New experiences, particularly stepping out of comfort zones, have enabled the children to demonstrate many of our character values and show huge courage and determination.

The Year 1 children had to read 40 words, half real and half nonsense 'alien' words, and maintain their concentration, whilst using all of their phonic knowledge, to help them blend the sounds together to read each one. This took confidence, resilience and optimism, especially if they came across a word they found tricky...but they all kept going until the end and were very proud of themselves!



The Year 3 children travelled to Glendale Show, a busy event open to the public, and had a wonderful day watching sheep dog trials, learning about how cheese and ice cream are made from a dairy farmer, and watching sheep being sheared. Members of the public commented on how engaged and brilliantly behaved the children were...well done for being fantastic ambassadors for our school Year 3!



The Year 4 pupils stayed away from home for 2 nights, which for some was a new experience and for many, something they felt nervous about. They took part in canoeing, archery, problem solving activities and paddleboarding over the 2 days, which for the majority of pupils (and staff!) these were new and unfamiliar challenges.

The children were nothing short of incredible, and it was a pleasure to be away with such a special group of children who threw themselves into everything with such enthusiasm and excitement. The children ate their breakfast and dinner in the hotel restaurant alongside other hotel residents, and every day guests and staff from the hotel commented on how impeccably behaved the children were, as they were so well mannered and respectful.

We used a company called Alexander Adventures to lead the activities, and their staff also said they had never worked with such a brilliant group who could talk about their character values



during the sessions. Feedback from the children was amazing-some had conquered their fears, others learnt new skills, but we all came away from the trip feeling treasured, courageous and empowered!

Thank you

Our Jubilee Picnic was a huge success, so thank you to everyone who came along and helped to make the afternoon so much fun. The children all looked fabulous, and they loved being able to share such a special event with their families.

It felt super to be able to invite the whole school community to celebrate together after such a restricted couple of years, and we are already planning future events to get everyone involved, and hopefully raise much needed funds for school.



Summer Fair

Our Summer Fair will take place on **Saturday 2nd July from 10am-1pm**. Our recent PTA meeting was very positive, and we have set up a list of activities and stalls which we would like to run, so more information will be coming out this week about how you can help if you would like to get involved.



We will be having a **non-uniform day on Thursday 23rd June** (the day before the training day) to collect raffle and tombola prizes, so details will be sent out this week about what to send in on the day.

It would be fantastic to have as many families as possible to come along and make it an amazing day full of fun!

Dates for your diaries

6th-24th June - Year 4 Multiplication check window

Thursday 23rd June - Non-uniform day for Summer Fair donations

Thursday 23rd June - Newminster transition meeting for parents 6-7pm in school hall

Friday 24th June - School closed for Teacher Training Day

5th and 6th July - Year 4 transition visits to Newminster Middle School (details to follow)

6th July - Moving up day (children to spend the morning in their new class ready for September)

Thursday 21st July - Year 4 leavers assemblies - Eagles 9.15-9.45am/ Lynx 10.15-10.45am

Thursday 21st July - Last day of the Summer term. School finishes at normal pick up time.

Kind regards,
Nadine Fielding
Head teacher