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Dear Parents and Friends,

Well, we've had another busy week in school and have packed loads in! As you know we have been inspected by Ofsted on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The inspector Mrs. Lithgow had many positive things to say about our school, and as soon as her report is finalised and I will of course be sharing the outcome of that with you, but in the meantime I want to say a huge **THANK YOU** to you all for your support and your positive comments.



Class One have been learning about different artists this half term. They've loved splatter painting like Jackson Pollock, exploring colour through Vincent Van Gogh and experimenting with photographs like David Hockney. They're currently designing their own artwork combining different styles and are looking forward to displaying their work to you all when it's complete.

On Wednesday afternoon, Miss Turner organised a super trip to the River Cover for KS2 to continue their Science work on habitats. Everyone enjoyed identifying leaves using classification keys, searching for and sketching mini beasts and building their own animal habitats, and there was also a little bit of time set aside for paddling, which was a bit of a highlight! As the children were paddling, helping each other to cross the river, playing together, looking for little fish in the river, a man and his dog stopped to chat, and asked which school we were from. He was surprised to find that it was one class of 7 - 11 year olds. "This is incredible," he said, "I didn't know that children still did this! These children are so lucky to be able to have these experiences - and aren't they kind and co-operative with each other!" I have never felt so proud of our children!



Last night was our annual Pen Hill walk organised by Mrs. Monaghan and what a beautiful summers evening we picked for it! We are so lucky to be in such a picturesque part of the country and I have to say, that on a day like this nothing beats the English countryside. Mrs Monaghan writes, 'Yesterday evening, 45 members of our school community (and 4 dogs!) enjoyed a beautiful evening walk up Pen Hill. As ever, the adults were bringing up the rear and the race to the top was fiercely competitive! It was lovely to see so many brothers and sisters, friends and ex-pupils joining us this year. Thank you to everyone for coming along, you all made it another very special and memorable Pen Hill climb!'



Next year's Reception children visited Class One this week for another transition day. We had a great time exploring the different learning areas, reading books and baking cakes in our role-play. We look forward to seeing them again on the 15th July when Mrs. Brown will also be back in school.



Today our children in Year 2-6 have been to the South Lakes Safari Zoo. Although I have yet to receive a full report from Mrs. Monaghan (this will be in next week's newsletter), I am sure it has been a very successful day.

Next week on Thursday 30th June, Mrs Carr is cooking a special Summer Farewell Lunch as we say 'Goodbye and Good Luck' to our Year 6s moving on to secondary school, also to the staff who are moving on to pastures new. A menu has been sent home this week and is also on the school website and it looks delicious - please do come and join us! School meals are free to all children in Class 1, £2.10 for children in Class 2 and £2.76 for adults.



Many of you will know that the West Witton Play Group is closing at the end of the summer term. In celebration of all of those who have ever been involved or helped or supported them, they are holding an Afternoon Tea on Saturday 9th July from 2-4pm on West Witton Playing Fields. If you would like to come along, please email westwittonpreschool@gmail.com or phone Linda Dent on (01969) 640608. I'm sure it will be a fabulous atmosphere and a good chance to have a trip down memory lane.

Our Value for Collective Worship this half term is Trust and our thought for this week is, "Respect is earned. Honesty is appreciated. Trust is gained. Loyalty is returned." When has this been true for you? How has this made you feel? Perhaps you could chat over the weekend about what this means to you and your family.



I hope that you all have a good weekend!

Jo Dobbs,
Headteacher

Diary dates



27 th - 28 th June	Year 6 Transition Days at Wensleydale School	
Wednesday 29 th June	Year 6 Leavers Service @ Ripon Cathedral	Letter has gone home and on website
Tuesday 12 th July	KS2 Cross Country @ Askrigg	Letter has gone home and on website
Wednesday 13 th July	KS2 Play 1pm	More details to follow
Thursday 14 th July	KS2 Play 6pm	More details to follow
Monday 18 th July	Sports Day	
Wednesday 20 th July	Spare Sports Day	
Wednesday 20 th July	Class 1 'Sleepover'	More details to follow
Thursday 21 st July	Leavers Service 2pm	At St. Alkeldas Church
Friday 22 nd July	End of Term	
Monday 5 th September	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 6 th September	School opens	

CLUBS

The following clubs will be running this term:

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

Dance Club - Miss Seymour 3.15-4.15pm - FREE

Hawes & District Gala

Open Fancy Dress - All Welcome!

SATURDAY 25th JUNE, 2016

Hawes Community Field

To be opened by The Gala Queen - Eilish Grant

and Attendant - Gabi Raw at 12.30pm outside

The Board Inn

Shuttle Bus - From 12.00pm (Hawes/Gayle)

Hawes Silver Band,
Bishop Auckland Pipe and Drum Band,
Circus Skills Workshop, Magic Show, Inflatables,
Balloon Modelling, Photo Booth, Face Painting,
Kids Races, Kids Teas, Trade Stalls, Tea,
Coffee & Cakes, Beer Tent

Admission by Programme

£3 in advance - £4.00 on the gate

Children under 16 go free

Children's Disco - £2.50 entry fee

Hawes Market Hall at 6.30 - 8.30pm

Special Guest Appearance

Under 5's must be accompanied by an adult

Trust

What does this mean to you?

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- Unknown

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