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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you were all able to enjoy the 'long weekend' last week and all of a sudden, we find ourselves at the start of July.

#### Sporting Success!

We have more achievements to share with you from our highly talented sportspeople within the school. Earlier this week, the Year Five and Six football team took part in the Brotton Carnival Football Tournament. Eight teams participated in this and not only did they win, they also won every game without conceding a goal! A phenomenal achievement! Thanks to parents and carers who assisted with transport and also to Mr Harper for the time he has given over to coaching the team both at the after school club and in the matches and tournaments. Given their success, I have to give a 'name check'! from Year Six we have Liam J, George B, Olly W, Grace S and Olivia S and from Year Five, Alfie P, Olly P, Will M and Josh H.

Yesterday, our athletes who qualified for the regional finals took part in their respective competitions against competitors from Cleveland, Middlesbrough, Stockton, Darlington and Hartlepool, returning to school with two gold medals (Olly W for chest pass and Grace S for 600m) and a silver (Olivia S, 55m hurdles)! Outstanding performances by these children and also Isabella G (long jump) and Amber H (chest pass)! Thanks to Mrs Hugill for accompanying the children yesterday who has reliably informed me that the children represented themselves brilliantly, displaying excellent sporting attitudes and support of one another.

Two of our children, Olivia P in Year Six and Heidi B in Year Four have been in Spain taking part in the Dance World Cup, no less! I have seen some pictures of the girls which I hope to share with you all and I also very much look forward to seeing them to hear all about it! Well done Olivia and Heidi!

#### Visits and Activities

Over the past few weeks, Mr Wood has been taking groups of Year Six children to Scaling Dam to experience a range of water based activities which included kayaking, paddleboarding, sailing and canoeing. This has provided a tremendous experience for all of the children and many thanks to Mr Wood for organising this.

Yesterday, our Reception children (with a number of parent / carer helpers!) attended 'The Big Sing' at The Sage in Gateshead, a magnificent venue. I know they thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon and many thanks to all who helped with this.

#### Reports

These will have been sent out today and I have to say that it was a genuine privilege to read them all. It is clear to me (not that I need this confirmed by a written report!) that the children here are working tremendously hard to be the best they can be. Well done to all of our children for their remarkable efforts through the year a truly 'proud headteacher' moment!

#### New Classes and Transition

Today is the day we also share with children their new class teacher. You will have noticed some names either missing or different on the list and this is because at the end of the term we will be saying goodbye to Miss MacSween, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Turner and Mrs Atkinson. I have no doubt that I can speak on behalf of our entire school community in thanking each of these fabulous people for their tremendous contribution to the school during their time here. They have all had such a hugely positive impact on the children they work with and our wider school community. We wish them all the very best in their future ventures and are genuinely grateful for everything they have done for us all.

Mrs Russell will be joining us and will be teaching in Year Five. She is a highly experienced teacher and we are very fortunate to have secured her services! Miss Keatley has also returned from maternity leave (as many of you will have no doubt noticed) and will be sharing a Reception class with Mrs Hugill. Mr Wood will also be teaching in Year Five with Miss Moscrop and Mr Harper moving into Year Six, working with the children they have taught and formed a relationship with in Year Five.

All children will spend next week in their 'new classes' as part of our extended transition, something we are delighted to be doing again after the upheaval of the past couple of years. On Monday, children who will be moving into Year Three, Four, Five or Six will line up on the 'middle playground' and those moving into Year One and Two will line up by the decking. Teachers will be there to 'meet and greet'! Our current Year Six children will be making their way to their secondary school and I am sure they will thoroughly enjoy the new experiences on offer.

#### Parents' Evening

As advertised previously, the Parents' Evenings will be on 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July and booking as always will be via the online system. This will 'go live' on Monday so if you wish to attend, then please book your slot. The booking system will close at lunchtime on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

#### Sports Day

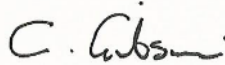
This will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> July and more information will be sent out.

#### Summer Fair

A reminder that this will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> July. To make the event as successful as possible, we would be really grateful for any donations you are able to provide. We have sent out the information again just to provide an outline of items which would be really useful!

A slightly longer letter than my usual offerings! Wishing you a pleasant weekend!

Yours Sincerely,



Mr C Gibson