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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the half term break. I hope you all enjoyed the holiday and wonderful sunshine. There are a lot of activities taking place this half term and it promises to be a fun filled run up to the end of the school year.

### Classes for next year

We will be operating 4 classes next year with the following qualified teachers:

Reception - Mrs Stanley & Mrs Siswick

Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Morris

Year 3 & 4 - Mrs Stocks

Year 5 & 6 - Mr Woods

Teaching assistants will also be supporting our children - Mrs Rutherford and Miss Irving.

Miss Campbell will be leaving us at the end of this year to take up a new post at another school. We wish Miss Campbell all the best in her new job and pass on our heartfelt thanks for all she has done for us.

Mrs Walker will be joining our team in September. Mrs Walker will be working across the school.

Due to the variation in the number of pupils in the KS2 classes of Year 5 & 6 and Year 3 & 4, we will be operating a KS2 unit as we did this year. This will involve children being registered with their class teacher and then accessing opportunities for socialising, interaction and learning in different groups. This meets the children's needs. For example your child may have maths with their class teacher but have their grammar or spelling session with a different teacher to address their next steps.





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All children in all classes, will have the opportunity to meet their next teacher before the end of the summer term on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Sharing Learning Session

Parents are cordially invited to join us for another Sharing learning Session on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2:30pm. This will be an opportunity for you to discuss with your child, the learning and work in their books. It is child led although their teacher will be available in the room.

### Transition Days for those moving to Middle School or Secondary School

The feeder schools should have now been in touch with parents regarding the transition days for their child. As we have more than one feeder school having their transition dates on different days, please could we ask parents to make their own arrangements to transport their child to and from the feeder schools on transition days.

Dt Thomlinson transition days for Y4 on 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> July.

Duchess High School transition days for Y6 5<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> July.

### Building Resilience in Children Workshop for Parents

During the course of this year we have been working in partnership with the Lightbulb Programme which aims to develop the mental health and well being of our school community. We are delighted to be able to offer an online workshop for parents on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 4-5pm focussing on how to build resilience in children. The workshop will be led by Paul Hanrahan, the Light Bulb Lead Practitioner and complement the work happening in school. The joining link will be sent nearer the time.

### Cultural Topic

Every summer term for the last few weeks, we deliver a themed cultural topic to the whole school. This is an opportunity to immerse children in another culture. This year we will be exploring the Caribbean Islands. All children will get the opportunity to work with artists who will come into school to help us create





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Caribbean inspired artwork. This has been kindly funded by the H.S.A. There will also be opportunities to work with musicians to make music on steel pans and explore the origins of salsa dancing, taking part in dance workshops. We will even be serving Caribbean food on our cultural lunch day.

### Sports Day

Weather permitting, we will be hosting our Sports Day on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 1pm. Parents are welcome to join us and cheer on their children. All children will take part in carousel of activities before ending with year group track events. Please could you make sure your child has their P.E. kit in school each day for additional sports practises.

### Leavers Disco

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, all children are invited to a Leavers Disco at school between 5-6:30pm. There is a cost of £3 for entry which includes refreshments.

### Leavers Assembly

Our Leavers Assembly will be taking place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm. Parents are welcome to join us. Please note only KS2 children are in the assembly due to lack of space but the other children will have had the opportunity to watch their performance.

### Dates For Diary

7<sup>th</sup> June - Class photographs

8<sup>th</sup> June - Y5/6 Cricket activity at Alnwick Cricket Club

Week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> June - Y1 phonic test & Y4 multiplication test

12<sup>th</sup> June - Sharing Learning Session 2:30pm

14<sup>th</sup> June - New Reception transition visits

14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> June Y6 trip to London

15<sup>th</sup> June - Y3/4 Boys football workshop at Duchess High School

28<sup>th</sup> June- Y3/4 trip to Lifepath, Brinkburn Priory

29<sup>th</sup> June Y3, 4, 5 Adventurous Activity Day Newcastle Climbing Wall





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10<sup>th</sup> July- Sports Day 1pm

6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> July Dr Thomlinson Transition Days

5<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> July Duchess High School Transition Day

19<sup>th</sup> July Leavers Disco

20<sup>th</sup> July Leavers Assembly

Regards,

Louise Fletcher  
Headteacher

