



W/E 23/06/17

Dear Parents,

Apologies that we've missed the last few newsletters; it's been a hectic few weeks in school with SATs tests, Phonics Screening Tests, drama productions, talent shows not to mention the normal day-to-day lessons!

Links with St. Hild's

We think it's very important to establish, maintain and improve links with our local secondary school so that pupils are familiar with the next part of their educational journey. Recently, these links with St. Hild's have been strengthened even further with our children using their facilities and expertise to enhance the activities we do. The Barnard's Got Talent Final was held there last week so the children got the opportunity to perform on their stage (their staff even stayed behind to support with the technical aspects). Last week, the Year 5s used the cookery rooms at St. Hild's, as part of their Allotment topic, to prepare and cook delicious pizzas and they'll also be attending a transition day there next week. We'd like to say a big thank you to Mrs Gibson and her staff for allowing all of these things to happen and we hope to forge even stronger links in the future.

Family of Schools' Summer Games

Another event hosted by St. Hild's was this week's Summer Games. Thankfully, the weather has been kind to us this year so there were no delays in proceedings! Our Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 children attended their event on Monday and Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 took part on Tuesday. The children participated in a range of track and field events and competed against pupils from Clavering, St. Bega's, St. Helen's, St. John Vianney's and West View. The children gave their all, taking us to a **second place** finish overall, behind Clavering. We also had lots of individual medalists, who will be presented with their medals in the next few weeks.

National School Sport Week

The whole school has been sport mad this week, taking part in lots of sports, including some they may not have tried before. The Hartlepool Hawks spent two days with us teaching the children cheerleading skills as well as gymnastics on a giant, inflatable runway! We also invited James Richardson, a sports student, to lead Tri-Golf sessions for a variety of year groups, which the children really enjoyed. As well as this, on Tuesday night, the Year 6 Girls' Football team played the Year 6 Boys' Team: the boys played their best game of the year and came out 6-1 winners but the girls definitely gave them a closer match than the score suggests!

Author Event

On Wednesday afternoon, we were lucky to host children's author, Holly Webb, in school (supported by Hartlepool Library Services). Children from Year 2, 3 and 4 got to listen to Holly talking about how she became a writer; she read some of her new book to them and even gave them some tips for their own writing. Lots of children bought one of her books, which she signed and dedicated, so we'll look forward to hearing about their favourite stories.

Have a great weekend,
Miss Thompson

SUMMER 2ND DIARY DATES

A reminder of the key dates for the remainder of this academic year...

June 30th – PD Day

School closed to pupils

July 3rd – Y6 Leavers' Shows
(1:30pm and 6:30pm)

July 4th – Y6 SATs Results
(3:30pm – 5:00pm)

July 6th – Y6 Reports sent to parents

July 6th – Y6 Leavers' Party
(6:30pm–8:00pm)

July 7th – Y6 Leavers' Assembly
(1:30pm)

July 10th–14th – 2017/2018 Transition
Week

July 14th – Reports sent to parents

July 18th – Rec/Y1/Y2 Disco – 1:30pm
Y3/4/5 Disco – 4:30pm

July 19th – Trip for 100% attendees

July 21st – Last day of term

Pupils return to school on
Tuesday 5th September
for the 2017/2018 academic year.

BARNARD'S GOT (lots of) TALENT!

We had a fantastic night last Thursday at the Grand Final of Barnard's Got Talent 2017.

The contestants all performed brilliantly in front of an audience of over 200 people and remained very cool under pressure, especially those who had to contend with a few technical glitches.

The fabulous fourteen acts were:

- ★ *Lexie Allen*
- ★ *Bobbi Bennison*
- ★ *Amy and Melissa Ferguson*
- ★ *Eleanor Gray*
- ★ *The Good Girls (Maisie Bate, Lucy Boughey and Jasmine King)*
- ★ *Melodi Gokova*
- ★ *Sophie Healey*
- ★ *Isaac Love*
- ★ *Ellen and Libby McDonough*
- ★ *Daniel Purdy*
- ★ *Amy Salvin*
- ★ *The Strictly Salsa Kids (Megan Blades, Ben Oliver, Harry & Teighan Stuart)*
- ★ *Ruby-Leigh Taylor-Hart*
- ★ *Lexis Wilkins*

The judges, Mrs Gibson (St. Hild's Headteacher); Mr Harrison (music teacher); Megan Wainwright (St. Hild's Head Girl) and Jemma Flounders (dance teacher) had a very tough decision but, after a long deliberation (and a few disagreements!), the results were in...

- 1st – Strictly Salsa Kids**
- 2nd – Eleanor Gray**
- 3rd – Daniel Purdy and Amy Salvin**

Also, a big thank you to our **Glee Club** for their fabulous singing...



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