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### **Dear Parents**

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back after the half-term break. Despite all of the challenges this academic year is absolutely flying by, with just five weeks before the Summer Holidays. I have a few updates for you today, and reassuringly they are not all about COVID-19. That said, whilst the vaccination programme continues to expand, we still all need to take care in order to protect ourselves as well as our friends, family and the wider community. Recent data shows the impact the new variant is having, especially on school pupils, and we must ensure that we do all we can to minimise the spread.

### **Summer term activities**

With that advice in mind, I felt it important to assure parents that we are making decisions over summer events based on both national and local guidance, as well as in discussion with Bishop Chadwick Trust. We all want to return to some normality, including all the lovely events that we had planned, but the threat of the COVID virus impacting not only on school bubbles, but also on whole families, can not be ignored. Pupils in school will still take part in these events, but unfortunately we are unable to include our community. As a school, we can control the social distancing measures in place with our pupils. As you will understand, this is a lot more difficult, almost impossible, with increased numbers of parents, grandparents etc. I hope you can support us with this decision.

### **Apprentice of the Month**

Well done to Miss Quinn who has received the Apprentice of the Month award from Newcastle City Learning. We are extremely proud of you! Link to Newcastle City Learning facebook: [https://fb.watch/6aP1\\_mK9wW/](https://fb.watch/6aP1_mK9wW/)

### **After School Clubs**

We will be hopefully starting after school clubs again in September. These can be booked on ParentPay, but please keep checking for new events.

Guitar lessons - every Tuesday lunchtime for Years 4, 5 & 6 (from 14/09/21)

Multisports - every Monday after school for Years 1, 2 & 3 (from 13/09/21)

Multisports - every Thursday after school for Years 4, 5 & 6 (from 16/09/21)

### **FA Vase**

We were very lucky to have a special visitor today. The FA Vase, won by Hebburn Town FC, was taken around each class and children were invited to have their photo taken with it. Some of the photos have been shared on our social media, while each class will upload their photos on Google Classroom.

### **Euros Fantasy Football League**

Current top 5 in the Euros FFL are:

	<b>Team Name</b>	<b>Manager</b>	<b>Points</b>
1=	Dynasty	jwatson87	97
1=	Ranger55	Steven Fletcher	97
3	Cedar FC	markhagan80	96
4	Tackles, Passes & Goals	Harvey Mason Jr	90
5	Boro in Europe	Mr Craig	89

### **Mission Together 'Day of Many Colours'**

The Day of Many Colours is a day for children to celebrate their belonging to God's Universal Family. Based on the five colours of the Mission Rosary, this special day encourages children to unite in prayer with their sisters and brothers in Africa; the Americas; Europe; Oceania; and Asia.



**On Tuesday, June 29th** we are asking children to come to school in a colourful top, including football tops (as the Euros are taking place). We are also requesting a £1 donation. Each child will then receive a Mission Rosary to take home. Further information is available at <https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/day-of-many-colours/>

### **WH Smith Book Voucher Scheme**

We shared a letter with you yesterday with a barcode that you can scan when you purchase books from WH Smith. Each time you scan the code you are collecting vouchers for our school. It even works for online purchases.

### **Staff Vacancies - please see current vacancies below**

Admin Assistant - <https://bccet.org.uk/vacancy/admin-assistant/>

### **And finally...**

Wishing you all the very best for the forthcoming weekend, please enjoy the forecasted sunshine, as it does look as if the rain will soon hit us! I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday for another giddy phase of expected unexpectedness. Have a good weekend!



Take care!  
Mr P Craig