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Dear Parents/Carers

I cannot believe how quickly the time is passing as we head towards the summer break. We still have many exciting things to look forward to and also have the sad task of saying a final goodbye to our Year 6 class who have been absolutely amazing this year. I am so proud of them and everything that they have achieved.

RESIDENTIAL VISIT: We have provisionally booked a residential visit to the Kingsway Centre in Weardale in February next year for Year 6 (September 2018). We have managed to secure an exceptionally good price for the visit. If your child is interested can you please send the reply slip back to school by Wednesday, 11th July at the latest. Please have a look at the Kingsway website for further information on what they can offer the children during their visit. Their website address is www.kingswaycentre.co.uk.

NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT: After quite a long wait our new play equipment is being installed on the Key Stage 1 yard and will be ready to use early next week!

SUMMER DISCO: I would like to thank The Friends of Blaydon West for organising the Summer Disco for Monday, 9th July. This is a really nice way to end the Friends of Blaydon West's activities for this year. Children can stay after school or pop home and return to school for a 4.00pm start. The Disco finishes at 5.30pm. The Friends of Blaydon West are always looking for more volunteers to make events such as this a success. If you can spare a little time why not become involved. If you are interested please call to the school office.

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC: As the final part of our new Reception children's transition Miss Donnelly has invited children and parents to join her on the afternoon of Thursday, 12th July for a Teddy Bears' Picnic. Hopefully, the sun will continue to shine and they will have a brilliant afternoon.

SPORTS DAY – THORP: It was lovely to see so many parents/carers attending our Sports Day yesterday. There was a lot of positive feedback about the event. The children had a fantastic day in the glorious sunshine and came back to school exhausted!

KARATE TASTER SESSIONS: I am delighted to say that there has been a phenomenal response to the letter sent out regarding the after school Karate sessions in September. I can confirm that the club will go ahead. The sessions will start on Monday, 10th September between 3.20pm and 4.20pm. Further information will be given re payment etc once this becomes available.

REMINDER:

NURSERY SPORTS DAY: Nursery Sports day this year will be on Tuesday, 10th July, between 10.45am and 11.45am in school. Parents/carers are welcome to attend.

NURSERY GRADUATION: The Nursery graduation will take place on Tuesday, 17th July at 11.30am. Parents/carers are welcome to attend – please enter via the normal Nursery gate.

YEAR 1 CLASS ASSEMBLY: I would like to thank Miss McNally and Year 1 children for their brilliant assembly this afternoon linked to their topic work about seaside holidays. Thank you also to all of the parents who came along.

ATTENDANCE: This week's attendance is 96% which is exactly our attendance target. Year 1 had the highest attendance this week with 99%. Well done Year 1!

I hope even the non-football fanatics take the opportunity to watch the England v Sweden match tomorrow. Fingers crossed England will win and progress to the next stage in the competition. If you have no plans to watch the football please enjoy your weekend whatever you have planned!

SIMON BROWN
Head Teacher

6th July 2018