



Windermere Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of term is now just around the corner. The time seems to have flown by since last September and yet we have achieved so much. Here are the highlights:

- Amazing Christmas production of 'Stable Boy'
- Ofsted recognised the school as 'Good' – *again!*
- The canopy was installed between Years 1 and 2 creating an additional learning area and play space
- A stunning new entrance was built
- Increased number of pupils achieving a 'Good Level of Development' in Reception
- Significantly improved Year 1 phonics screening results
- Improved attainment and more importantly progress in KS1
- Improved KS2 SATs results
- A greater participation in sport across the school – winners of the football league, Scootathon, Duathlon and Triathlon events, cross country, netball, tag rugby, district athletics
- An array of school visits, overnight stays and residential trips
- A wonderful end of year production of Alice in Wonderland

I know that the children themselves will be able to add to that list of achievements with their own personal favourites – watching the chicks hatch maybe or singing at the O2.

Don't forget that this week we are rounding off our year with a Sports Awards Assembly on Tuesday morning and the Certificate Assembly on Wednesday morning; both starting at 9am. The Leavers' Assembly will be at 1.30pm on Wednesday, before we finish for the summer at 2pm.

Summer Sports Club

During our Sports Week *Game On* came in and ran a football morning. They sent out fliers advertising a holiday club for street dance and for football, running here on 18th – 20th August. I am told that they still have a few spaces. If you are interested in taking part, please contact the office to pick up an application form or contact them directly on www.gameonsportscoaching.co.uk .

Afternoon Teas

Thank you to everyone who attended or provided cakes for the afternoon teas. These were very successful with many parents welcoming the opportunity not only to look at pupils' books, but also to meet with other parents in a relaxed and informal setting. In the autumn term, we will again be showcasing our pupils' achievements through Friday assemblies, but we will revisit the afternoon teas next summer.

Staff Changes

The end of the year always brings some moments of sadness. We will be saying good-bye to Mrs Bennett at the end of term, but we wish her well at her new school and she has promised to visit us for the Christmas performance.

We also have to bid a fond farewell to two of our very valuable support assistants. Mrs Baxter joined us to support the learning of children who are newly arrived in this country, not speaking English. She has worked tirelessly with them and as a result they are now confidently tackling the challenges of the English curriculum. Unfortunately Mrs Baxter is leaving us to take up work which is better suited to her own young family's requirements. We wish her luck for the future.

Miss Hillier joined us in September, having attended Windermere herself as a pupil, as a volunteer for three mornings a week. She was interested in becoming a teacher, but was keen to get more experience in school first. Clearly she has loved the experience as she will be leaving us at the end of term to start teacher training in the autumn! She has been a great asset, particularly in Years 3 and 4. However, I am sure she will come back and visit us in the future.

2014/2015

The school restarts for children on **WEDNESDAY 3rd September 2014**. It is essential that all pupils return to school on that date. Our new Year 3s and it appears many of our other KS2 pupils will be wearing their new KS2 uniform. If the weather is still hot, children are permitted to wear their summer uniform until the end of September. Please remember that extreme haircuts and nail varnish must be restricted to the summer holidays though.

I hope you all have a good summer holiday and that all the children return safe and well in the autumn. Windermere Primary School is much more than just a place of education, it is a community and the support of the parents is crucial in ensuring that all our children achieve the very best they can. I would like to thank all of you for attending assemblies and productions, for cheering at the sporting events, for supporting the staff in everything they do for your children and for supporting your children, whether by helping them with their homework or listening to them read. I am looking forward to continuing to work with you for your children next year.

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