

## Police Helicopter Visit



Pupils and staff were thrilled to receive a visit from the police helicopter recently. It's the first time a helicopter has landed on our school field. This was part of our Mini Police project, organised by Mr Askew. Each year group took it in turn to get a closer look and receive some detailed information from the pilot.

### Dates for your diary

Friday 26 May - School breaks up for half term

Monday 5 June - School re-opens following half term break

Tuesday 6 June - Dental health survey

Friday 16 June - school closed for staff training

Monday 19 June - school re-opens

Monday 19 June - Y6 trip to London

Wednesday 21 June — Y6 trip returns from London

Thursday 29 June - Y1 visit to Theatre Royal

Wednesday 5 July - Y6 to Lightwater Valley

Wednesday 5 July - RSC trip to Stratford

Thursday 13 July - transition day for all children

Monday 17 July - Reception Y1 & 2 Sports Day

Tuesday 18 July - KS2 Sports Day

Wednesday 19 July - nursery sports day

Thursday 20 July - EYFS and Y6 - prize giving event

Friday 21 July - prize giving for Y1,2,3,4,5

## C Festival



A summer fayre has been arranged to take place in school on Friday 7 July 2017. The event will take place on the school field (weather permitting), where all children will take part in a short song or dance performance with their class. Parents are invited to arrive and be seated in time for the performances to start at 1.30pm. Please bring a picnic blanket to use if the weather is fine. Any donations for tombola or raffle prizes are welcome. Please hand these to your child's class teacher by 17th June.



### Prize Giving Summer 2017

20 July	Reception	-	1.00 pm	-	Thursday
Year 1	-	9.15 am	-	Friday 21 July	
Year 2	-	10.00 am	-	Friday 21 July	
Year 3	-	11.00 am	-	Friday 21 July	
Year 4	-	1.00 pm	-	Friday 21 July	
Year 5	-	2.00 pm	-	Friday 21 July	
Year 6	-	2.00 pm	-	Thursday 20 July	

All prize giving events will take place in the main school hall. Children are allowed to go home after their prize giving if they have a parent/adult to collect them, otherwise they will stay at school until normal finishing time. If your child has a school meal and is in Year 1, 2 or Year 3, please let the office staff know if you intend to take them home immediately afterwards so that dinner numbers can be adjusted, otherwise you may be charged for a school lunch that day. Parents will be given the opportunity to take photographs of their children at an appropriate point. Can we ask that these photographs be kept for personal use and not shared on social media.

You may be aware that there has been an increase in accessibility to a defibrillator machine in public areas recently. This is a recommendation by most providers of first aid training. In response to this we have a defibrillator in school which is kept in the school office if needed in the case of an emergency within the vicinity of the school grounds.



The new Credit Union banking facility will be available from Monday 5th June. 8.30 - 8.45 for nursery children and 10.30 - 10.45 on Fridays for reception to Y6 children.

### Absence reminder

Please remember to contact school with a reason for absence for your child on their 1st day of absence (either by text, telephone or website). Unauthorised absences can have legal implications.

### Sports Day dates - Summer 2017

Nursery AM sports and picnic - Wednesday 19 July

Nursery PM sports and picnic - Wednesday 19 July

Reception, Y1 and Y2 - Monday 17 July - 1.00pm

Years 3,4,5,6 - Tuesday 18 July - 1.30pm



### Out and About

We continue to take part in and promote educational visits to aid learning and create valuable experiences for all children. The nursery children enjoyed a day at Hall Hill Farm last week and luckily the weather stayed dry! Again, a lovely dry day for a selection of KS2 children taking part in a 'Quad Kids' event at the athletics track at Shildon today. Good luck everyone! After the half term, Year 4 children will be visiting the Centre for Life as part of their 'Inside story-digestion' topic. Year 1 children will be visiting the Theatre Royal in Newcastle on 29th June to see 'The tiger who came to tea'. Our annual visit to Lightwater Valley will take place for Year 6 again this year on Wednesday 5 July. Also on 5 July, Mrs Gentles' trip to Stratford to take part in the Royal Shakespeare Company festival for schools will once again go ahead. Many other local schools will also take part in this event.

The dental survey team from County Durham and Darlington community dental services are visiting our school on Tuesday 6 June to screen all 5 year old children. This is a national programme that is focussing on the dental health of 5 year olds.



### Forthcoming Holiday Dates - 17/18

	Closing Date	Date re-opens	Length of holiday
Summer half term 2017	Friday 26 May 2017	Monday 5 June 2017	1 week
Training day June 2017	Friday 16 June 2017		1 day
Summer holidays 2017	Friday 21 July 2017	Tuesday 5 September 2017	6 weeks and 1 day
Autumn half term 2017	Friday 20 October 2017	Monday 30 October 2017	1 week
Christmas holiday 2017	Friday 22 December 2017	Monday 8 January 2018	2 weeks
Spring half term 2018	Thursday 8 Feb 2018	Monday 19 February 2018	1 week and 1 day
Easter holidays 2018	Thursday 29 March 2018	Monday 16 April 2018	2 weeks 1 day
Training day June 2018	Monday 18 June 2018		1 day
Summer holidays 2018	Friday 20 July 2018	To be confirmed	6 weeks