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## **Head of School Update**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Can you believe we've reached the half-term break? These past five weeks have absolutely flown by.

This week I had the pleasure of accompanying Key Stage 2 on a brilliant trip to the city mosque in Newcastle, capped off with a scenic picnic lunch along the quayside. Our children were fantastic ambassadors for the school. I was impressed with their knowledge, eagerly answering questions and showing a deep respect and curiosity while learning about Muslim prayer and traditions. As always, the children were well-behaved, courteous and polite throughout the day. We are very proud of them.

The weeks after the holiday are jam-packed. Please make sure to check the diary and the Friday Flyer regularly. In the meantime, please note a couple of important updates for your calendar:

There is no Beach School for KS2 in our first week back (Thursday 4th June) as the children are taking part in a virtual science workshop instead.

There will also be changes to swimming:

Years 3, 4 & 5 Swimming: Continuing for two weeks immediately after half term.

From Monday 15th June:

Years 3 & 4: Starting PE with Callum.

Years 5 & 6: Starting a 4-week block of water safety sessions at Willowburn.

The school was a brilliant sea of colour for our Elmer Day celebrations today with the children looking fantastic in their brightest outfits. A massive thank you to everyone for your kind donations towards the Summer Fair. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and helps make these events possible for our school community.

Have a safe and happy half term!

Warm regards,

Mrs Ann Popay



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## Attendance

| Class    | Weekly attendance | Annual attendance |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Starfish | 100               | 96.82             |
| Puffins  | 96.97             | 93.72             |
| Seals    | 93.75             | 91.5              |
| Orcas    | 94.07             | 93.1              |

**Did you know?** Each pupil has 175 non-school days a year to spend however they like. The table below shows the significant impact of absence over time.

| Days of school add up to lost learning |           |           |      |         |                   |                 |
|--|-----------|-----------|------|---------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Days in school                         | 190       | 186       | 180  | 175     | 171               | 170             |
| Percentage attendance                  | 100%      | 98%       | 95%  | 92%     | 90%               | <90%            |
|  | Excellent | Excellent | Good | Caution | Cause for concern | Serious concern |

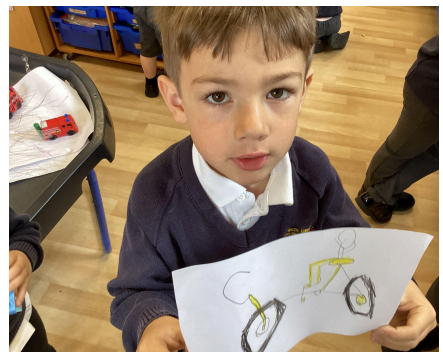
**Absence Procedures** If your child is ill, please keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school. Please notify us by phone call or email before 9.15am if your child is to be absent, and continue to inform us on a daily basis if they continue to be ill.

**What are the risks of missing a day of school?** 'Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing and wider development. Pupils with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE results. The higher a pupil's attendance, the more they are likely to learn, and the better they are likely to perform in exams and formal assessments.' The Education Hub - Department for Education.



## Classroom Updates - Starfish Class

This week we read the wonderful story by Niamh Sharkey, 'On the Road with Mavis and Marge'. Lots of children completed Rainbow Challenges, which included drawing bikes, writing about the characters' journey, building Duplo boats and creating their very own travel books. We also practiced our maths and motor skills by filling rockets with Numicon, balancing penguins on icebergs and getting active on the bikes. A special shout-out to our Nursery children, some of whom completed some challenges this week—fantastic effort! The adventure continued at beach school, where the children traveled along the beach pretending to use the same modes of transport as Mavis and Marge and we then used a steering wheel to imagine where we would travel if we could go anywhere in the world! We also became scientists, making predictions and investigating floating and sinking. We also had great fun creating a vibrant, colourful motorway using sponges to print different vehicles. It's been a wonderfully busy week and we are now looking forward to a break to recharge ready for the final half term of this academic year and the final half term in EYFS for our Reception children.





## Classroom Updates - Puffin Class

What an incredibly busy and productive five weeks it has been! Our pupils have shown immense dedication and hard work across all areas of the curriculum. In History, we took to the skies to explore the fascinating history of flight, while in Design and Technology, creativity soared as children designed and made their very own puppets – thanks to Mrs Scott's perseverance! We've also been active on the field, honing our cricket and athletic skills. We have also been busy learning how to program and control floor robots. Alongside all this exciting practical learning, the children have also written some fantastic stories with some great vocabulary and refined their fractions knowledge. The children have also shown fantastic resilience while carrying out a variety of assessments. We are incredibly proud of their focus and progress! We hope you have a restful half term and enjoy some lovely sunny weather.





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## Classroom updates - Seals Class

We had an incredibly busy start to the week on Monday! We spent a fantastic morning at the Alnwick 3G pitch taking part in a Newcastle United Foundation multi-sports session. The children threw themselves into a whole range of activities, including golf, cricket, tag games, football, and dodgeball. After working up a huge appetite, we enjoyed a lovely picnic outside Willowburn before heading in for our weekly swimming session. Our adventures continued on Wednesday with an exciting trip to the City Mosque in Newcastle, alongside Mrs Popay, Mrs G, and our friends from Ellingham. The children showed wonderful respect and curiosity during the visit, which we followed with a scenic lunch together on the Quayside. Back closer to school, Thursday was all about creativity in nature. We visited the Quarry to collaborate with the Puffins on some outdoor art activities inspired by the sculptor Andy Goldsworthy, working together to build a beautiful, intricate stone spiral. To wrap up the week on Friday, the classroom was a sea of color as we all came dressed in our brightest, most colorful clothes to celebrate Elmer Day! Amidst all these wonderful trips and events, the children have remained focused in the classroom. We have officially finished our impressive written recounts of *The Iron Man*, while in Maths, the Year 3s have been working hard to master their practical skills with money.





## **Classroom updates - Orca Class**

Well done to Orcas this week for producing thoroughly good soliloquies in English- writing the internal conflicts that Macbeth has as to whether to murder King Duncan or not. I'm really pleased about how well and engaged the children were this half term in English. We had an online meet and greet with two scientists on Thursday afternoon and we were lucky enough to be able to ask some thoughtful questions to them. Michael Smith talked about how he is working with communities in the North East to encourage people to use heating networks using old mines. Nadira Meethale Palakkool spoke about her journey to becoming a scientist from rural India to Newcastle University. Her work looks at new ways of generating hydrogen as a fuel.

In French Orcas can now communicate on where they are going on their holidays and how they will travel to their destinations! On Wednesday KS2 took a trip to Newcastle to visit a mosque. Hopefully the children learned as much as I did from the experience. I have to commend how well both Orcas and Seals behaved both in the mosque and on the streets of Newcastle. Showing respect and courtesy, they are truly a credit to the school. In art the children again excelled. This time producing textured and vibrant portraits in the style of Sandra Silberzwig. Finally, in RE they showed a lot of determination to think, discuss and attempt to persuade each other on how Jesus could make the world a better place if he were alive today.



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## Friday Flyer

### Dates for your Diary

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Friday 22nd May                   | Half-term begins  |
| Monday 1st June                   | KS1 Multi-Skills Festival   |
| Wednesday 3rd June 2pm            | Trinity Tots to Starfish Class  |
| Thursday 4th June pm              | KS2 - Road to RIAT STEM event (In-School)   |
| Friday 5th June pm                | Seals - Discover opera workshop (In-School)   |
| Wednesday 10th June               | Orcas to Life Centre  |
| Thursday 11th June                | Open the Book (leading collective worship)  |
| Friday 12th June                  | Seals trip to Edinburgh (Wear PE Kit/Bring own lunch/Drop off - Pick up Alnmouth Train Station) |
| Wednesday 24th June 8.45am        | Starfish Class Assembly   |
| Wednesday 1st July                | Year 6 transition day to DCHS<br>Whole school transition day                                    |
| Wednesday 1st July 2pm            | Trinity Tots to Starfish Class  |
| Tuesday 7th July                  | Seals virtual ballet (Wear PE Kit)  |
| Wednesday 8th July 1.30pm         | Sports Day  |
| Thursday 9th July                 | Open the Book (leading collective worship)  |
| Friday 10th July                  | Seals Bench Ball tournament (Wear PE Kit)   |
| Monday 13th July 2pm              | Year 6 leavers service  |
| Wednesday 15th - Friday 17th July | Year 6 residential - Robinwood  |
| Friday 17th July                  | Last day of term  |

**PE days for Reception Starfish, Puffins will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Y6 will have PE on Mondays. Y3, 4 and 5 will continue to swim on Mondays too. Please send your children to school wearing their PE kits on their PE days. Thank you**



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## Stars of the week

### Names:

**Starfish:** Amelia

**Puffins:** Oscar

**Seals:** Liam

**Orcas:**