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Newsletter - July 2008

Congratulations to Year 6!

Year 6 have broken all kinds of records with their SATs scores this year.

It is the first time in the history of the school that scores for Maths, English and Science have all been above 90%!

The scores for Maths and English are the highest that they have ever been!

The total score of Maths, English and Science combined is the highest in the school's history.

Well done to everyone concerned. These scores are the cumulative efforts of staff, parents and the children themselves and everyone should be extremely proud of their achievements!

Leavers Service

A final reminder that the Leavers Service will take place at 9:15am on Friday 18th July at St Christopher's Church, Hawes Side. Rev. Andy Froud, Chaplain at St. George's High School will be leading our service.

All children should be dropped off at St. Christopher's from 9am and will be met by staff who will bring them into church. We have laid on buses to bring the children back to school when the service finishes.

Due to the size of church, we will only be able to accommodate parents and family of children in Year 6.

Balloon Race

The balloon race that took place tonight raised over £900 profit. Subject to the PTFA confirming this, we anticipate that we will be using these funds to equip our new library.

Parent Governor Elections

The period of nomination for the post of parent governor has passed and we have one nomination who is subsequently elected. The parent governor elected to serve for the next four years is Mrs Jan O'Connor.

BSA PQM re -award

You may remember that the school was awarded a Quality Mark in 2005 by the Basic Skills Agency for the work done in school on Mathematics and English. We were revisited a month ago and received our second award for continued high quality provision in Mathematics and English. A big thank you to Mrs Woodcock who put together the information required by the inspector.

Summer Holidays

School closes for the summer holidays on **Wednesday 23rd July at 2:15pm.**

There is no after school care club that night and therefore no after school care for those children not collected by this time.

Building News

The builders are on schedule to finish the first phase of 12 new classrooms by 25th July and therefore when the children return, they will be returning to their new classrooms.

Over the holidays, the portacabins will be removed, the old infant classrooms will be demolished and work will begin on creating our new hall.

September 2008

When we come back on September 4th there will be no entrance to the school through the current entrance to the playground.

From September the only entrance to the playground will be via the footpath to the west of school. We have spoken to the Council who have agreed to work with us to control the use of this footpath. It is absolutely vital therefore that no vehicles other than staff or football club use this lane to ensure it is safe for pedestrians. If vehicles do enter the lane, they will have nowhere to go and nowhere to turn around so please avoid entering the lane in a car at all.

We will be setting out some areas for parents to wait for their children in the playground at the end of the day and would ask you to be patient with us as we set these new systems out.

In the first couple of weeks we will be maintaining a high staff presence around the start and end of the day to help you to get use to the new systems.

The most important aspect of this change of classroom and routine is that we can pass children safely to their parents at the end of the day.

Have a great summer holiday!

All that remains is for me to wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer holiday with fingers crossed that the sun will shine!

**School re-opens for academic year 2008-09 on
Thursday 4th September at 8:55am.**