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*To create a school where we all:
 go further than we thought!
 run faster than we hoped!
 reach higher than we dreamed!
 to become the people God meant us to be!!!!*

Dated: 14th July, 2017

Dear Parents & Pupils,

Here is newsletter number 38 for this academic year:

1.	Church service with Rev Steve
2.	Whole School Trip to Beamish
3.	Summer Gala this Sunday, 16 th July
4.	Summer Gala dance workshop, 12:15pm
5.	Year 6 Parents' Lunch
6.	Mrs Botham's leaving assembly
7.	Birthdays
8.	Pupil of the Week

1. The whole school attended All Hallows on Wednesday this week, for their first church service held by Rev Steve. The children enjoyed a sunny walk down to the church and then were all very good and quiet listening to Rev Steve's talk about saying goodbye in different languages, as an end of school year theme. They were also very impressed when Rev Steve did a few magic tricks! The children sang several of the school's favourite songs so that he can get to know the songs too.

2. Yesterday the whole school spent the day at Beamish Open Air Museum for our annual school trip. We were very lucky with the weather, which was fine and not too hot and not too cold, and the children enjoyed an absolutely super day, looking round the museum and old-fashioned streets and shops, riding on the open-air bus, going down into the pit, among many other things, and taking part in various educational workshops. The children were all so well-behaved and a real credit to their families and to the school - with several Beamish staff and other visitors even commenting how they were the most polite and patient group of school children they'd had in all week. We were incredibly proud of them! A huge thank you to all the parents who came along on the day to help with the trip - it's much appreciated.

3. This Sunday, 16th July, is the annual Summer Gala at school - all are welcome, and please bring along family and friends! The day is set to be fantastic, with lots of different stalls, games, performances, and amazing prizes to be won. Please remember to bring lots of cash/change, as there are no bank machines nearby! There will also be a cake sale, and FOSS would be most grateful of any donations of cakes and baked goods for the stall.

4. If your child can take part in the Phoenix Dance performance at the Gala but hasn't returned their permission slip, please could you return this to the office today. Children taking part in the performance will need to meet at **12:15pm** at the Gala, in the Year2/3 classroom. For costumes, children should wear something comfy to dance in, and just casual - T-shirts, leggings, shorts, etc. (please do not buy anything new). **Year 2/3 children should wear warm, "lion" colours. Year 4/5/6 children should wear cool, "water" colours.** If you have any questions, please see Mrs Adams or Miss Hodkin, who will be leading the performance.

5. Year 6 Parents/Carers - if you haven't yet returned the slip for the Year 6 Parents' Lunch on Thursday 20th July but intend to come to the lunch, please could you return this to the office as soon as possible. Many thanks.



6. The children are all busy preparing for a Leaving Assembly for Mrs Botham for the last day of term, among other things to mark Mrs Botham's retirement. There may be a few surprises in store for Mrs Botham! It will not doubt be a very emotional day for her, and of course for our Year 6 children on their last day too.

Happy Birthday this week to:



Angelica - 11th July



Each week, class teachers select a child from every year group as Pupil of the Week. A Pupil of the Week has to: *Try hard and do their best, be kind and thoughtful, be helpful, show respect, be polite, consider others, follow the school and classroom rules, and be a good friend.*

The Pupils of the Week for this week will be awarded next Monday.