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The Future Begins Here.....

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Dear Parent / Carers

Welcome back to school from what we hope has been a lovely Summer break spent with family and friends. We wish an extra special welcome to our new Reception pupils, we are sure you will be happy at LPS and quickly feel part of our school family. We are also very excited to welcome our first ever Y6 pupils. Let's make your last year at our school the best yet!

### During the summer

We have been working hard during the summer to reorganise school to maximize learning potential. We now have a designated EYFS / KS1 area and a separate KS2 area. We hope you like what we have done so far; watch this space for further developments, work in progress!

### Whole School Swimming

We are delighted to tell you that the whole school will be starting swimming lessons on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

Lessons will take place at the new Ashington Leisure Centre from **1pm till 1.45pm each Monday until the Easter Break**. Pupils and accompanying staff will be collected from school by coach at 12.30pm and picked up at 2pm to return to school. Your child will need a suitable bather for the girls and swimming trunks/shorts for the boys as well as a towel.

As you can appreciate the cost of providing swimming lessons and transport is huge. The total weekly cost per child is **£5.30**. We would kindly ask for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of a minimum of **£4 per week**.

Please complete and sign the attached permission slip (Orange Paper) and return to school as soon as possible. Unfortunately we will not be able to take any child that we have not received parental permission form.

### Whole School Trip to Seven Stories

We are taking the whole school to Seven Stories, The National Centre for Children's Books, at Newcastle on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

EYFS & KS1 will attend the 'Rhymes around the World' workshop, a multi-sensory exhibition which invites you to step straight into your favorite nursery rhymes, discovering how stories, song and rhyme are shared across generations around the world and KS2 will be learning all about Michael Morpurgo who is one of Britain's best loved story makers and enjoying some of his classics such as War Horse and Farm Boy.

Please complete and sign the attached permission slip (Yellow Paper) and return to school tomorrow.

### Great North Museum Trip – Investigating Mummies Workshop

KS2 will visit the GNM on **Wednesday 9 November**. They will get to work like an Egyptologist and examine different evidence to discover some of the secrets of mummification. They will use original source material and will look at x-rays.

EYFS and KS1 will be using maps to walk around Newcastle finding well know land marks before making their way to the Great North Museum to meet the others. Further details will follow shortly.



## Harvest Festival

This year we shall celebrate Harvest by holding a Harvest Festival in school which will be followed by a 'Harvest Supper'. Children and their families are invited to join us for delicious homemade soup and bread. Further details and the date will follow shortly.

## Parent Consultations, Tuesday 18 October

You will shortly be receiving appointment times. Should your allocated time not be suitable please let your teacher know and we shall endeavor to arrange a mutually convenient time.

And finally we have some exciting news to tell you.....

KS2 children will have the opportunity to visit Robin Wood Activity Centre at Barhaugh Hall, Alston, Cumbria in March 2017 for a 3 day fun filled residential stay. Children will take part in a range of adventure activities. The trip will take place on **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March and return on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**. Three members of school staff, including Mrs Mason, will be accompanying the children on the trip.

We have arranged a KS2 parents meeting for **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 3.00pm** which we would advise you to attend, if possible, so we can give you all the information and hopefully answer any questions or queries you may have.

We are hoping to keep the cost to parents to an absolute minimum by arranging lots of fundraising events running up to the trip. We would welcome any ideas you may have that would help us to get well on our way with this.

I am really looking forward to meeting you all and feel privileged to have the opportunity to work with you and contribute to shaping a successful future for each of your children in our care.

If you have any queries or concerns at any time, please do not hesitate to contact me via Emma in the school office so we can arrange a convenient time to meet.

Kindest Regards



Samantha Mason  
Headteacher

