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Dear Parents/Carers

BBC News – Brass Festival

Yesterday we were very lucky to have Brazen Brass in our school, a band who are part of the Durham Brass Festival. The BBC North East News team came to film the performance at Church Street and interviewed some of our wonderful Lead Ambassadors. I have been told the clip will be shown on Wednesday on BBC News.

Academy News

Our conversion to an academy with NCDAT is now expected to take place on 1st October. Preparations are well underway and more information will be sent to you after the summer holidays.

Attendance & Lates

Attendance is a focus for every school nationally with an expectation that all children are in school 95% of the time. It is very worrying that this year only 9 pupils out of our 343 pupils have achieved 100% attendance and been in school every day. I realise that sickness happens and events sometimes take over at home, but want to reinforce how important it is for your child to make the most of every day they can in school.

We are also very aware of children arriving to school late. Our gates open at 8.30am at Moor Lane and 8.40am at Church Street. The period of time leading up to registration is filled with activities for children including maths activities, reading, Morning Challenge and Early Birds. Taking part in these activities really does help children make progress in their learning, and more importantly they miss a lot of social time if they arrive late. In our school, children must be in by 8.40am at Moor Lane and 8.50am at Church Street. Anyone who is late by 15 minutes or more will receive a late mark and could face legal action. If you are experiencing difficulties getting your child to school on time please let school know and we will try to help.

Reading Books

Please return all reading books by Thursday so that they can be put away for the summer. If you have any additional reading books or reading records at home please send them in. Every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 were given a reading record book at the start of the year and it seems lots of these are missing. If you find any over the summer, don't worry just return to us when we come back in September.

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Payment for School Meals, Breakfast Club & Teatime Club

Can you please ensure all outstanding amounts owed for the above clubs are brought up to date and that accounts are paid in advance for the new half term. If you are experiencing any difficulties with this, please speak to me or Annie Docherty, Pastoral Manager.

Dinner Notification

If your child is wishing to change from packed lunch to dinners or dinners to packed lunch please can you notify the school office one week before the change is to take place. This helps us to notify kitchen staff and avoid unnecessary charges on your account and food wastage.

Fundraising

We are absolutely amazed by your generosity in our latest fundraising event. With your help, the Hartlepool Penalty shoot-out has raised £6954, half of which will go to school funds. We have never ever raised as much money. Thank you!

If you still have sponsor money it is not too late to bring in to school, please bring in to school by Thursday 17th July.

Regards

Marie-Louise Binks

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