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Friday 15th July 2022

A message from Miss Coates…

We've had a lovely penultimate week at M-i-T Primary School, especially in the sunshine! This week, we held our first annual sports day in two years! It was lovely to be able to welcome families to the event and some of you even joined in on the fun!

As a school, we are moving forward and preparing ourselves for the start of the 2022-2023 Autumn term. There are some key changes to the arrivals and departure procedures. This is to ensure all pupils are safe and there is a more orderly process to these parts of the day. **We are going to begin these changes from Monday**, in preparation for September, so that we can evaluate their effectiveness. Please see below:

Arrivals and Departures Year 1-6

Pupils must arrive onto the school main playground. They can access this via the gate to the car park, which will be coned off to create a footpath. A member of staff will be there ensuring pupils and any vehicles do not enter the car park. Pupils may also enter through the EYFS area if they are arriving from the village area. They will walk through the provision and come onto the school playground.
Taxis and buses must park on the street. The driver then must bring pupils to the footpath, where a member of staff will sign them off and walk them to the playground to ensure they are safe.

At home time, parents/carers must collect pupils from the playground. Teachers will dismiss the pupils from the doors therefore we ask parents/carers to wait behind the blue line on the ground.
Taxi and bus drivers have been asked to come and collect pupils from the main office and sign them out. Again, they will not have access to the school car park.
School have made the taxi and bus services aware of the changes.

Arrivals and Departures EYFS (Nursery and Reception)

Pupils in EYFS should arrive via the green nursery entrance. Staff will be waiting to meet parents/carers and pupils there. At the end of the school day, pupils will be dismissed from the nursery garden. Again, staff will be there to greet you. Parents/carers are welcome to come into the garden to speak to staff.
NB: Nursery morning sessions will continue start at 9:00am.

Start/finish times: Pupils should be ready to go into school at 8:40am. School begins at 8:45am; when the bell rings, pupils will enter school. The gates will close at 8:45am. Any arrivals after this time will need to go to the main office to sign in.

School finishes at 3pm. Teachers will dismiss their class on the playground from this time. The gates will open for parents to arrival at 2:55pm.

Dawn Till Dusk: If you child attends Dawn Till Dusk before or after school, arrangements have been made with the childcare provider and school. They will share correspondence on Monday. No changes will be made until consent has been obtained.

This week at Middleton-In-Teesdale Nursery and Primary School…

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EYFS

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers in attendance for our Nursery Sports Day Stay and Play. First the children were divided into four teams; they had to work as a team to take turns to run and collect their team's coloured bean bag. Next, was the obstacle course which required co-ordination and balancing skills to jump over the hurdles and step over the stepping stones; then a race to the finish line. We had a break for refreshments and then the children had a great fun with the egg and spoon race! Finally, we ended our sports morning with parachute games and both children and parents joined in. Reception also enjoyed their sports day, along with the rest of school!

This week, in EYFS we have been reading a text called 'The Snail and the Whale'. Pupils enjoyed making snails using a variety of techniques. Pupils then took finger-puppet snails on a journey around school, describing learning environments and using a wide range of vocabulary.

Y1/2

This week, Year 1/2 had a great time competing in their sports day events. All the children tried so hard and should be proud of themselves and their team! It has been a busy sporting week as we have also been lucky enough to attend a Multi-skills Festival at Staindrop Academy. The children took part in lots of activities, which were delivered by young sports leaders, where they had the chance to show a range of skills they have been improving this year in P.E. All of the children tried really hard and their behaviour was fantastic, well done! Also, a big thank you to our parent volunteers for coming along to help!

This week some of the children have had the opportunity to share the adventures that they sent Flat Stanley on… he has been to some wonderful places! Thomas sent Flat Stanley on an amazing adventure to Eppleby with his Gran and Grandad, Mia sent Flat Stanley to visit her Gran in Brighton, and her Gran then sent him (and Flat Sally) to visit family friends in Germany! Katelyn received Flat Stanley back in the post after his journey to Scotland to visit her Godmother and friends of the family. All of the children read their adventures to the class and shared pictures and gifts that they were sent. The children have loved our Flat Stanley topic. Well done parents, family and friends for helping make this a brilliant learning.

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Y3/4

This week Y3/4 had great fun participating in sports day and all made a brilliant effort, it was great to see them working so well in their teams and supporting each other. Well done to them all!

Y4 have been exploring symmetry in Maths, identifying lines of symmetry in shapes, and creating complicated patterns and have enjoyed using mirrors to check their work. Meanwhile, Y3 have continued to identify angles and they are now moving onto shape and identifying horizontal and vertical lines to begin with then practising drawing accurately with a ruler and the square guides in their books.

We have been looking at land use in Geography this week and are taking a closer look at how the land is used in the UK, particularly in farming, and how this has changed very little over the years due to our landscape. The children have really enjoyed looking into the different types of farming, using atlases, and comparing our local land use in farming to other areas of the country.

Well done to Fred in Year 3 who, as part of his homework, contacted his favourite author via email. Dave Villager, author of the Legend of Dave the Villager series, emailed back answering Fred's questions!

Y5/6

On Wednesday a group of 15 Y5 & 6 students, accompanied by Mrs Emery and Mrs Manser, took part in an Athletics Competition hosted and run by Staindrop Academy. We joined five other local primary schools to compete in a range of track and field events in the sun on the sports field. The standard was very high and our pupils tried their very best. Sadly, we did not win, but everyone who took part should be proud of their achievements and their behaviour whilst at the competition.

Meanwhile, in school we are preparing for the Leavers' Assembly next Wednesday. Year 6 have been putting the finishing touches to some poems and learning a song to perform. We have also enjoyed hearing the guitar group play during their final lesson of the year with Mr Waite.

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Important Messages…

As the temperatures are set to rise next week (potentially to 33 degrees), please ensure your child/children come to school with the following:

- Appropriate clothing (ideally light weight and light colours) – pupils to do not need to wear school uniform to ensure they can be comfortable
- A hat/cap, ideally with a wide brim, to protect their face and head from the sun/heat (they may also bring sunglasses)
- Wearing sunscreen (pupils are welcome to reapply themselves throughout the day)
- A bottle of water that can be refilled

Please be reassured, any physical activity will be reduced/less strenuous to avoid pupils feeling any discomfort. Playtimes and lunchtimes may be reduced; this will be monitored throughout the week.

Unfortunately, Monday's football match against Staindrop has been cancelled as has the coaching session planned from 3-4pm. Parents/carers should have received an email from the school office.

We are following the guidance from gov.uk. Please click the image below for further reference:

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Dates for your diary…

Please see the upcoming events in school:

Week commencing: Monday 18th July 2022		
Date	**Event**	**Additional Information**
Monday 18th July 2022	~~Middleton V Staindrop Football Match (at M-i-T)~~	Cancelled due to weather conditions. Parents/carers should have received an email.
Tuesday 19th July 2022	KS2 Water Fun sessions	Please refer to the letter on the school app.
Wednesday 20th July 2022	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	10:30-11:30am *Parents/carers may arrive from 10am for refreshments.*
	EYFS 'Stay and Play' celebration	1:30-2:30pm
	End of Summer term	School closes at 3pm for the holidays.

Week commencing: Monday 5th September 2022		
Date	**Event**	**Additional Information**
Monday 5th September 2022	INSET Day	School closed to pupils
Tuesday 6th September 2022	Autumn Term begins for pupils	School open to pupils

Week commencing: Monday 12th September 2022		
Date	**Event**	**Additional Information**
Tuesday 13th September 2022	Roald Dahl Day	Pupils come to school dresses ad their favourite Roald Dahl character.