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Dear Parents,

What a lovely week of swimming we had. Lots of fun and lots of learning. We have been so proud of the positive learning attitude all our children have. Our swimming teacher Claire, commented on our wonderful children and said what a pleasure they are to teach. We know this! They are great!

We have lots more planned so this letter gives you some important dates for your diary.

Before this I'd like to remind everyone that we need to continue to be careful as transmission rates of new COVID variants are reported to be increasing. Plans listed below will be kept if at all possible, but changed if needed. Please could I remind everyone dropping off and picking up at the end of the day to wear a face cover, maintain social distance whilst waiting and follow the routes in and out. This remains firmly in the Local Authority Health and Safety guidance. We continue to carefully follow procedures in school. Thank you so much for your support with this. Our team work is helping to keep our community as safe as possible.

Armathwaite School ~ What's on in June and July

Tuesday June 15th ~ Emergence Dance

Year 4, 5 and 6 will participate in an online dance workshop with Manchester based professional dance company Emergence Dance. We have worked with their educational outreach team over a few years now, prior to travelling to Kendal to see them perform at The Brewery Arts Centre, Kendal. We missed this opportunity last year due to lockdown. However, this year we will be watching a live stream performance in school. Our workshop will explore the theme of their dance. We will learn, practise and perform some of the dance motifs, which will make the live performance even more meaningful to us. The workshop will take place on Tuesday June 15th at 10am. We will watch the live performance in school on Wednesday June 23rd at 7.30pm. We will create a special space to watch the performance and will provide drinks and snacks for the children. This will be in honour of our fabulous Year 6. School will cover the cost of the workshop and live performance linked to our PE and School Sport premium. Interval refreshments will be my treat.

Friday June 18th ~ Tokyo Olympics

This Friday we will be travelling to Carlisle to take part in our own Tokyo Olympics! The event will take place at the Sheep Mount and will be exclusively for our school. We will spend the morning participating in a range of athletic events, including javelin and shot put, sprinting and hurdles, tri-golf, tennis and multi-skills. The whole school will be involved but we will remain in our bubble groups. All events will take place outside in line with risk assessments. Following the morning we will return to school for a slightly late lunch, followed by planning afternoon. Children who have instrument lessons with Mr Verry

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will have these in the afternoon instead. The cost of this experience and the travel to and from the event will be covered through our PE and School Sport Premium.

Wednesday June 23rd ~ Eden Rivers Field Trip

Year 4, 5 and 6 will travel to Croglin to work with Tania Crockett from the Rivers Trust. They will meet Jim, a local farmer and find out how he is managing his farm for the benefit of wildlife and ecology. Children will travel with staff by bus, leaving at the beginning of the school day and returning for the end of the day. All children will need a packed lunch. This can be provided by Anne if you order on School Lunchshop. We will take water bottles from school, so children do NOT need to bring a drink. Strong, sturdy footwear is needed and LONG trousers to avoid nettles, thistles and ticks. Children will need a waterproof jacket and sunscreen\sun hat.

Preparation for the visit will take place on the Monday and Tuesday through zoom meetings and break out times.

Evening ~ as mentioned above, children in Year 4, 5 and 6 can return to school for 7.15pm to see Emergence Dance perform through a livestream link into school. We expect the performance to finish around 9pm, so please arrange to collect your child at this time.

Monday June 28th ~ Life Education Bus

The Life Education bus will visit for the full morning. Children will learn about how to stay healthy and develop healthy lifestyles. We will learn about physical health and mental health and well-being. The cost of this experience is covered through our PE and School Sports Premium. All children in school will participate in age appropriate learning.

Tuesday June 29th

We are hoping to visit Talkin Tarn for the day. This will be our summer trip. Miss Price and I recently attended training at Talkin Tarn and as a result we are able to apply for a travel grant to help with the cost of the buses to transport us there and back. More information to follow.

July 5th to 9th 2021 ~ Swimming

Our second week of swimming lessons will take place. Due to continued COVID restrictions we will once again travel by bus (same arrangements as last week).

Wednesday July 14th ~ Leavers Summer Performance

Our summer performance will be outdoors at 2pm. We will perform our play and then the Year 6s will give their speeches and we will celebrate their time at Armathwaite School. We really hope this event will be able to go ahead. Make sure you pop the date in your diary.

Leavers Trip for Year 6

Our Year 6 evening out is on the same evening. We will leave school at the end of the school day for an outdoor adventure, followed by take away supper by the fire pit! More information to follow.

Friday July 16th ~ Wheelchair Basket ball

As a treat for our Year 6 leavers we have booked Nat on their last morning at Armathwaite School. The older children in bubble 2 (Year 4, 5 and 6) will have a fun tournament!

As soon as we can, we will let you know what time we will all finish on the last day of term.

Well, that is more than enough information for anyone to take in!

We will also be completing interview reports which will be sent out before the end of term, alongside the opportunity for outdoor parent meetings if required.

Yours sincerely,

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