



Fun at the Farm

Children in nursery had hands on experience when they visited Hall Hill Farm this week. They petted and fed the animals, went on tractor rides and even had a go at milking a cow! They finished with a well deserved ice-lolly. The children had a marvellous time on their summer trip!



All Aboard the Bus!

Children had the opportunity to practice their French when the French Bus came to visit. They had a wonderful time exploring French language activities and a range of French reading books.



Star of Stars

Congratulations to the following children who have received our 'Star of Stars' annual award for their outstanding achievements throughout the school year. Children received a certificate and prize in the Star of Stars assembly. This is a great achievement and you should be very proud of yourselves well done!

- Year 6 **Cameron Abbott**
- Year 5 **Stevie Parkin**
- Year 4 **Robbie Lambe**
- Year 3 **Ebony Abbott**
- Year 2 **Mia MacGregor**
- Year 1 **Teagan Marriott**
- Reception **Sam Blair**



Don't Forget To Order Uniform

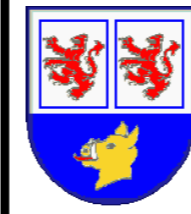
Embroidered uniforms are available to order from 'Tesco'. You can order on-line and get them delivered to an address of your choice.

Ordering is simple:-

1. Go to www.tesco.com/ues
2. Search for Willington Primary School - You will see the customised items you can buy.

A link is also available on our website.

All the staff of Willington Primary School would like to wish you a happy and safe summer break. If you are staying at home or going on holiday we hope you have an amazing time! We have had a wide range of exciting and remarkable events take place this year and we can't wait to start a new one in September. We look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 4th September**.



Goodbye and Good Luck Year 6



How a Year 6 class conduct themselves has a huge influence on the rest of the school. This year we have had an amazing group of independent thinking young people who have really taken responsibility for their learning and whose behaviour has been exemplary. In a

primary school the younger children aspire to be like the 'Year sixes' and this year we couldn't have asked for better role models. It is no coincidence that this has been such a successful year for our school with:-



Ofsted rating Willington Primary as a 'Good School' – (we already knew this but it's nice to have it officially recognised!)
Best ever SATs results under the new regulations – 8% above national average for reading, writing and maths combined!
Anyone lucky enough to spend time with our Year 6 pupils has been impressed by their positive attitudes, entertained by their sense of humour and astounded by their maturity. This is a special group of young people who can take Parkside in their stride and go on to achieve whatever challenging ambitions they set themselves.

I would like to thank all the staff who have helped shape these children throughout their time at Willington Primary but a particular mention must go to Miss Jones and Mrs Jacob. The 'Dream Team', as they are affectionately known, have worked tirelessly to enable every child in year 6 to exceed our expectations!

On behalf of all the staff and children at Willington Primary I would like to wish our wonderful Year 6 children every success for the future.

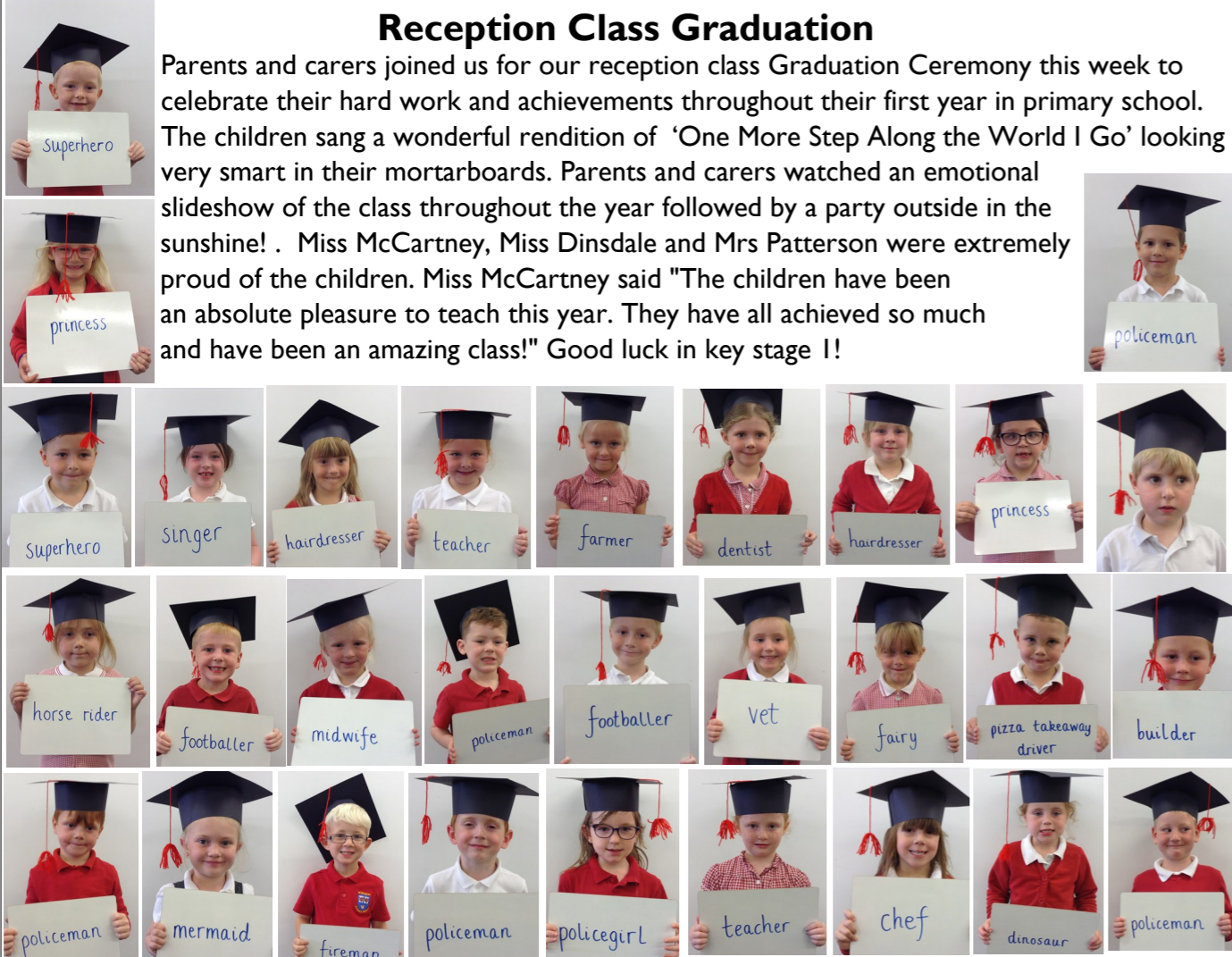
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Reception Class Graduation

Parents and carers joined us for our reception class Graduation Ceremony this week to celebrate their hard work and achievements throughout their first year in primary school. The children sang a wonderful rendition of 'One More Step Along the World I Go' looking very smart in their mortarboards. Parents and carers watched an emotional slideshow of the class throughout the year followed by a party outside in the sunshine! . Miss McCartney, Miss Dinsdale and Mrs Patterson were extremely proud of the children. Miss McCartney said "The children have been an absolute pleasure to teach this year. They have all achieved so much and have been an amazing class!" Good luck in key stage 1!



Year 6 Fairtrade



Year 6 have been looking at Fairtrade and what it means. After conducting some research, they were tasked with designing and creating their own Fairtrade chocolate product. Children came up with designs of the product itself as well as the packaging and

advertising (including some very tuneful jingles) They were given a budget for their project and all groups managed to produce (and eat) some very tasty creations!



Sports Days

For once we had fantastic sunny weather for our sports days. Nursery to year 6 took part in fun filled sessions. The events involved a variety of sports skills and fitness challenges. A massive thank you to parents and carers for their cheering and support.



School Games Mark



We are delighted to announce that we, Willington Primary School, have achieved the School Games Bronze Award for this academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport. We are pleased that the hard work of pupils and staff at our school have been rewarded this year.

Litter Competition

Children have been using their artistic skills to help spread the word about keeping Willington litter free. Year 4 were challenged by 'Tidy Ted' to design an eye-catching poster to encourage residents to dispose of their litter correctly. It is part of the 3 Towns Area Partnership and Durham County Council. Our talented pupils produced an array of designs, making the task of choosing a winner extremely difficult for the judges. However, after much deliberation, Gracie-Mae Butterfield was named as the winner. As part of her prize, Gracie-Mae received a voucher and framed picture of her poster which was presented by Councillor Gunn. Keep a look out for Gracie-Mae's poster, it will be popping up on a lamppost or bin near you soon!!



Support During the Holidays

The school holidays can be a difficult time! Suddenly there are more mouths to feed from morning until night. So don't forget our local food banks can help during the holidays. To access the food bank you will need a voucher and these are available from Julie Bray our school PSA. Julie is around for most of the summer holidays so if you would like a voucher please contact Julie on 07825 341 243. Free healthy snacks are also available during the school holidays for children visiting any Durham County Council swimming pool or library, Monday to Friday, all day! Snacks on offer include bananas, Satsuma's, apples, popcorn, raisins etc. The snacks will help to ensure that kids have access to something healthy rather than chocolate and sugary snacks. Details of local swimming pools and libraries can be found at www.durham.gov.uk

Year 5 Visit Harehope Quarry

Year 5 went on a very exciting trip to Harehope Quarry, Frosterley. Children have been learning in class about how rivers change along their course (especially the River Wear) from source to mouth. The class carried out field work measurements at Harehope Gill and Bollihope Burn to compare their width, speed flow and depth.

