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CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

What a busy start to the last half term we have had! A plethora of trips in the first couple of weeks back at school! Our year 4 children were lucky enough to visit the treasure trove of books at the British Library to support literacy and reading for pleasure. It was an amazing opportunity for them to find out more about the inner workings of our national library, unveil some special items from collections and hear from the guest author Kate Pankhurst.



Year 4 were out again, this time with Year 3 visiting a Roman Fort at Murton Park as part of their project on the Ancient Romans. The children started the day as lowly Roman peasants living in a Roman village and experienced working in the jobs of that time. The peasants were then recruited into the Roman Army where they trained to be a soldier, practicing to use the shield / spear and other weaponry and learnt various battle formations before going on guard duty. There were various craft activities in the afternoon such as pottery.



Several of our year 5 children visited York St John University to learn all about the future of game design. The afternoon was spent experiencing virtual reality and the children were able to try designing games themselves!! What an amazing experience and a huge thanks to York St John and Ebor Academy Trust for arranging this event.

Year 6 spent a week at Humphrey Head in Cumbria where they took on activities such as orienteering, ghyll scrambling, bush craft, sea traversing, hiking and abseiling with great excitement and enthusiasm. They worked together well as a team and will have some wonderful memories of their time there.



KS1 children visited one of the most complete and best preserved medieval castles when they went to Skipton Castle. They had a wonderful day learning about stone masons and the mason marks, arrow slits, the long drop and which hand is for eating with as well as the dungeons. The brave children went down into the dungeons and the lights were switched off!



The final trip we've had this term is year 5's visit to Ripon Racecourse as part of the Racing to School Education Programme. During this trip the children saw how the topics they have learnt in class across different subjects are used in this sport. The day involved weight measurements, planning a diet, writing a race card and watching a professional horse race.



Our Transition week for children to meet their teachers for next year is the 1st to 5th July, children will move up to their new class every morning during the

week. The Year 6 students who are moving on to secondary schools will be having inductions days throughout that week.

On Friday 5th July we are celebrating Sports Day, a fantastic annual event where the children work together in their house groups. Parents also get to spend a fantastic afternoon with their children and hopefully eat a sunny BBQ lunch! At the end of the day we are inviting parents to say their goodbye's to Mrs George as this will be her final Sports Day.

Friday 12th July will be a Family BBQ and Gala organised by the PTFA this event is running from 3.30 until 6.30pm and will be packed full of entertainment and stalls. Please pop up and join us.

We will be going to church at 2pm on Thursday 18th July, for the leaver's service and there will be a leaver's assembly at 2.30pm on Friday 19th July. School also closes on this day so we wish you all a very happy sunny holiday and we will look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 3rd September.

Summary of important dates for the last half term:

Teacher Training Day	28 th June
Transition Week	1-6 th July
Sports Day - Parents Welcome	5 th July
School Reports go out	9 th July
Buddy Lunch	9 th July
Year 5/6 Production @ 2pm & 6pm	10 th July
Year 5/6 Production @ 6pm	11 th July
PTFA Summer Fair & BBQ 3.30 - 6.30pm	12 th July
Y6 Leavers Church Service @ 2pm	18 th July
Y6 Leavers Assembly @ 2.30pm	19 th July
School Closes for summer	19 th July

School re-opens on Tuesday 3rd September 2019 at 8.50am