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Well that was a slightly different start to the week than we had planned. As you know, we had our school inspection carried out on Tuesday and Wednesday by Her Majesty's Inspector, Mary Cook. Whilst we did not know it was going to be carried out on these days until 10.00am on Monday, we had been preparing for it for many months, hoping it was going to be in this school year. Whilst I cannot share the result of the inspection with you at the moment, we were happy with the initial findings. The report will now be written and sent to school as a draft within 18 days. The final report should be with school within 30 days of the inspection. If this arrives before the end of term, it will be shared with you. However, if it does not arrive before the summer holidays, it may have to be kept until we return in September.

I have spoken to children today and told them how proud we were of the way they conducted themselves throughout the inspection. However, this is how the children are every day – they were not putting a show on. In fact, I told the inspector on Monday, in our two-hour telephone call, exactly what she would see when she came into school. She said children were confident, well mannered, polite and curious.

Staff and governors have worked extremely hard over many months ensuring, when the time eventually came, that it would go as smoothly as it did. The inspector commented that whenever she asked for evidence of something, it was always presented in a timely manner.

Finally, I would like to thank you – parents, carers, grandparents and other relatives. Many of you completed questionnaires or actually spoke to the inspector on Wednesday morning. An overwhelming number were so, so positive about our school, our staff, our community and the work that is completed in school. Thank you. The children also completed questionnaires online in school for the inspector. 100% of those children who completed these said that they would recommend this school to someone else – a figure the inspector said was unusual.

An exhausting few days have been spent in school and we hope to be able to share the final report this school year.

Key Stage 2 Circus Skills Day

This was a fantastic day yesterday (and could not have been organised for a better day!). Children were juggling, plate spinning, using flower sticks, diablos and lots of other strange looking equipment. They loved their session with Marty and the weather was kind too.



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Thursday 30 th June	Reception 'Bugs & Stuff' visit (in school)
	'STEM Amazing' visit – whole school (science, technology, engineering & maths day in school)
🕻 Friday I st July	Year 4 – Brinkburn Priory
	Nursery Open Afternoon for September starters
Thursday 7 th July	Year 6 Transition Day (Ashington Academy)
	Transition morning in school
	Reception & Key Stage One Sports afternoon (I.30pm – parents welcome)
Friday 8 th July	Nursery AM Sports morning – (9.00am – parents welcome)
	Nursery PM Sports afternoon (I.00pm – parents welcome)
🗶 Tuesday I2 th July	Ashington Academy Year 6 evening (6.00pm at Ashington Academy)
Wednesday I3 th July	Key Stage Two Sports afternoon (I.30pm – parents welcome)
Monday 18 th July	Open afternoon (more information to follow)
Wednesday 20 th July	Year 6 presentation Evening 5.00pm (more information to follow)
Friday 22 nd July	School closes for the summer holidays (3.15pm)



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