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Dear Parents & Carers,

I think that our Ash and Oak pupils will be tumbling into the half-term holiday after their energetic visit to the Pioneer Centre this week. It certainly was action-packed! The pupils approached the activities positively and rose to the challenges; they coped impressively from being away from home and settled well in their dorms. We had a great time and all the staff agreed that it was a pleasure to take them away!

Yesterday, Mrs Hadley took a group of Y5/6 pupils to the New Age Kurling event at the William Brookes School and returned to school armed with certificates and glowing with pride. She sent this message:

*'I just wanted to let you know how fantastic the group of children that I took to kurling were. Their behaviour & teamwork was just brilliant; they were polite, friendly and respectful at all times and they were awesome to be with! Please tell them I said thank you, thank you, thank you!!'*

Parents/carers of Year 1 pupils will be aware that next half-term their children will be taking part in the Phonics Screening Check. Pupils in Year 4 will be undertaking the Multiplication Tables Check, from 6<sup>th</sup> June, and are getting plenty of practice in school. I have included a link to information for parents below which can also be found on the Parents' Area of our school website.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1031901/2022\\_Information\\_for\\_parents\\_Multiplication\\_tables\\_check.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1031901/2022_Information_for_parents_Multiplication_tables_check.pdf)

Dave Liddle, school photographer, will be visiting Barrow 1618 on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June to take a whole-school, class groups and leavers photographs – fingers crossed for a blue-sky backdrop!

Parents and carers are invited join the children for a special BBQ lunch on 14<sup>th</sup> (Ash & Oak) and 16<sup>th</sup> (Yew & Elm) June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Children will be encouraged to wear red, white and blue colours on these days instead of their uniforms. Further details will emailed out nearer to the time. Please order your meal, by the end of Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June, via the following links, which will also be accessible from the school website:

Ash and Oak Link for Jubilee BBQ - <https://forms.office.com/r/mf1mLBStsZ>

Yew and Elm Link for Jubilee BBQ - <https://forms.office.com/r/GZJB537nGf>

A few of you have been asking about Sports Day and whether parents will be invited to attend the event. This year, I can honestly say that the answer to that is a definite, 'Yes!'. Sport's Day is due to take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June and we plan to celebrate it in true Barrow style!

This afternoon, we look forward to welcoming the parents of Ash and Oak into school to join us for a Pioneer Celebration Assembly. This will begin at 2:50pm. Parents and carers should arrive on site no earlier than 2:40pm.

Please keep an eye out for future events on the school calendar, including those organised and run by the Friends of Barrow. We are expecting a good turn-out at 6pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June for their Fish & Chip Bingo Night.

Finally, best wishes for a relaxing half-term break to those of you who are able to take some time off with your families. We will see the children on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June to embark on what promises to be a very busy second half to the Summer Term.

Yours sincerely,

Sian Stephenson  
(Headteacher)