

Newsletter



'Attend, Enjoy, Try Your Best, Achieve and Succeed'

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Friday 11th September 2015

Welcome to **Mr Johnston** who has started teaching our Y6 class. I am sure that he will be an excellent addition to our team.

We have a **new school nurse**. Paula Scott will replace Helen Smith. Paula can be contacted through school or the One Point Service. She will be working with all our children at some point to deliver our PSCE programme.

PE award

School has been nominated for a **Community Sports' Award**. This is in recognition of the work we do to promote sporting engagement and enjoyment for all our pupils. Thanks goes to all staff who give up their time to support sport within school. Special thanks to Mrs Richards who drives these ventures.

Year 5 are about to begin the **Junior Prince's Award**. This is a version of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. It promotes resilience, teamwork, friendship, community involvement as well as developing confidence and increased self-esteem.

Mrs Deacon

Sadly Mrs Deacon has been in hospital over the Summer holiday. She is unlikely to be back at school until October half term. In the meantime her role will be carried out by a number of Staff. If you have any concerns you would have brought to Mrs Deacon please see Mr Trueman/class teacher.

School times

Reminder school starts at 8-50am- children should be in school for start of lessons. The bell goes at the end of the day at 3-05pm. This does not mean children leave at that time.

New traffic calming

New barrier into carpark is intended to keep all users of the site safe at peak times. Parking in front of the barrier is prohibited as it prevents emergency vehicle access.

Uniform -please help us to ensure all our pupils are in the correct uniform. See website for full details.

Show Racism the Red Card

Our Y5/6 pupils had a great day focusing upon all forms of bullying-not just racist. They were a credit to school-sensible behaviour, responses and questions. Helping us to promote tolerance, acceptance and respect for all people. They also worked with former **Newcastle United** and **Republic of Ireland full back John Anderson**.

Year 6 transition to secondary school- letters will be issued shortly to all pupils transferring to secondary school. Please ensure that these documents are completed and returned or online application completed by 31st October 2015. If you need access to the internet please contact school-we can facilitate this. Website which is open from 11th Sept 2015 www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Money—please ensure all money coming into school is in an envelope with the child’s name/reason for the money and if possible the amount clearly stated.

PE kits where possible should be brought into school on a Monday and left for the week. In many cases kits can stay in school for longer (depending upon the activity)

New dates for visits etc are being added to the calendar. Please check bags for letters/website regularly for new information.

Staff are beginning a range of after school/lunch time clubs. These will include: art, badminton, football, comic books and many more..... look out for letters/fliers for these activities.

Holidays

Term dates until the end of the school year 2016 are below.

Term Dates

Return - Wednesday 2nd September 2015

October Half Term – Break up Friday 23rd October

Return Monday 2nd November 2015

Christmas Holiday – Break up Thursday 17th December

Return Tuesday 5th January 2016

February Half Term – Break up Friday 12th February

Return Monday 22nd February 2016

Easter Holiday – Break up Thursday 24th March

Return Monday 11th April 20

Bank Holiday - Monday 2nd May

Return Tuesday 3rd May 2016

Summer Half Term - Break up Thursday 26th May

Return Monday 6th June 2016

Summer Holiday - Break up Tuesday 19th July 2016