

# Newsletter



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

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## **Damage to our school premises...**

**We have recently had some damage on school premises. On Wednesday night several resources were stolen from the centre. If you see anything suspicious or are aware of who was on site please contact Durham police who are dealing with this matter.**

**Harvest Festival-** thank you to all the parents, grandparents and friends of the school who attended this event. The way we are going we may need Durham Cathedral for the Christmas event!! I was particularly proud of the Y5 readers-they were brilliant.

We have collected lots of food for the Durham Foodbank. Once again your generosity has been amazing.

**Year 5** produced an informative and thought provoking assembly relating to *diversity and equality*. They pointed out if we were all the same then the world would be a very dull place. Some clear, confident readers would rival David Cameron and Jeremy Corbyn for their oratory. The assembly was followed up by a visit to a Sikh Gurdwara/temple in Sunderland.

**Jet and Ben**-police dogs- visited school to work with our KS1 and Foundation Stage pupils. They talked about stranger danger and safety hazards in the community.

**Year 2** enjoyed a great day at **Sunderland Glass Centre**. They produced some really impressive glass tiles. They were commended for their excellent behaviour and attitude. A busy time for Y2, as they had a cruise along the river Wear in Durham, the previous week. This is always a fascinating experience for children observing the cathedral and other landmarks from the river.

**Exciting times for our choir....** They will soon be entering a competition. Unfortunately we have a large choir and choir size is limited so it's Mrs Kidd's boot camp!! Good luck to those selected. Thanks to Helen Leaver and Martyn Crooks for their support with this venture.

**Year 1** have visited the Bear Factory in the Metro Centre. This was to make a new class bear. Children take the bear home at weekends and write about the adventures they have and the places they visit. The class also had a visit to Broom House Farm- the written work produced as a result of this visit was excellent.

**Year 4** had a superb day at Binchester Roman fort. They found out about our local Roman past and created some Roman style pots.

Visit our website for photographs of the above events.....

**Sports-** the football season has started. Our boys' squad have made a steady start to the season with a win and a defeat in their first two matches. Our cross country runners competed during Wednesday's rain storm-they were a credit to the school with their can do attitude.

**Child safety-** I am often approached by parents with regards the safety of children. If you have concerns about a child's safety and they are in **immediate danger** call the police. If you have ongoing concerns about a child report these to school but you should pass on your first hand knowledge to **First Contact 03000 26 79 79**

**Book exchange...** our first book exchange took place last Friday. What a huge success!! Next exchange the first Friday after half term 6<sup>th</sup> November. It was great to see so many pupils and parents involved.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October Y4 class assembly at 2-30, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 2-30 Y3 class assembly.**

**Halloween disco Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015 5pm to 6-30pm only pupils and YOUNGER siblings! I am sure it will be spooktacular!!!!**

**Meeting for 2016-17 foundation stage parents will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 10am.** If you have a child due to start next September or friends/family in that position let them know. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting/tour of school.

***Want to know more about attendance, holiday applications and persistent absenteeism- meeting 2-30pm Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015.***

**Holidays**

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

**Term Dates**

<b>October Half Term – Break up Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>Return Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015</b>
<b>Christmas Holiday – Break up Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Return Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> <u>January 2016</u></b>
<b>February Half Term – Break up Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Return Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016</b>
<b>Easter Holiday – Break up Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Return Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 20</b>
<b>Bank Holiday - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Return Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016</b>
<b>Summer Half Term - Break up Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Return Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016</b>
<b>Summer Holiday - Break up Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016</b>	