



## Newsletter: 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

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### Headteacher's News

As we reach the end of our first half term at school, I can see some tired children and members of staff around school. I have, however, been very pleased with how successful our re-opening has been. Everyone has adapted quickly to new ways of ways of working, attendance has been high, and school is functioning well under current restrictions. Thank you for supporting us with this – parents, pupils and staff have all been brilliant.

The next half-term is still a bit of an uncertainty, and we will continue to adapt accordingly. We are looking at ways to bring more experiences into school safely, and how we can still make Christmas a really special time for everyone. We will inform you more about our plans for this, after half term.

I hope you all have a good break with your families over the next week.

Mr Park - Headteacher

### School Updates

#### Annual Survey

Each year we conduct a survey to ask for your views about school. You should have received the link to this in last Friday's email. Thank you to those that have filled this in already. If you haven't, I would very much appreciate it if you took some time to complete it over half-term, as your feedback is always valued. We will collate and share the results, along with a response from school, after the break.

#### Uniform Policy

We have updated our uniform policy to reflect some of the current changes around wearing P.E kits, and hairstyles (no dyed hair, or shaved patterns). Our uniform is very simple and does not need to be branded with the school logo. We will always try and support families that may need help with uniform, so please contact school if you would like this.

The full policy can be found on our website, here:

<http://www.esh.durham.sch.uk/key-information/school-policies/>

#### Harvest

We decided not to have our usual collection of cans for the food bank this year, due to Covid-19. If you would like to make a donation, you can do this through local supermarkets. We will hold a non-uniform fundraising day for Children in Need as usual on 13<sup>th</sup> November, and we will send more information about this after the half-term break.

#### Young Leaders' Award for KS1

Children in Year 1 and Year 6 complete the Young Leaders' Award every year which is a leadership and character education programme. I am pleased to say our school has been featured on the Archbishop of York Youth Trust website. Take a look here to see what our Year 1 pupils got up to last term.

<https://www.archbishopofyorkyouthtrust.co.uk/news/esh-c-of-e-primarys-young-leaders-award-story>

## Sport and P.E next Half Term

Next half term we will be having a number of events organised by the School Sports Partnership. Reception will be learning about fundamental gymnastics; Year 1 children have a Pentathlon Challenge; Class 2 and Year 6 will be taught Invasion Games, and Classes 3 and 4 will be coached on Futsal. Year 6 pupils will also be completing another Playground Leader session, and they will be passing on what they have learnt to other year groups.

## Clubs After Half Term

After School clubs will take place as follows after half-term. There are still places left, so please get in touch with the office to sign up.

**Tuesday** – Invasion Games with School Sports Partnership for **Classes 3 and 4**

**Wednesday** – Huff and Puff with Craig’s Coaching for **Class 2**

We do anticipate the weather being worse next half term, but clubs will take place outside on the MUGA wherever possible. Where this is not possible, we will use the Parish Hall.

As we only have access to the Parish Hall 2 nights a week, and do not have a viable alternative at the moment, we are limited in what we can offer for clubs. Unfortunately, there will be no sports club for Class 1, but Tea Club will still be available each night. Hopefully we will be able to offer more clubs after Christmas.

## Wrap- Around Care

Booking is open for Breakfast and Tea Club after half term up until Christmas. Timings will remain the same as this half term. At the moment we will also continue to limit numbers to 12 children from Classes 1 and 2, and 12 children from Classes 3 and 4. This will be kept under review, but we have been able to accommodate most requests to date. Breakfast Club is £3 including breakfast, or £1.50 after 8.10 without breakfast. The cost of tea club is £3 for the first hour and then an additional £1 for every ½ hour after. While we tend to give 2 minutes leeway for entering into the next time slot, please understand our income from this is limited and we need to stick to these times.

## Parents and Carers’ Consultation Evenings

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended Parents’ Evenings this week. If you have not had a chance to meet with your child’s class teacher this week and would like an appointment, please get in touch and we will arrange an alternative time.

### Awards for Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October:

<b><u>Star of the Week:</u></b>	Class 1 - Beatrice	Class 2- Ruby	Class 3 - Benjamin	Class 4 -Izzy
<b><u>Reading:</u></b>	Class 1- Malia	Class 2 – Henry	Class 3 – Oliver	Class 4 – Nathan

### Awards for Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October:

<b><u>Star of the Week:</u></b>	Class 1 - Amelie	Class 2- Olivia	Class 3 - Gemma	Class 4 - Tommy
<b><u>History:</u></b>	Class 1- Heidi	Class 2 – Harrison	Class 3 – Grace	Class 4 – Evie W

### Awards for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October:

<b><u>Star of the Week:</u></b>	Class 1 - Lily	Class 2- Arnika	Class 3 - Isla	Class 4 – Ava
<b><u>Science:</u></b>	Class 1- Morgan	Class 2 – Charlie	Class 3 – Tobias	Class 4 – Evie H

Well done everyone!

## TT Rockstars!

Miss Dismore has handed out special certificates to the following people this week, for some fantastic times tables work. I am very impressed with you all!

**Rock Legend:** Caleb, Tobias

**Rockstar:** Teddy, Arnika

**Rock Hero:** Mason

**Progress Awards:** Isobel, Georgie, Aaliyah, Miles, Francesca

**Numbots Award:** Jack

## Covid-19 Message from Durham County Council

*If your child is diagnosed with COVID-19 during the school holidays it is very important that you provide information about who they have had contact with, both in school and out of school, with the NHS Test and Trace Service.*

*Your child should not return to school following the holidays if they develop symptoms or are in the self-isolation period.*

*Find out more at [www.durham.gov.uk/article/23337/Staying-safe-at-school-coronavirus-](http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/23337/Staying-safe-at-school-coronavirus-)*

We would also ask that you send an email to school to inform us if a child has tested positive during this period.

## Dates for Academic Year 2020/21

Please note, events are limited at the moment due to the uncertainty around restrictions, and everything will be subject to change.

Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Break up for half-term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Children return to school
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for half term
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Children return to school
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Break up for Easter
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage 2 SATS begin
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for half term
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day for Staff – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Break up for Summer
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Inset Day for staff
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Inset Day for staff