



Autumn News 1



Welcome

Welcome back to everyone after what I hope was a restful summer break. A very warm welcome to our new children and parents. We look forward to working with you to ensure an enjoyable and fruitful academic year.

We have two new members of staff joining us this year- Mr. Floreza has replaced Mr. Rainford as Outdoor Activity Instructor and Mr. Ross is a student teacher following the Schools Direct programme.

Thank you for your patience regarding the infant morning drop off: arrangements had to be revised due to the changes to the gate following our yard improvements over the summer. New gates are on order and we will revisit the morning arrangements once they are installed.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Barker has had a baby boy. Both Mum and baby are doing well.

Could you help us?



We are always looking for volunteers to come in and hear readers in school! If you have some spare time and would like to help out, please contact the office. You will need to complete a DBS checking form – the office will arrange this for you.

Please note that it is school policy to place volunteers in classes other than their child's own class.

KS2 Awards

Team points and bronze, silver gold awards have been replaced with a new system based around our school values. Children will work towards completing their values card by earning stamps and stickers for completing the specified actions. All completed cards will be rewarded with a medal!

Harvest Collection

We will once again be supporting the People's Kitchen this Harvest. A collection wish list will be coming out shortly.

Junior Home-time Arrangements

To avoid unnecessary stress, please could you make sure that pick up arrangements are shared with all relevant adults.

Breakfast Club Provision

A survey will shortly be appearing on the school website to find out whether there is sufficient demand for an over-flow Breakfast Club. If you are having difficulty finding child-care before school, please ensure that you fill it in. We will let you know via the usual communication methods once the survey is there.



Building Gem Power!

Following an inspirational day with Dr. Tom Robson last term, our children will be focussing on the critical learning tools of independence (diamond power) and resilience in the face of challenge (emerald power). Dr. Robson will be making a follow up visit later on in the year, when he will host a briefing for parents.

Cyber Safety Day

This event will take place on 20th September between 9.30 and 3pm at County Hall. There will be free practical advice available around the subjects of staying safe on-line, being wise to on-line fraud and protecting vulnerable adults from cyber fraud.

Uniform

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that our children are wearing the correct school uniform. **Please note that earrings must be removed for school and trainers are only permitted for PE and outdoor activities.**



Diary Dates

20th September- Year 3 trip to Killhope
23rd September-Friends AGM in school- All are welcome!
26th September- European Language Day
28th September- Photographer in school for individual photos
5th October- Cross Country Competition for Y4 and team
9th and 10th November- Open Evening
24th November- Team Midas fund raising concert at Durham Johnston
8th December-9.30: Y1 Nativity/ 2pm: Reception Class Nativity
9th December-9.30: Reception Nativity/ 2pm: Year 1 Nativity
13th December – 2pm: Y2 Christingle

Christmas Party Dates

Y3 party – Thursday 15th December
Y4 party – Monday 12th December
Y5 party – Tuesday 13th December
Y6 and Infant party – Wednesday 14th Dec.

Junior children come to school in their school uniforms and change at lunch time. Infant children will be doing Christmas activities all day so may come to school in their party clothes. Please ensure that footwear is appropriate for playing outside. Teachers will send out more information closer to the time about party food etc.

Please note that Year 5 will be performing their pantomime in the Spring Term this year.