



# Summer Newsletter 1



## Durham Foodbank Collection



Thank you to all who donated food items for the Foodbank last term. 309.15 kgs of food was collected!

## Sports News

Congratulations to all children who represented the school in County Finals at the end of last term. We were represented in the swimming, indoor athletics, cross country and netball finals, which is a tremendous achievement and is testament to the hard work and dedication of the children concerned. We came first in the swimming, athletics, netball and Y5/6 boys cross country. Our Y5/6 girls cross country team came second. There were outstanding individual performances in the running from Jed Beveridge (1<sup>st</sup> overall), Thomas Johnson (2<sup>nd</sup> overall) and Charlotte Dillon (4<sup>th</sup> overall). Our Y5/6 boys football team are currently top of the league and have qualified for the league play-off final. Trials for the girl's football team will be coming up soon.

## Parent Pay

Our school has now subscribed to Parent Pay, meaning that all parents now have the option of setting up an individual account, in order to pay for school dinners and school trips on-line. Please contact the office if you require any further clarification on this new facility.



## Democracy in Action!

A representative from the UK Parliament Education Service came into school last week to speak to all KS2 children about our electoral system. She then worked with Year 6 to plan and carry out a mini election in class. Our School Council will be going down to London to visit the Houses of Parliament in June.

## Science Week

This will take place during the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> May, with a variety of scientific challenges being planned for each year group around the theme of 'Spaces'. Any offer of help from parents during this week would be much appreciated. Please let the office know when you are available.



## Arts Week

This will take place the week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> May and will be on the theme, 'Art through History'. Any offer of help from parents during this busy week would be much appreciated. Please let the office know if you are interested. There will be an exhibition of the work completed during Arts Week at 3.30 on 10<sup>th</sup> June.

## SATs Week

SATs Week begins on May 9<sup>th</sup> this year. The children will be practising with the new style tests over the next few weeks in school. To help your child to be prepared we recommend short bursts of revision and plenty of fresh air, exercise and sleep.

## End of Year Service



Our end of year service will take place at the Cathedral this year to ensure that there are enough seats for all of our parents as well as the children. All parents/ grandparents are warmly invited to attend on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 11am.

## The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

We are producing a CD of songs from the decades of the Queen's reign, performed by each of our classes. We shall be holding a 'street party' for the children and performing the songs for parents on 8<sup>th</sup> July.

## Diary Dates



- 22.4.16 - Friends of the School Meeting
- 25.4.16 - Year 6 Maths Challenge at Durham Johnston School
- 26.4.16- Bags to School  
- Year 3 trip to Hardwick Park
- 27-29.4.16- Year 5 residential trip to Bassenfell
- 5.5.16 - Year 2 trip to the Oriental Museum
- 6.5.16 - Rainbow Class Worship at 3pm
- 9-13.5.16 - Year 6 SATs Week  
- School Book Fair and second-hand uniform sale
- 13.5.16-Green Class Worship at 3pm
- 16-20.5.16- Science Week
- 20.5.16- Friends of the School's Non-Uniform Day- theme is 'Favourite clothes'.  
School Disco- KS1: 5-6.20  
KS2: 6.40-8pm
- 23-27.5.15-Arts Week
- 24.5.16- Year 6 Outdoor Adventure Club 'Durham to Finchale Walk'.
- 26.5.16 - Photographs of school teams and Reception and Year 6 Group photos
- 27.5.16- Olympic athlete in school
- Half Term: 30<sup>th</sup>May- 3<sup>rd</sup> June (please note that 6<sup>th</sup> June is a PD Day- school opens for teaching purposes on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June)**
- 7.6.16- Year 6 Outdoor Adventure Club- outdoor climbing at Causey Arch
- 9.6.16- District Cricket Competition  
The Big Sing
- 10.6.16 - Yellow Class Worship at **9.05am**  
Art Exhibition 3-4pm
- 13-17.6.16- Year 6 residential trip to Broomley Grange
- 13.6.16- School Council to visit the Houses of Parliament
- 15.6.16- Durham Dash
- 19.6.16- St. John's Eco-Festival
- 20.6.16- Infant Sports Day from 1-3 (reserve date is 27.6.16 if the weather is inclement)
- 23.6.16- Y2 Multiskills at Durham Johnston  
Y6 Mastery Day at Durham Johnston
- 24.6.16- Drama Club performance at 6pm
- 25.6.16- School Summer Fair- details to follow
- 29.6.16- Y5 Mini Olympics  
- District Sports Event at 5pm at the Riverside  
-Orchestra Concert at 6pm
- 1.7.16- Friends of the School's non-uniform day-theme is 'Sports and Hobbies'  
Friends of the School's Picnic on the Field  
Choir Concert at 6pm
- 4.7.16- Junior Sports Day from 1-3 (reserve date if weather is inclement- 11.7.16)
- 5.7.16- Reports sent home for years Rec-Y5
- 6.7.16- Year 6 Eucharist Service at 1.45 at St. Margaret's Church- Y6 parents are welcome to attend  
Year 6 reports sent home
- 7.7.16-Y4 to Washington Wetlands
- 8.7.16- School celebrations for the Queen's Birthday- more details to follow
- 13.7.16- Year 6 show at 2pm and 6pm  
Bags to School collection
- 15.7.16- Lilac Class Worship
- 19.7.15- End of Year Service in Durham Cathedral at 11am- all parents are welcome to attend

**We break up for the Summer Holidays at 3.30 pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July and return on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.**