



Weekly Bulletin 8th September 2023

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to the start of the school year. I hope you have managed to have a restful break and some enjoyable family time.

We are delighted to welcome our new starters and returning pupils and look forward to working together in partnership during the course of the coming academic year. I draw your attention to the attendance information shared with parents (paper copy and email). Excellent attendance and punctuality are vitally important to success at school. Please do read this. I also remind parents that they must supervise their children if they are waiting to collect/drop off a sibling(s) if they are in different Key Stages. Please ensure your children stand with you and are not running around the waiting area or on the grassed areas.

A [home-school links](#) sheet from your child's class teacher has been shared (paper copy or via DB Primary). This details the ways in which you can support your child with their studies as well as informing you of the curriculum content to be covered during this half term in each subject area. I encourage you to read it and to use it as a basis for discussing with your child what they are learning about in school. Through working together in partnership, we will be able to achieve the very best for the children in the year ahead.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

Reception Update

For parents with Reception children, please remember to step forward when collecting your child at the end of the day. Children in Reception class don't need a water bottle as they have their own water cooler which can be accessed at all times during the day.

School Uniform

The school uniform is:

Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers

White polo shirt

Navy sweatshirt / cardigan

Sensible, black school shoes

In warmer weather children may wear a blue and white school dress or grey shorts.

For **PE Days** children require:

House colour t-shirt and jumper, shorts (black or navy), jogging bottoms and/or leggings (black or navy) and appropriate trainers

Polo shirts, sweatshirts, cardigans, fleeces, shower-proof jackets, rainproof jackets, house t-shirts & sweatshirts, and book bags with the school logo can be ordered through school. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

PE

The children are required to wear their PE kit on the day they have PE. Please note: there may be ad-hoc PE days for which you will be informed via letter or SMS text message. Please see class PE days below:

Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Tuesday
Year 2	Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 3	Monday & Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday & Thursday
Year 5	Monday & Friday
Year 6	Tuesday & Friday

School Extra-Curricular Activities

Today you will have received a list of clubs that we are offering for this term. If your child is interested in taking part then please do return the forms as soon as possible to the school office.

Diary Dates

For a full list of school holiday dates please see the school website.

Tuesday 19th September – Y6 Trip to Eden Camp

Thursday 28th September – Y5 Trip to Iskcon Temple

Friday 27th October – School closes for Autumn half term holiday

Monday 6th November – School re-opens after half term holiday

Noticeboard

- **DATA COLLCTION** - Please inform the school office if there are any changes to personal contact details - for example addresses, phone numbers or emergency contacts.
- **Packed Lunch**- If your child is wishing to change to *Packed Lunches* please inform the school office with one week's notice.
- **PHOTOGRAPHIC CONSENT** - Consent is required every school year and will last for the duration of that school year unless consent is withdrawn. Please can you complete the Photographic Consent forms for your child and return to the School office.
- **MUSIC LESSONS** - Brass and Violin lessons start next week - Week commencing Monday 11th September. Guitar lessons start WC Monday 18th September. If your child plays a music instrument please ensure they have their instrument on the day of their lesson:
 - BRASS – Monday

- GUITAR – Monday
- VIOLIN – Friday

Medical

- A reminder that we are only able to administer prescribed medications at school once parents have completed the required consent form. All medication must be delivered to and collected from the office by an adult.
- Packed Lunch Children – please ensure your child’s packed lunch is **NUT FREE** as we have children in the school who have an allergy to nuts.

WILD CHURCH IS BACK!

We welcome everyone back to Wild Church this Autumn, the full programme is being finalised this week, but put the next session in your diary if you can. See you then.

SAT 23TH SEPT 4.00 pm Outside St. Mary’s: The Gaia - Creationtide

Activities: making impact craters, the inflatable solar system, marshmallows and fire pit, planet prayer station, planet quiz and a short service. Foodbank donations welcome.

Starting School - Will your child turn 5 between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025?

Applications open 5 September 2023 and close midnight 15 January 2024.

If so, you need to complete an application online to tell us which school you would like your child to attend from September 2024.

Visit www.durham.gov.uk/primaryschoolplaces where you can access a useful guide to help with your application. The easiest way to apply is online, if you are unable to apply online, paper application forms are available on request.

You still need to apply even if your child attends the nursery unit attached to the school, or already has a sibling at the school. You will also need to apply for a place in Year 3 in a junior school for an older child.

For more information please contact School Places and Admissions Team

www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Tel: 03000 265896

YEAR 6 PARENTS - Application for a Secondary School Place – September 2024

As you will be aware, your child is due to transfer to secondary school in September next year. The application process will be open on 5 September 2023. You will need to read the School Admissions online guidance for parents which is located on the School Admissions web page. This contains essential information that will help you in making your child's application. The guidance is available on our website www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions You must only complete one application and this must be to the Local Authority to which you pay your council tax (i.e. Home Local Authority).

If you live in County Durham, you need to complete an application to tell us which school you want your child to attend. You should list up to 3 school preferences and applying for just 1 school Does Not improve your chances of gaining a place at that school. You can apply for any school/academy in County Durham or in another Local Authority area.

Please apply on-line at www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions When you apply on-line you will receive an acknowledgement and you will be offered a school place for your child by email on 1 March 2024. Please save your log-in details as you may need these at a later date.

Please note that school places are allocated according to specific criteria which are different depending upon which school you apply for your child to attend. One criterion is "nearest school". If you wish to know your nearest school, please contact us.

If your child's offer of a school place is for an oversubscribed school (i.e. where there are more applications for a school than places available) we will offer your child a school place based on the child's/parent's address. We may request information on the child's/parent's address when we offer a school place and the onus will be on you to prove your address if asked.

If you do not wish to apply on-line, you can contact the School Admissions Team by email or telephone to request a form. Email: schooladmissions@durham.gov.uk or telephone

03000 265 896. Your application must be received by us at the address below by the closing date. We strongly advise you to return the application form to us by "Royal Mail Signed for™" or "Royal Mail Special Delivery Guaranteed". If you complete a paper application form you will receive a letter to inform you of the school place offered to your child on the 1 March 2024.

Please note for both on-line applications and paper application forms, you will be required to read the disclaimer and sign/tick the box to agree that the information you provide on the application form is complete and correct otherwise the offer of a school place will be withdrawn.

The closing date for receipt for on-line/paper application forms is 31 October 2023.

Yours sincerely DCC School Places and Admissions Team.

Christian Values

We are exploring the value of endurance this half term and worship will be led by Mr Rumbles, Fr. Peter, Mrs Matthews, Fr. Bill and our Key Stage Two pupils.

Further information on the value of endurance:

Endurance - is recognition that life is sometimes difficult and painful, and that it is important not to give up in the face of adversity.

Jesus endured rejection, abuse and the cross, and his followers are warned that they may well have to share that pain as persecution took hold. Discipleship is depicted as 'taking up the cross daily' and following in Jesus' footsteps (Luke 9:23).

We would like our children to continue their reflection and experience at home.

Some things to think about:

- How do we give pupils a better appreciation of the difficult situations that many people in the world have to endure and of the courage and resilience they show in the face of them?
- How do you help pupils understand that some things are worth working for even though they do not bring immediate results? How do we develop patience?
- What encourages and inspires you to persevere through difficult times in life?

If you would like to receive a copy of the Weekly Bulletin by e-mail please e-mail the school. Shincliffe@durhamlearning.net The Weekly Bulletins from previous weeks can be found in the parents' section of the website.



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