

Weekly Bulletin 13th October 2023

Headteacher's Message

My thanks go to all those who contributed to our Harvest collection this year. We received notification from Durham Foodbank that the total weight of the donation was **191.60 kg** which works out at enough food to provide **240 meals** which is great news for families in our community. It also helps to raise children's awareness to the needs of our community and how they can play a part in helping others.



In response to feedback from last year's Parents' evenings, this year we will be offering both face to face appointments and a night set aside for online video-call appointments for pupils in Y1 to Y6 (See below for information for Reception children). It is hoped this will allow greater flexibility for parents/carers and the opportunity for as many as possible to attend and learn about their child's progress so far this term. Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th (3:40-5:30pm) will be held in school with the class teacher and Wednesday 25th (3:40-5pm) will be held online. There will be an online booking form for you to choose either an in-person appointment or a video-call. The link for this will be sent out on Monday so please ensure your contact details are up-to-date with the School office. If you have any problems securing an appointment please contact the School office. Progress reports will be sent home on Friday 20th October.

Each week I want to include a 'snapshot' of some of the things that the children are doing in school. For example, news from our ECO team, Worship group, V.I.P. (Very International People) and SNAG (School Nutrition Action Group). This week our focus is on the work of our new School Librarians and an update is shared below.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

School Librarians

Our names are... Enara, Eleanor, Sofie, Coco, Rosie, Autumn and Livia.

We are the school librarians and we are trying to keep our school Library well stocked, tidy and a fun place to visit. Yesterday was Harry Potter day, and in key stage 2 we set a competition to design the best shield and sorting hat - whoever wins gets a prize! All the librarians here love books and you should too because reading is good for your brain and learning! We will set up fun competitions for all years that involve reading. As librarians we want you to come to the library as much as you can. PLEASE return the return the books as other people would like to read your book. Also try and read as much as you can with your parents as it helps you with words you don't know.

Thank you

Enara, Eleanor, Sofie, Coco, Rosie, Autumn and Livia.

Reception Class Parents Evening

The Reception Class Parents Evening will be on a drop-in basis, between 3.30 - 4.30pm on each evening from Monday 23rd October to Thursday 26th October. Mrs Short and Mrs Silvester will both be available for all of the sessions, allowing Reception parents/carers to speak to them alongside looking through their children's work. The drop-in sessions have been allocated to a house/colour group for each night in half hourly slots. If you are unable to make your allocated evening (i.e. due to work commitments) please contact Mrs Short/Mrs Silvester in advance so that they will be able to get your child's work out ready for the drop-in session. Please see the letter in your child's book bag for more details.

Diary Dates

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

Monday 16th October – All Year Groups – School Photographer Monday 23rd October - Wednesday 25th October - Y1 to Y6 Parents' Consultation Evening (further details to follow) Monday 23rd October to Thursday 26th October – Reception Parents' Consultation Evening (further details to follow) Thursday 26th October – Y1 Walk to St. Mary's Church Friday 27th October – School closes for Autumn half term holiday Monday 6th November – School re-opens after half term holiday Wednesday 8th November – Y1 Visit to Beamish Friday 10th November - Remembrance Service at 9.05am Tuesday 14th November – Y4 Visit to the Great North Museum Tuesday 5th December – Y3 Visit to the Great North Museum Thursday 7th December - Advent Eucharist – 9.05am Tuesday 12th December - Nativity Performance Reception and KS1 - 10am Wednesday 13th December - Nativity Performance Reception and KS1 - 10am Thursday 14th December – KS2 Christmas Singalong – 2.45pm Friday 15th December - Christmas Community Worship – 10am Tuesday 19th December – School closes for Christmas holiday Thursday 4th January 2024 – School reopens after Christmas holiday January – Robinwood Residential Y6

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

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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 <u>www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions</u> 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. <u>Shincliffece@durhamlearning.net</u> The Weekly Bulletins from previous weeks can be found in the parents' section of the website.



Half term Holiday

Camps

Multi-sports (5 - 12 years)

30 October - 3 November

durham.ac.uk/holiday-camps



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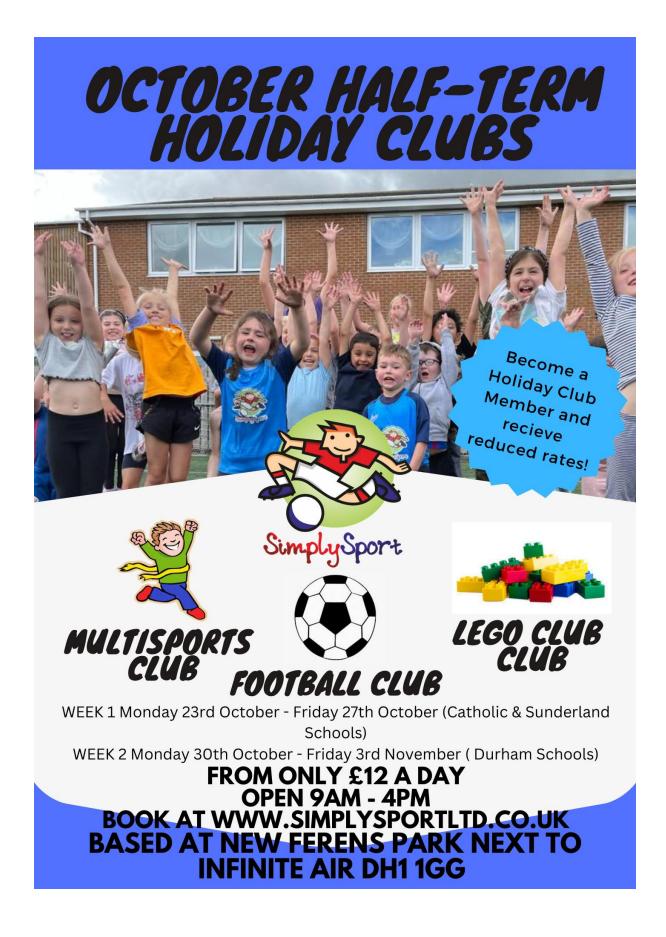
BOW SCHOOL, DURHAM 8.30AM-4.00PM £15 PER DAY PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN



30TH OCTOBER – 3RD NOVEMBER Please book via the link below: https://bookwhen.com/Lkhealthandwellbeing

or contact Leanne on: 07834205866 Ikhealthandwellbeing@outlook.com

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CAMHS Training Programme for Parents & Carers

The workshops are delivered live via Microsoft teams and free of charge for all parents and carers in Teesside (child does not need to be open to CAMHS)

Available sessions include:

- Understanding Anxiety
- Understanding Emotional Wellbeing
 Understanding ADHD
- Understanding Eating Disorders
- Typical Vs Atypical Sexual Development & Risk
- Understanding Self-harm
- Understanding ASD
- Understanding Sleep



To access the CAMHS parents and carers workshops, please contact: TEWV.CAMHS-Training@nhs.net And provide the following information:

- Which workshop(s) and date you would like to access
- Which locality you live
- Your name
- Email address
- The school(s) your child(ren) attend
- Age(s) of your child(ren)





Understanding Why Children Might Be Anxious About School

This is an awareness session to increase understanding of why children might be anxious about school, identify potential triggers and look at available support and strategies. This session is suitable for parents/carers of all school aged children but may be of limited value to parents of children with more complex needs

Tuesday 26th September-09:30-11:30

Anxiety (Two groups) this session looks at what anxiety is, what the triggers might be, how to identify it and how we can support our children and young people. *Tuesday 10th October 09:30-11:30—Over 11 years*

Tuesday 24th October 09:30-11:30 — 5-11 years

Emotional Wellbeing This session will focus on emotional wellbeing, what is it and how can we improve it for ourselves and our children.

Tuesday 14th November 09:30-11:30

To book places please email <u>tewv.countydurhamcamhstraining@nhs.net</u> or scan the QR code below to access the Trust website for further details. Please state which sessions (and dates) you'd like to attend. The sessions are aimed at parents of school aged children but parents of younger/older children are very welcome. The sessions will be led by a CAMHS trainer and will run on Microsoft TEAMS. If you have any additional needs, please mention this in the booking email.







Together for Better Darlington Parent Cover Forum www.darlingtonpcf.co.uk www.dccarers.or

www.dccarers.org Tel: 0300 0051213

www.mcddurham.co.uk



Child to Parent Violence and Aggression We will consider models of aggression in children and young people and identify key influencing factors. We will look to apply these models of aggression and consider them within the family / parent context and explore how aggression can become a pattern in households.

Wednesday 6th December 1:30pm-3:30pm

NEW SESSION—Understanding Sleep This workshop will provide an understanding of sleep cycles and importance of good sleep hygiene and routine. We will look at why sleep problems may occur for young people, possible causes and look at strategies to help your child develop good sleep habits.

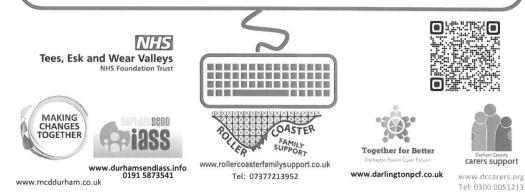
Wednesday 11th October 1:30pm-3:00pm

NEW SESSION—Understanding Behaviour Development in Children and

Young People This session will look at behavioural norms in the developing child and how adult behaviour influences this. We will look at the challenges parents and carers may face and how they can support their children and young people to develop resilience and manage risk as they grow to adulthood and independence

Tuesday 17th October 1:30pm-3:45pm

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