



Newsletter 13th January 2023

Best Wishes for 2023

Reception Mrs. Smith

★ Pupil of the Week is Cody Routledge for good listening and concentration during literacy.

This week we have started our Space topic. We have been reading a book about an alien called Q Pootle 5.

Year 2 Miss Cameron

Pupil of the Week is Elspeth Dunoo for having a great week settling into Class 2 and for becoming a valued member of the team.

A booster club will start next week (Thursday 19th) in Class 2 on an invite only basis. On the run up to SATs we will be hosting a whole class booster club. I will send more information out nearer the time. Forest Friday started again today, our next session will be Friday 27th January where we will take part in RSPB's Big Garden Bird Watch! Keep an eye out on ClassDojo to see what we get up too.



Year 4 Miss Prosser

Pupil of the Week is Maddison for her hard work in her new maths group. Maddison has independently used resources to help her. Keep up the good work!

Nursery Miss King



Pupil of the Week is Charlie for writing words with our new sound.

This week Nursery have been learning about Evergreen trees during 'Treemendous Thursday'. Our new topic is 'All around the world' and we are exploring travel and different cultures.

Year 1 Miss Crampton



Pupil of the Week is River for listening carefully and focussing on her task in computing and producing a fantastic piece of work.

We are going to build a house for the three little pigs in DT. If you have any recycling such as cardboard/plastic bottles/paper/cartons etc. (no glass) please send it in with your children. Thank you 😊

Year 5 Miss Hird and Miss Oliver



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Chloe Miles for continuous effort in everything that she does.

Year 3 Miss Gregg



Pupil of the Week is Lexi Grey for showing a positive attitude in all aspects of her education.

Year 6 Miss Denham



Pupils of the Week

Pupil of the Week this week is Layton Gibson for his progress in reading.



Safeguarding

For Parents - Social Networks for Children Under 13

It's a big issue and we all know about it, sadly there is very little we can do about it if parents are allowing their children to use mainstream social media apps apart from talk to and educate children about the safe and appropriate use. There is very little choice for younger children, principally this is because legally companies cannot make money out of children under 13 by harvesting personal information and using this for targeted advertising. But there are a few apps out there for those younger children. However, the challenge is that, given children primarily use social to message their friends, if their friends aren't on the app then the children won't use it. It's a real dilemma but it is worth letting parents know that there are alternatives out there, which you can find [HERE](#).

Setting up devices:

It can be difficult knowing all the different settings that are available on different devices to help protect children, this includes allowing or disallowing chat, friends, spending money, content filters and much more. On these pages you will find the details, as well as non-technical instructions, which will help you understand what is available to you and how to set up your child's devices.

Gaming consoles and devices - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/>

Smartphones - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/smartphones-and-other-devices/>

Broadband and mobile networks - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/broadband-mobile/>

Entertainment and search engines - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/>

Safety/privacy settings on social media:

With many children and young people using social media it is important to understand what features are available to you to help protect your children. This is also important because for the most part, all privacy settings are default off when a new account is created, but also because some social media providers change their features quite frequently, e.g. TikTok.

Take a look at this link to see what is available to you and how to set up your child's social media. We would also advise doing this with your child so that you can discuss the features together.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/>

Useful new features on YouTube and YouTube Kids

YouTube is hugely popular with all age groups but historically parents haven't had a lot of control over what their children can/cannot watch. But things have changed and YouTube now gives parents a greater degree of control. It isn't perfect but it is a step in the right direction. Take a look at the page below where you will see a few short videos of newer features that can help you on YouTube and YouTube Kids.

<https://www.esafety-adviser.com/youtube-parental-restrictions/>

Gaming

Finding good games, as well as knowing what is appropriate for the age of the child isn't easy, particularly when there can be lots of peer pressure to play the more popular games which are not always appropriate. Taming Gaming is a great resource for parents to find new games for children as well as lots of advice about content, suitability etc.

<https://www.taminggaming.com/>

Dates for your diary:

- Break up for half term Friday 17th February 2023
- Return to school Monday 27th February 2023
- Break up for Easter Friday March 31st 2023
- Return to school 17th April 2023
- Break up for half term 26th May 2023
- Return to school **Tuesday** 6th June
- Break up for summer holiday Friday 21st July 2023

Statutory Test Dates

- Year 1 Phonic screening checks (including Year 2 resit checks) begin week commencing Monday 12 June 2023.
- Year 2 SATs will be administered during May 2023.
- Year 4 Multiplication Tests week beginning multiplication tables check within the 3-week period from Monday 5 June 2023.
- Year 6 SATs week beginning Monday 8 May to Thursday 11 May 2023.

Spring Term After School Clubs

All clubs run from 3 to 4pm.

Monday

Sing and Sign (Reception)
Lexia (Years 1 to 6)
Gymnastics (Years 1 and 2)

Tuesday

KS2 Craft (There is a waiting list for this club. No new spaces available.)
Musical Theatre (Years 3 to 6)
Gymnastics (Reception 10 spaces available)

Wednesday

Gymnastics (Years 3 and 4)
TT Rockstars (Years 3 and 4)
SATs Booster (Year 6)

Thursday

Craft Club (Reception)
Phonics Booster (Year 1)
Cooking Club (Year 4)
Multi Sports (Years 5 and 6)

A new dance school has opened in Ferryhill.



MINISTRY OF DANCE

TIMETABLE

Monday

5.30PM-6PM - 6 & UNDER DANCE
6PM-6.45PM - OPEN STREET DANCE
6.45PM-7.30PM - LYRICAL

Wednesday

5.30PM-6PM - 6 & UNDER DANCE
6PM-6.45PM - LYRICAL
6.45PM-7.30PM - INTERMEDIATE STREET DANCE

www.ministryofdance.uk
admin@ministryofdance.uk
Whatsapp: 07526 305328



FRIDAY TIMETABLE JANUARY

13th January

5.30PM-6.30PM INTERMEDIATE STREET WITH EMMA
6.30PM-7.30PM HIP HOP/COMMERCIAL WITH FERN

20th January

5.30PM-6.30PM JAZZ WITH DANIELLE
6.30-7.30PM COMMERCIAL WITH DANIELLE

27th January

5.30PM-6.30PM COMMERCIAL WITH DANIELLE
6.30PM-7.30PM HIP HOP/COMMERCIAL WITH FERN



MINISTRY OF DANCE

Be Considerate to our neighbours



Please leave our
neighbours pathways
and driveways clear. 😊



Safer Parking
around our school

Warm Spaces

Warm Spaces are somewhere you can go to get warm, stay warm and enjoy a little company. In some, you'll also be able to get refreshments.

With many people feeling the pressure because of increased energy costs and the rising cost of living, Warm Spaces network aims to support residents across County Durham this winter.

Warm Spaces are free and will let you stay for as long, or for as short a period as you wish (within their opening hours).

Please see link below for more information

[What Warm Spaces are, why we need them and how to find them - Durham County Council](#)

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Updates

Upcoming Events and Information

Most upcoming events are being advertised on social media [Durham SEND Information, Advice, Support Service | Facebook](#) This is the link to the page and there is also an Autism Hub group [Durham SENDIASS Autism Hub | Facebook](#) which promotes not just the Autism Hub events, but also other events going on across the county.

There is a mailing list for parents/carers to join. To become part of the mailing list, email: ann.connor@durham.gov.uk and ask to be added to the mailing list. You will then get any information emailed directly to you.

Rollercoaster

Please find January diary dates and information about support on offer from Rollercoaster this month

Face to Face Groups:

You can just turn up, no need to book. It's a lovely supportive space to meet others who are going through similar experiences and also get mental health advice from a CAMHS Nurse.

Online sessions:

Support Group: The link to the session will be posted in the closed Facebook Group or you can get in touch on the contacts below and we will send it over.

Drop in: The appointments need to be booked in advance, please get in touch on the contacts below and let us know if you would like to see a CAMHS Nurse or a SEND IASS advisor

Telephone: 07377213952

Email: support@rollercoasterfs.co.uk



Rollercoaster January 2023 Diary dates

For families supporting a child or young person (up to 25 years) with emotional or mental health difficulties

		What's on	More information	Venue
Weds 4 th Jan	10-12pm	Parent Support Group	Support, information, advice on a range of topics around mental health with a parent peer supporter & CAMHS Nurse.	Box 6, Durham County Cricket Ground Chester le Street DH3 3SH
Weds 11 th Jan	6-7.30pm	Virtual Parent Support Group	Support, information, advice on a range of topics around mental health with a parent peer supporter, SEND IASS & CAMHS Nurse	Online (Zoom)
Weds 18 th Jan	6-8pm	Parent Support Group	Support, information, advice on a range of topics around mental health with a parent peer supporter & CAMHS Nurse	The Acley Centre, Carer's Way, Newton Aycliffe DL5 4PE
Fri 27 th Jan	1-2pm	Mental Health Drop In	Book a 30 minute 1:1 with a CAMHS Nurse or SEND IASS advisor	Online (Zoom)

 **Rollercoaster Facebook Community**

Closed Facebook group - Rollercoaster closed Facebook Group is a safe space for parents to access support from other parents at any time
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1601632260084760>

Individual Support

Talk to a Parent Peer Supporter - Book a 1:1 support session with a Parent Peer Supporter who has been through similar experiences of supporting a child or young person with mental health difficulties

Fun and Food

Everybody involved in the Fun and Food program has been busy over the Christmas holidays providing fabulous activities with healthy food we would like to thank all of our partners for making this possible. February half term is just around the corner, watch this space for what will be on offer.

Peterlee Town FC – SEN focussed football sessions

Does your child have special educational needs that stop them being part of a team? Peterlee Town FC are committed to ensuring football is accessible to all. Come along to our S.E.N. focussed free sessions throughout January with our FA fully licensed Coaches. Register Your Interest Here: <https://forms.office.com/r/LXhJ3tY4Qn>

Dene Academy – outdoor/grass pitch

Starting Saturday 7th January at 14:00pm

Free throughout January