



Newsletter 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023



### Reception Mrs. Smith



Pupil of the Week is Italia Powers for being a great helper and a kind friend to others.

### Nursery Miss King



Pupil of the Week is Zoe Harrop for working hard at home to learn about all of our topics.



### Year 1 Miss Crampton



Pupil of the Week is Roman Thompson for being enthusiastic and playing a brilliant Zog during role play in our English session.

### Year 2 Miss Cameron



Pupil of the Week is Lukas Midgley for excellent enthusiasm throughout our 'Explorers' topic.

Our next Forest Friday session will run on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Our PE day is a Tuesday, please ensure the children bring their PE kits to school that day.

Thank you.

### Year 5 Miss Hird and Miss Oliver



Pupil of the Week is Meg Peverley- Kipling for asking for help when needed and for being a great friend to others this week.



### Year 4 Miss Prosser

Pupil of the Week is Shane Dunoo for showing an excellent understanding of sound in science this week.

### Year 3 Miss Gregg



Pupil of the Week is Mia Ellison for always working hard.

### Year 6 Miss Denham



Pupil of the Week this week is Lexi for showing resilience, still completing work to a high standard, with a hand injury.



## **Safeguarding Online Safety**

On Class Dojo, there is a link to complete a parental online safety survey. Please complete the form honestly as this will help the provision, of online safety, within each class to be reactive to the needs of children, parents, communities and families. This should take no longer than 5 minutes. If you would like any more advice or information about Online Safety, please contact Miss Denham, our school Online Safety Co-ordinator, via the school office.

## **KS2 SATs**

All information, regarding KS2 SATs, has been posted on Class Dojo. If you would like to know more about this or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Denham. Also, if you would like to know how your child is getting on in the build up to SATs or would like to know more about supporting your child at home, again please send a message.

A letter has been given out regarding SATs booster in the Easter holidays, please complete and return this as soon as possible.

## **Free Training for Parents**

The local education authority is offering Free Training for parents with EPEC (Empowering Parents Empowering Communities). This is a 12-week programme, one day a week, 9.30-2.30 term time only. All expenses will be covered such as fuel costs, travel expenses, childcare costs and all refreshments/lunch will be provided.

Once the training has been completed parents will receive an internal certification from EPEC to deliver the 'Being a Parent' programme as well as an external Level 3 Accreditation Qualification in leading parenting programmes which will be a great addition to their CV. They will be then supported fully to deliver the EPEC Parenting Programmes in their area to other parents.

There will be training starting on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April in the north area of Durham (location TBC).



## Dates for your diary:

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

### Academic year 2023-2024

- Return to school Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Break up for October Half-Term Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023
- Return to school Monday November 6<sup>th</sup> 2023
- Break up for Christmas Holidays Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023
- Return to school Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- Break up for Spring Half-Term Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- Return to school Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- Break up for Easter holidays Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- Return to school Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024
- May Day Bank Holiday, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Break up for Summer Half-Term Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024
- Return to school Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024
- Break up for summer holidays Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

### Statutory Test Dates

- Year 1 Phonic screening checks (including Year 2 resit checks) begin week commencing Monday 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.

## Progress Meetings for Parents

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**



## 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](mailto:ann.connor@durham.gov.uk) and ask to be added to the mailing list. You will then get any information emailed directly to you.

### SEND Review Meetings

SEND review meetings will take place on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Miss Gregg will be sending out an online form to book a 15-minute review meeting for your child. More information to follow.

### SEND Coffee Morning

We will be holding another SEND coffee morning on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 9:00am. This will be a chance to speak to the SENCO and other professionals. This is a great opportunity, so make sure to get the date in your diary. More information to follow!

### PCP – Easter Fun Day

Please see attached poster for Easter fun day taking place at Pioneering Care Centre.



### Haystax Farm Experience Centre and Lodges

At Haystax, we are passionate about providing a truly inclusive environment where everyone feels at home. We welcome everyone through our doors no matter your age, ability or neurotype. Our farm and woodland setting is small and quiet by design to prevent sensory overload. Much of the site is wheelchair accessible (with plans to extend this to the whole site). We offer a Changing Places toilet and access to hoists and other adaptive equipment in an environment which is warm and friendly and feels like any other family day out. A place where you can just be you. We've done the hard work so you don't have to. You can simply relax and enjoy a judgement free day with your loved ones.

Please see attached poster below for more information.

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### Coffee Shop with Sensory Rooms and Changing Places Facility

Our coffee shop provides a calm space to enjoy a bite to eat and a drink while drinking in the beautiful views. As an inclusive venue we work hard to ensure everyone feels welcome.

Our three small sensory rooms will be opening in March. Each one is designed to meet a range of needs from toddlers to the elderly. They will include fibre optic lights, a swing, a vibrating chair, interactive projector and much more. They are perfect if you need some quiet time and sensory regulation.



### Farm Experience - Coming Soon!

In summer 2023, we plan to open our farm experience and pets' corner. Why not come and meet alpacas, pygmy goats, sheep, horse or pet the rabbits and guinea pigs? You could even take part in an animal therapy session.



## Accessible Lodges - Available now

We have two luxury accessible lodges. Each one has been designed with a range of subtle adaptations that work for a wide range of families. These include level flooring and large turning circles that make our lodges fully wheelchair accessible, accessible wet rooms with smart automatic toilets and visual alarms for those with hearing impairments. They can be further adapted to meet your needs with the addition of a range of adaptive equipment that will make your stay more comfortable.



## Haystax Hub CIC



Haystax Hub will offer a wide range of inclusive educational, vocational, and well-being opportunities for young people. Designed to meet the needs of individuals they will offer a meaningful experiences. For some, this could be a one-off session that helps them connect with nature. For others, this may be a long-term program designed to teach them a set of vocational skills which will help them access meaningful employment when they leave education.

## Forest School with Noo Noo's Adventures

Noo Noo's uses the Forest School approach to deliver a range of woodland experiences in the amazing Haystax wood.

Noo Noo's deliver experiences that engage, excite and create lasting memories to children of all ages, abilities, background and personalities.

