



### Reception Mrs. Smith



Pupil of the Week is Frankie-Lou Metcalfe for showing great creativity when making pictures.

This week Reception have had an exciting delivery of caterpillars and tadpoles. We are looking forward to watching them change over the coming weeks.

### Year 2 Miss Cameron

Pupil of the Week is Mason Fawcett for taking extra care with his work this week and improving his writing where possible.

Forest Friday will continue after the May half term (Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June) due to the run up to SATs. SATs Booster club started yesterday; we had a fantastic turn out! Just a reminder that the club runs on a Thursday 3pm-4pm. All children from Class 2 are welcome.

Our PE day is Tuesday. Please make sure your child comes into school with their PE clothes in a bag.

### Year 5 Miss Hird and Miss Oliver



Pupil of the Week is Chloe Wilkinson for helping Miss Hird to organise the classroom every morning ready for the day.

### Nursery Miss King



Pupil of the week is Mason Kays for a fantastic first week in big Nursery.

Nursery are learning about minibeasts this half term. This week we have been exploring worms and have built our own wormery.

### Year 1 Miss Crampton



Pupil of the Week is River Rogers for having an excellent attitude to learning and producing some brilliant pieces of work this week.

Please make sure your child's cardigans/jumpers and PE Kits are labelled clearly with their names.

### Year 3 Miss Gregg

- ★ Pupil of the Week is Tianna Jones for showing great independence in maths lessons.

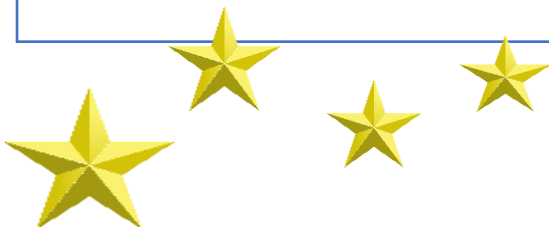
### Year 4 Miss Prosser

Pupil of the Week is Layton for his excellent work this week, especially in maths.

### Year 6 Miss Denham



Pupil of the Week is Daisy for showing determination in maths lessons.



## School News

### Year 3 and Year 1 update:

From the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> May, Mrs Brown will be working alongside Miss Gregg in Year 3.

Year 3 will have their P.E session on Thursdays and Year 1 will have their P.E session on Mondays.

## Safeguarding

### Barclays Digital Safety Sessions for Parents

For parents, we're delivering a session to help them spot negative online gaming behaviour, so they can address and resolve it in the early stages, avoiding damage to their child's digital footprint and reputation. **Tuesday, 23 May at 18:00 (BST).**

We're also running a session to help parents spot the warning signs of criminal activity online, taking place **Wednesday 26 April at 18:00 (BST)**, focusing on young teens being used as 'Money Mules' by online scammers.

To book, click the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/digital-eagle-events-54343227283>

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ALL WELCOME



## Dates for your diary:

- 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

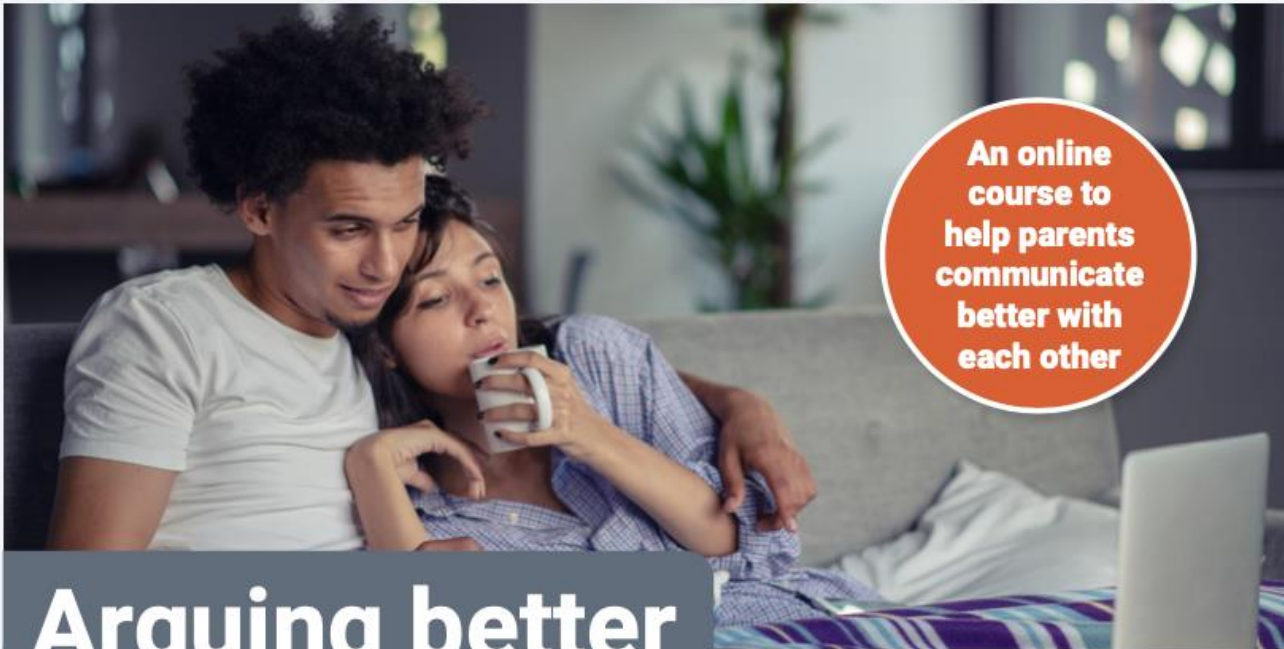
### **Academic year 2023-2024**

- 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
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### **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.

Please use this link <http://durham.opo.org.uk> to register with an email address and your name so that you are able to access the online courses below.



# Arguing better

Disagreements are a normal part of life, and most couples argue from time to time. The way you approach these conversations can make a big difference to you, your partner, and your children.

*Arguing better* is a free online course to help you manage difficult conversations, avoid conflict, and improve things for your whole family.

## You will learn:

- Where stress comes from and how it can affect you.
- Ways to recognise stress and talk about it.
- How to support each other through difficult times.
- What causes arguments and how to stop them.

To access the course, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. It's FREE to use, so you'll just need to create an account with a username and password.



Register at this address  
[www.oneplusone.org.uk/parent-resources-for-england](http://www.oneplusone.org.uk/parent-resources-for-england)  
or scan the QR code

- *Arguing better* is designed for parents who want to learn healthy ways to deal with stress and conflict.
- The course is online so you can go through it at your own pace.
- You can do it all in one go or save your progress and come back to it later.
- The course will take about 40 minutes to complete, so it's best to give yourself enough time and space to reflect.



An online course for new and expectant parents

# Me, You and Baby too

Having a baby can be an exciting time but it's also one of the biggest changes you and your partner are likely to go through. You'll both be tired and stressed, and you may argue more.

*Me, You and Baby Too* is a free online course that can help you navigate these changes and keep moving forward together.

#### You will learn:

- What your baby picks up, even before they are born.
- Why stress should be a shared burden.
- How you and your partner can support each other.
- How to talk to bring up difficult topics.
- How arguments start, and how to stop them.

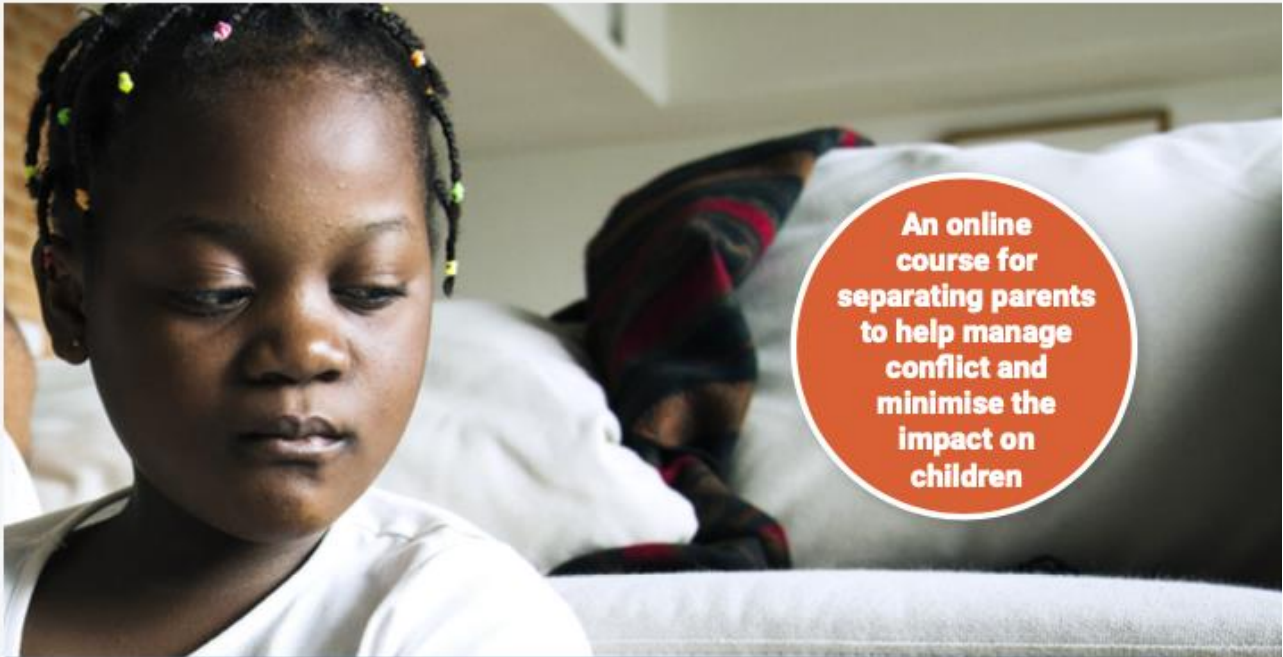
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An online course for separating parents to help manage conflict and minimise the impact on children

# Getting it right for children

When parents are separating or separated, children can often get caught in the middle.

*Getting it right for children* is a free online course designed to help you parent co-operatively. It can help you to develop positive communication skills, so that you can sort out disagreements and find solutions together.

**You will learn:**

- How to stay calm and listen as well as talk.
- Why it's helpful to see things from a different point of view.
- What to do to stop a discussion from turning into an argument.
- Skills for finding solutions and making compromises.

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- *Getting it right for children* is designed for separating or separated parents who want to reduce conflict and communicate better with their child's other parent.
- The course is online so you can go through it at your own pace.
- You can do it all in one go but it's often best to spread it over a few weeks to give yourself time to reflect and practise the skills.



## 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

If you could not attend the SEND review meeting, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange an appointment.

### SEND Coffee Morning Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April



# COFFEE MORNING (SEND)

FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND/OR DISABILITIES, ADDITIONAL NEEDS AND THOSE WHO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES.

**WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL**  
**9-11AM**

PLEASE ENTER VIA THE SCHOOL HALL ENTRANCE.



**CLAIRE STIRLAND**  
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST  
SENSORY WORX



**RUTH POPE**  
ENABLING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES  
CO-ORDINATOR



**JOANNE WATSON**  
EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND EFFECTIVE LEARNING TEAM



## **Creative Youth Opportunities – Easington Youth Group**

Easington Colliery Regeneration Partnership brings you.....  
Easington Youth Group  
Easington Colliery Methodist Church

Junior Group (5-11 years)  
Tuesdays and Fridays  
4:30 – 6:0pm

### **SENDIASS - Sibling Superstars**

A fun space, with activities for siblings of children/young people with Autism, ADHA or Neurodiversity. Come together and share your experiences and stories!

4:00 – 5:00pm

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July

Relax and have fun with us at:  
Bullion Lane Family Centre  
Grey Avenue  
Chester-Le-Street  
DH2 2EL

If you would like to attend these sessions, please get in touch:

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