



Newsletter 30th June 2023



Nursery Miss King



Pupil of the week is George for comforting his friends when they were sad.



Year 3 Miss Gregg

Pupil of the Week is Abigail Teasdale for her determination and motivation in maths.

Year 5 Miss Hird and Miss Oliver



Pupil of the Week is Shaun-Robert Hutchison for outstanding progress in his reading this year.

Year 6 Miss Denham

Pupil of the Week is Amelia Metcalf for her fantastic, thoughtful and creative piece of art, made to show Christian beliefs.

Reception Mrs. Smith

Pupil of the week is Agnes Watchman for always trying her best in all that she does.

Reception are very excited to go to visit the pirate ship in Hartlepool on Tuesday. Please can children come in sturdy shoes as there are a few steps to climb (No Crocs or sandals please) Please ensure that you have completed the consent form. Thank you.

Year 1 Miss Crampton



Pupil of the week is Fox Hindmarch for excellent scientific enquiry when hunting for deciduous and evergreen trees.

Year 2 Miss Cameron

Pupil of the Week is Pupil of the week is George Irwin for an excellent explanation about how the Great Fire of London started.

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

Our school trip to the Discovery Museum will be this Thursday (6th July). Children are to wear school uniform.

Year 4 Miss Prosser

Pupil of the Week is Vern for her enthusiasm in English this week when leaning about Ernest Shackleton.



West Cornforth Primary School need your vote at Tesco!

Head to Tesco between July and the end of September to show your support.

Three groups in every community have been shortlisted to receive the cash award and shoppers are being invited to head along to Tesco stores to vote for who they think should take away the top grant.

West Cornforth Primary School is one of the groups on the shortlist!

Please vote for us using the token given at the checkout and help us create our holistic learning garden. You are given a token to use for the vote for any sale in store; no matter what size the purchase is.

The money will be used to develop the old nursery garden into a holistic outdoor learning space. We are making an inspiring and magical space for our children to explore a naturally landscaped space; encouraging independent holistic learning through growing, exploring and child led experiences in nature.

Voting is open in all Tesco stores from early July until the end of September and customers will cast their vote using a token given to them at the check-out each time they shop.

The Tesco stores included in this area are:

- Durham Claypath Exp CT20 2SZ
- Durham Extra DH1 2XH
- Durham Market Place DH1 3NE
- Durham North Rd Exp DH1 4SH

**West Cornforth Primary
School calls out for votes to
get a share of Tesco's
Community Grants fund!**



Help us restock our library!

We would be very grateful, if you would look for and return any school reading books.

Thank you.

Family Fun Fundraising Afternoon

Thursday 13th July (1:30pm start)

We are holding a family fun event on Thursday 13th July from 1:30pm-4:00pm. This event is FREE for everyone to attend. In addition to all of the free attractions, there will be various stalls available for parents/carers to purchase items, should they wish.

You will be able to pre-purchase a food ticket which will entitle you to a hot dog and drink (per ticket), and tickets are available to purchase from the school office (£1 per ticket).

We are having a non-uniform day on Wednesday 5th July in exchange for bottle donations. Children can bring a bottle (anything non-alcoholic and unopened please) to school in exchange for wearing their own clothes for the day. These donations are specifically for the tombola at the family fun event - thank you in advance for your support.

We are seeking donations of teddy bears for our 'teddy tombola', which will take place at the family fun event. Please send any teddy bear donations to the school office.

Children can be collected from school (1:30pm onwards) to participate in the family fun event. More information will be provided next week regarding collection arrangements.

We have the following activities taking place:

- **Rodeo bull**
- **Inflatable slide**
- **Inflatable assault course**
- **Face painting**
- **Balloon modelling**
- **Bouncy castle**
- **Durham Cricket activity**
- **Spennymoor Football activity**
- **Police traffic car**
- **Hot dogs and drinks (tickets for sale via the office - £1)**
- **Teddy tombola**
- **Bring a bottle tombola**
- **Cake stall**
- **Penalty shootout**
- **School craft stalls**
- **Coconut shy**
- **Wet sponge throwing**

Dates for your diary

- SEND coffee morning 6th July
- KS2 SAT results 11th July
- Reports to parents 11th July
- Fundraising afternoon 1:30 start 13th July
- EYFS Reception graduation 17th July
- Whole school sports afternoon 18th July
- EYFS Sports 19th July
- Leavers' Production 20th July (10:30am & 1:30pm)
- Break up for summer holiday Friday 21st



Academic year 2023-2024

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

Family Lives – Newsletter

The May 2023 edition of the Family Lives newsletter is out now!! Click on the link for news and updates and to subscribe to our monthly newsletter <http://ow.ly/gYPt500InUi>

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.

Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities and Additional Support Event

Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities? Does your child receive additional support from school staff, or outside agencies? Do you feel like you need to speak to a professional and/or Miss Gregg (SENCO) about your child? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then this is the event for you!

We are holding a coffee morning for parents/carers to attend on Thursday 6th July. The event will start at 9am and finish around 11am.

This event will be informal, and it is an opportunity for parents/carers to network with other parents/carers, professionals and Miss Gregg (SENCO). This will be the last event of this academic year, and we have a large number of professionals/services attending (see below). If you are interested in coming along, please speak to Miss Gregg.

Durham County Carers (Parent Carer Support Worker)

SEND Empowering Inclusive Communities (Enabling Inclusive Communities Coordinator)

Sensory Worx (Claire Stirland - Occupational Therapist)

SEND Information Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) (SENDIASS Officer)

Neurodevelopmental Family Support (SENDIASS Neurodevelopmental Family Support Officer)

Emotional Wellbeing and Effective Learning Team (Senior Specialist Inclusion Support)

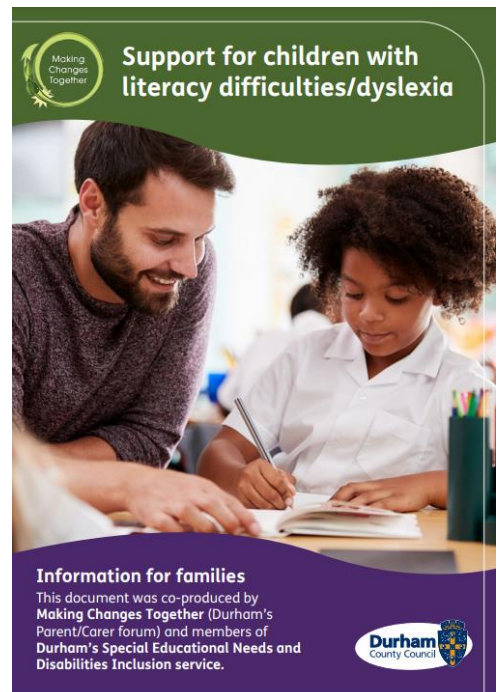
Learning Library (Outreach Worker)

Miss Gregg (SENCO)

Information for Families on Literacy Difficulties

MCT and SEND and Inclusion have put together a document which outlines support for literacy difficulties and describes the approach in SEND and Inclusion.

If you would like a printed copy or a copy sent via Class Dojo, please contact Miss Gregg.



Support for children with literacy difficulties/dyslexia

Information for families
This document was co-produced by Making Changes Together (Durham's Parent/Carer forum) and members of Durham's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Inclusion service.

Durham County Council

The image shows a man and a woman sitting at a desk, looking at a book together. The man is pointing at the text in the book, and the woman is looking at it intently. There are several colored pencils in a holder on the desk. The background is a blurred classroom setting.

Fun and Food Summer 2023

Coming soon... Free and fabulous summer holiday activities with healthy food. Keep checking back to this page for more updates or visit www.durham.gov.uk/funandfood



Live Well North East – Summer Young Volunteers

Young volunteers summer programme

Ages 10-14

Tuesday 25th July and Tuesday 1st 8th 15th 22nd August
11am -2pm

We are so excited to launch our summer programme.

Volunteering helps to develop many skills including:

- Learning to respect others
- Learning to be helpful and kind
- Learning to understand people who are different
- Developing leadership skills
- Becoming more patient
- Better understanding of citizenship
- Doing well at school
- Being part of a team

Volunteering will take place in our Summer Holiday Club based in the Fulforth Centre, Sacriston

To register interest please message our page or email livewellneoffice@gmail.com

Short Break Offer

For families of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities



The Local Offer

Visit the Local Offer for information on groups that provide activities for children and young people with SEND. The Local Offer also has information on groups that provide direct support to parents. You will need to contact the groups to find what they have on offer at the moment.

www.countydurhamfamilies.info/localoffer

FUN & FOOD

Do you find the school holidays a struggle? Finding fun things for your kids to do that don't cost the earth and paying for all that extra food or childcare.

Fun and Food provides FREE holiday activities with healthy snacks and meals for children and young people. Activities are provided by schools, voluntary and community sector groups, sport and leisure services and our family centres.

You can find out what is available in your area at www.durham.gov.uk/funandfood



Parent/carer online support

Durham County Carers Support are hosting a variety of online support, training and activity sessions for carers. For more information please contact 0300 005 1213 or visit www.dccarers.org

Making Changes Together Parents Forum (MCT) are running Zoom coffee events. For more information please contact info@mctdurham.co.uk or visit www.mctdurham.co.uk



Short Breaks Solutions

If you are struggling to find suitable activities for your children to give you a short break from your caring role, our Short Breaks Solutions service will work with you to find options that suit your family's needs. Short Breaks Solutions can refer you to some tailored opportunities for children and young people with SEND that will benefit them and their families outside of their education.



To access any of the activities please contact Short Breaks Solutions:

Email: shortbreakssolutions@durham.gov.uk

Telephone: 03000 260 270

