



Newsletter 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023



**Nursery Miss King**



Pupil of the week is Alice Hetherington for a really positive attitude and behaviour.



**Year 3 Miss Gregg**

Pupil of the Week is Charlie Dyce for his continued effort and progress in swimming.

**Year 5 Miss Hird and Miss Oliver**



Pupil of the Week is Ruby Conquest for her mature attitude to learning.

**Year 6 Miss Denham**

Pupil of the Week is Alex Owens for his excellent attitude to learning, in science, when exploring electricity to make a circuit with a variety of components.

**Reception Mrs. Smith**

Pupil of the week is Albert Greenwood for great concentration during his writing task this week



**Year 1 Miss Crampton**



Pupil of the week is Skye McGinty for having brilliant knowledge about Grace Darling and her life.

**Year 2 Miss Cameron**

Pupil of the week is Hunter Hindmarch for his excellent behaviour and participation at the Discovery Museum in Newcastle.

The children need to bring in their PE kits, Monday and Tuesday next week (10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> July) due to a practise sports day.

**Year 4 Miss Prosser**

Pupil of the Week is Edward for his increased confidence in class.



# DIRECT SUPPORT FOR YOUNG DADS AND DADS-TO-BE IN COUNTY DURHAM



- Are you a young dad or dad-to-be (aged under 26)?
- Feel like you are the only young dad in the world?
- Worried about becoming a young dad?
- Sometimes find it difficult to cope as a new parent or young family?
- At times feel like the world is against you?
- Want to get out of the house and be more active?
- Want to meet, chat, or spend time with other young dads in your position?
- Looking for things to do and places to go for free with your child(ren)?
- Want to learn new skills, gain qualifications, and become a more confident and capable dad?
- Need a little help and support to get back on track or stay on track?

Supported by County Durham's Family Hub and Start for Life programme, we are delighted to offer the following services to young dads and expectant fathers in County Durham >>



## **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 13<sup>th</sup> July (1:30pm start)**

We are holding a family fun event on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

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



### 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

### **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/gYPt500InUj>

## 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.

### 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)

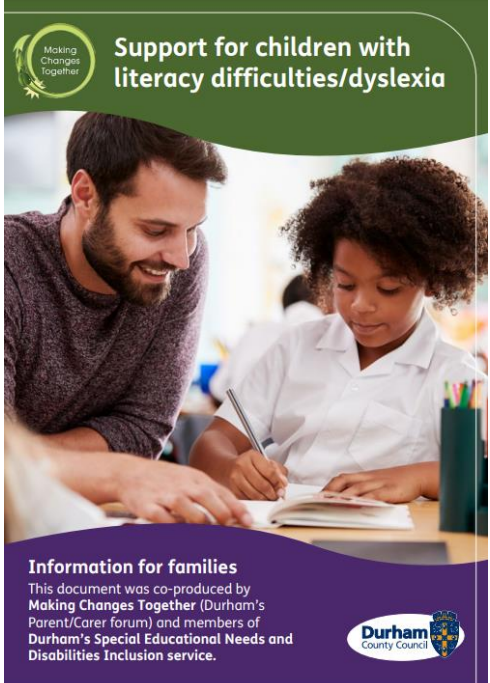
Learning Library (Outreach Worker)

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.

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The image shows a man and a young girl sitting at a desk, looking at a book together. The man is pointing at the text in the book, and the girl is looking at it intently. There are 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](http://www.durham.gov.uk/funandfood)



### Live Well North East – Summer Young Volunteers

Young volunteers summer programme

Ages 10-14

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://www.dccarers.org)

Making Changes Together Parents Forum (MCT) are running Zoom coffee events. For more information please contact [info@mctdurham.co.uk](mailto:info@mctdurham.co.uk) or visit [www.mctdurham.co.uk](http://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](mailto:shortbreakssolutions@durham.gov.uk)

Telephone: 03000 260 270

