



Newsletter 14th July 2023



Nursery Miss King



Pupil of the week is Poppy for her beautiful cake shop colouring sign.



Year 3 Miss Gregg

Pupil of the Week is Lincoln Monaghan for precision and care with mathematical drawings.

Year 5 Miss Hird and Miss Oliver

Pupil of the Week is Max Taylor for always taking pride in our classroom and tidying up after others.



Year 6 Miss Denham

Pupil of the Week is Amelia Casson for her amazing support during our school fair!



Reception Mrs. Smith

Pupil of the week is Poppy Armstrong for confident performances in our graduation practises this week.

On Monday Reception will be holding their Graduation Ceremony at 2pm and their sports day is Wednesday at 1.15pm.



Year 1 Miss Crampton



Pupil of the week is Kylan Spencer for settling well into year 1 this week.

Year 2 Miss Cameron

Pupil of the week is Tyler for having a fantastic week in Class 2.

Tuesday is Sports Day, please make sure the children have their PE kit in school. Thank you

Year 4 Miss Prosser

Pupil of the Week is Cooper for always being cheerful and working hard this week.



Thank you for participating in our family fun fundraising afternoon.

We raised £798.26!

The money will be added to the school fund.

Thank you for your support!



What is happening next week?

It is difficult to believe we break up for the summer holidays next Friday (21st July).

Here is a reminder of what is happening next week:

- EYFS Reception graduation 17th July
- Year 5 trip to Beamish
- Whole school sports afternoon 18th July (1:00pm)
- EYFS Sports 19th July
- Leavers' Production 20th July (10:30am & 1:30pm)
- Break up for summer holiday Friday 21st

Please note: swimming for year 3 and year 4 is going ahead as normal. Please remind children to pack their swimming cap.

NSPCC advice for whether to leave kids at home this summer

[By Tom Banner@TomBannerWN](mailto:TomBanner@TomBannerWN)

PARENTS thinking of leaving their children at home while they head out are being urged to read the latest NSPCC advice.

Managing work and childcare in the six-week summer holiday can present challenges for parents, so the organisation has offered its advice on what can and should be done. There is no legal age a child can be left home alone as every child matures differently, but it is against the law to leave a child alone if it puts them at risk. The NSPCC is preparing for a spike in calls this summer.

A spokesperson said: "We would advise a child who doesn't feel comfortable shouldn't be left alone.

This campaign aims to help parents and carers decide if their child is ready to stay home, or go out alone unsupervised, by giving them access to information, guidance and a new quiz; all of which can be found by visiting the 'Home or Out Alone' section of the NSPCC website at nspcc.org.uk/homealone.

The NSPCC Helpline is also available for any parent who needs help or support about any concern.

If you are worried about a child, even if you are unsure, contact the NSPCC Helpline on 0808 800 5000 or email help@nspcc.org.uk.



Help us restock our library!

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

Thank you.

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

**GET ROUND
FOR A £**



**If you're 21
or under*, **go by bus**
for a cheaper,
greener way
to get around for
just £1!**



*Proof of age may be required. Terms and conditions apply.

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/gYPt500InUj>

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Updates

Upcoming Events and Information

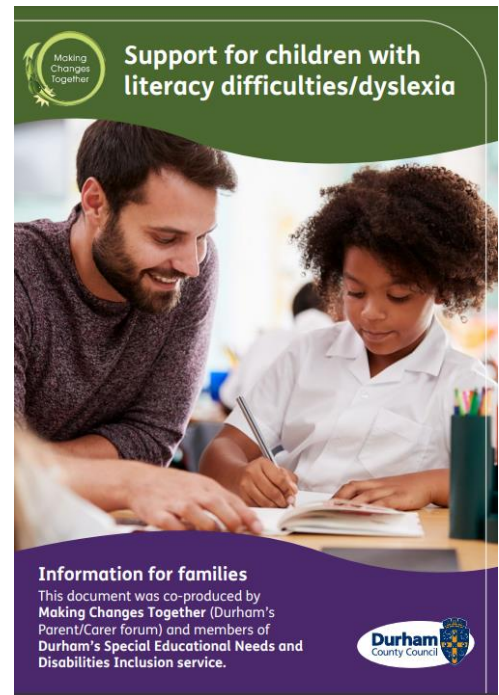
Most upcoming events are being advertised on social media [Durham SEND Information, Advice, Support Service | Facebook](#) This is the link to the page and there is also an Autism Hub group [Durham SENDIASS Autism Hub | Facebook](#) which promotes not just the Autism Hub events, but also other events 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 and ask to be added to the mailing list. You will then get any information emailed directly to you.

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.



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



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

