



Newsletter 8th September 2023



Nursery Miss King



Pupil of the week is Penny for joining in with lots of activities about 'colour' this week.



Year 3 Miss Simpson

Pupil of the Week is Olivia Stephenson-Brough for being very helpful and responsible.

Swimming lessons are on Tuesdays.

Year 5 Miss Hird

Pupil of the Week is Shane Dunoo for an excellent start to life in Year 5.



Year 6 Miss Denham and Mrs Moscrop-Brown

Pupil of the Week is Faith K for her enthusiastic start to Year 6.

Reception Mrs. Smith

Pupil of the week is Darcie Starkie Ferguson for a great first week, listening carefully and trying hard.



Year 1 Miss Crampton



Pupil of the week is Agnes Watchman for an excellent start in Year 1.

Year 2 Miss Cameron

Pupil of the week is Tyler Doran for an excellent work ethic in Class 2 this week!

Our PE day is a Monday, please make sure the children bring their PE kits to school. Thank you.

Year 4 Miss Prosser

Pupil of the Week is Subhash for his wonderful enthusiasm this week in class 4.

Please bring in reading books every day and read regularly at home.

PE is on Tuesday; please can the children bring their PE kit with them.

Swimming lessons are on Mondays.



Message from Mrs Costello (Headteacher)

What a busy week we've had in school. I'd like to say big thank you to everyone for the warm welcome I have received as part of the team. The children are wonderful: they are so polite, hardworking and well-behaved and they are a credit to you as parents and to us as a school. They have certainly made me feel at home. We have made a great start to the new school year and I'm really looking forward to getting to know everyone and build on the excellent work that goes on here.

Water Bottles



Please can children bring their water bottles into school each day.

TESCO
Community Grants

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

If you are shopping in any Tesco store, please ask for a blue token and pop it in the collection point, the charity with the most, blue tokens, at the end of the period will receive £1,500, the second-place charity will receive £1,000 and the third-place charity will receive £500.

Academic year 2023-2024

- 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 16th 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

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Updates

Upcoming Events and Information

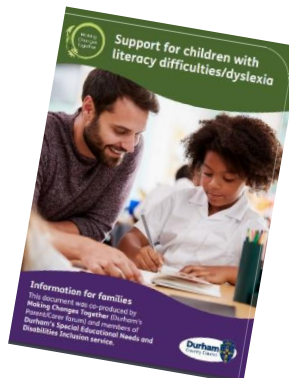
Most upcoming events are being advertised on social media [Durham SEND Information, Advice, Support Service | Facebook](#) This is the link to the page and there is also an Autism Hub group [Durham SENDIASS Autism Hub | Facebook](#) which promotes not just the Autism Hub events, but also other events 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.



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

