



October 6<sup>th</sup> 2017

Issue 5

### **Barnard Castle Library Fun Palace**

All of the children in school will be visiting the town library more frequently this year as we aim to develop a life-long love of reading. The library is a great resource and on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October, they will be hosting a free event with artist Anna Harding, exploring connections between Art and Science. There are various fun activities suitable for the whole family so if you are free, why not pop along between 10am and 12 noon? There is no need to **book** - haha!

### **MacMillan Coffee Morning/Afternoon**

The coffee morning/afternoon for MacMillan Cancer Research raised a fantastic £310. Thank you to all the bakers, attendees and helpers who assisted with event and Mrs Ridley for organising it.

We have one raffle prize left in school for Mrs Parker, who didn't leave any contact details.

### **Friends of School Meeting**

Friends of School are holding a meeting in Miss Blackburn's class on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm. All welcome.

### **Logs for Sale**

You will have noticed the large number of logs that we have around site. We have used some for a wildlife area in the garden but wondered if any parents/friends might want to buy some logs. The money will be reinvested into the garden development. Please call in that office if you are interested.

### **Harvest Appeal 2017**

Last year we had a harvest appeal for Durham Christian Partnership and collected an amazing amount of food. The charity has been in touch to ask for your support again this year. The charity would like non-perishable food items, tinned and dried food, and have arranged to collect donations on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you.

### **Year 4 Art Project**

The Year 4 children spent Monday and Tuesday working with artist Stuart Langley. This project was run in conjunction with the Witham where their finished artwork will be displayed. The children were inspired by the different techniques that Stuart uses, and studied the different materials that are used in his artworks – such as sea glass, neon and stained glass. The children worked in pairs to design and create their own neon signs using EL wire. They will have the chance to see their designs displayed when Dr Greenwell's class visit the Witham later in the month.

I know from work produced in our after school Art club that we have some terrific artists in school. I look forward to showcasing school art at the Witham and at The Hub over the coming year.

### **Play in a Day**

A reminder that the children in Miss Richardson's Class will be learning a script, acting and performing to their parents/relatives at 2.50pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **Starting School**

The application process for school places for children who will be 5 on or between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 is open now. Applications can be made via [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) where you can access a guide containing essential information to help you with your application.

### Old Pound Coins

Although you can still use pound coins until 15th October, we will not be able to accept any old £1 coins in school in October due to the way in which we bank cash. Thank you.

### Applications for Secondary School Places

The application process for Secondary Admissions 2018 intake began on 12th September 2017. Parents can make their application for Secondary School online by visiting [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) which will be open now. The closing date for applications is 31st October 2017.

Paper application copies can be printed off by the parent/carer and emailed to [schooladmissions@durham.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@durham.gov.uk) if you would prefer that method. Questions around admissions can be answered by the School Admissions and Transport team on 03000265896.

### Attendance for w.b. 9.10.17

Class	Present
Mrs Bartoli's Reception	96.9%
Miss Lauder's Class	98.7%
Miss Blackburn's Class	98%
Dr Greenwell's Class	95.2%
Miss Richardson's Class	98.4%
<b>School Total</b>	<b>97.6%</b>

#### Punctuality

Please ensure that your child arrives at school no later than 8.55a.m. in order to make a prompt start for lessons. Remember Wake Up, Shake Up usually starts at 8.45a.m. 55 minutes of learning was lost to lateness this week.

### Dates for the diary

October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Dr Greenwell's Class Tag Rugby Festival at Staindrop Academy
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Richardson's Class to Multi-skills Festival at Staindrop Academy
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Richardson's Class and parents Play in a Day for (details to follow)
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Dr. Greenwell's Class: Highlights visit to Witham
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Selected Y5/6 children to Tag Rugby School Games Competition at Staindrop (all day)
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Individual and siblings photographs – Nursery parents please note - morning only

### October 23rd-27th Half Term

November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Flu Immunisation Rec-Y4
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	World Science Day
November 13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening
November 13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair after school each evening
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need events
December 6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Tree Festival at St Marys
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Blackburn's Class Hockey Competition
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Dr Greenwell's Multi-Skills Festival 9.30-11.30 at Staindrop
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Reception to sports festival at Staindrop
December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day
December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Carol Service at St Marys 1.45-2.45pm
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Recorders concert (Y4) at Teesdale School (details to follow)
December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Teacher Training Day

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