



## Foundation Stage Shopping Trip

Foundation Stage have been busy writing shopping lists as part of their High Street topic. They visited Morrisons and bought lots of ingredients for cakes, which they made the next day. It was delicious! Next week their theme is a Hairdressers so if anyone is in need of a trim please see Miss Smith! Foundation are having a Crazy Hair Day on Friday and would appreciate a small donation to send to Wigs for Kids.

## Messy Church

Messy Church is taking place on the Friday 30th September in Barney Methodist Church. It starts at 3:30 and there will be lots of craft activities, games and a delicious homemade meal. Everyone is very welcome. They finish at around 5:00pm. No charge, but donations welcome. For more info contact Marie on 07497006840 or [cafaminteesdale@hotmail.com](mailto:cafaminteesdale@hotmail.com)

## Friends of Montalbo (FOMs)

The first FOMs meeting of the school year will take place on Tuesday 4th October at 5pm. This will be held at school.

If you would like to play a role in FOMs please come along to the meeting. Everybody is welcome!

## Lynx Reintroduction

A retired, former colleague of mine is involved in work with Wildlife Trusts and is keen to talk to the children about the reintroduction of the Lynx to Northumberland. This wildcat was once common in Britain until 700AD. He will lead an assembly on this on Wednesday.

## St Cuthbert Workshop

As part of Class 1's Religious Education work, Ruth Chittingdon from Auckland Castle will be visiting school to talk about the life of St Cuthbert.

## Hinduism Workshop

Class 3 are taking part in an outreach session organised by staff at the Bowes Museum about their RE topic of Hinduism. Please ensure that any consent forms and voluntary contributions are returned as soon as possible. Thank you.

## Census Information

School Census Day is the 6<sup>th</sup> October. Extra information is being collected by DFE this time and we would appreciate it if you could return the separate Data Collection Form. Thank you.

## Attendance for w.b. 19.9.16

	Present
Reception	95%
Class 1	98.3%
Class 2	98.3%
Class 3	99.3%
Class 4	99.3%

Overall attendance this week was 98.5% which is very good. Well done all!

## MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

Mrs Ridley is organising a MacMillan Coffee Afternoon from 2pm on Friday September 30th 2016. All parents, grandparents, friends and family are welcome. Further details have been sent out today.



### **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. too. This week there were no instances of lateness. Well done everyone!

### **Meet the Teacher**

On September 26th you have the chance to drop in to school between 3.30pm and 5.30pm to meet and talk to your child's new teacher. This is quite informal and no appointments are needed.

### **Application for a School Place (Secondary School) for September 2017**

A letter was sent on Monday informing Y6 parents of the process for applying for a secondary school place. The application process opens on 12th September and closes on 31st October.

### **Application for a School Place (Primary School) for September 2017**

Cards have been handed out to Nursery parents detailing the procedure for applying for a Reception place for their child. All information is available online from [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) and the deadline for applications is midnight on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

### **Class 2 Educational Visit**

Class 2 are learning all about the weather this half term and are going to be Weather Presenters at the BBC Newcastle Studios on October 5<sup>th</sup>! Please ensure that any consent forms and voluntary contributions are returned as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **Head Lice**

We have had a report of head lice in school. Would you please be vigilant this weekend and check your child's hair.

### **Outstanding Forms**

Please could you return any outstanding forms such as Data Sheets, asthma information, EV4 forms, e-learning as soon as possible?

### **Dates for your Diary**

September 26th Meet the Teacher  
September 29nd Swimming for Class 4  
September 30th MacMillan Coffee Afternoon  
October 4<sup>th</sup> Outreach from Bowes Museum to work with Class 3  
October 0<sup>th</sup> Artist from Bowes Museum working with Class 4  
October 6th Class 4 to the Bowes Museum WW1 Project  
October 17<sup>th</sup> Class 3 – Outreach from Durham University (Volcanos)  
October 18th Class 4 Rugby Festival at Teesdale School  
October 20<sup>th</sup> Class 4 Tag Rugby Festival  
October 21st Class 4 Assembly 9.00a.m.  
October 24th-28th Half term  
November 4<sup>th</sup> Photographer in school – Individuals and siblings

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Head Teacher