



New Arrivals

This week we had a transition afternoon for children who will be joining us from Startforth Morritt Church of England Primary School. It has not been an easy time for them or their families recently, and we look forward to working with them over the coming weeks as they settle in.

Great Start

This week I have been spending more time in every classroom, looking at many different elements of classroom practice and children's work, behaviour and attitude. I have been extremely pleased with the standards I have seen and credit must go to the school team. The children and staff are working incredibly hard and I know that their hard work is paying off. Well done all!

Bikeability

The first session of Cycle Training for Class 4 will take place on 11th October. These sessions are important as they teach children how to cycle safely, thinking about some of the laws and hazards that they need to understand. Further information has been sent to children in this class.

Messy Church

Messy Church is taking place tonight, 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

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

Mr Temby gave the children an interesting talk in assembly on Wednesday about the reintroduction of the lynx into Northumberland. We look forward to seeing how this project moves forward. Mr Temby is going to talk to Class 4 later in the term about other wildlife initiatives he is involved in.

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 6th 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. 26.9.16

	Present
Reception	98.3%
Class 1	95%
Class 2	97.5%
Class 3	93.8%
Class 4	98.3%

Overall attendance this week was 96.5%



MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who attended this afternoon's coffee afternoon to support this very worthwhile cause. I hope you enjoyed it. Thanks also to the volunteers and Mrs Ridley for their help in making the event a success. We will let you know how much we raised for MacMillan next week.

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 several instances of lateness, with 50minutes of learning lost.

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 and the deadline for applications is midnight on 15th 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 5th! Please ensure that any consent forms and voluntary contributions are returned as soon as possible. Please note that the coach leaves at **8.45am**. Unfortunately, due to having already booked places at the studio and on the bus, the new starters from Startforth will be unable to attend this visit and be taught in school.

Dates for your Diary

October 4th Outreach from Bowes Museum to work with Class 3
October 4th FOMs Meeting at school from 5pm
October 5th BBC Look North Trip for Class 2
October 5th Teesdale School Open Evening
October 6th Class 4 to the Bowes Museum (swimming cancelled)
October 10th Bowes Museum artist working with Class 4
October 11th Bikeability – Cycle Training for Class 4
October 17th Class 3 – Outreach from Durham University (Volcanos)
October 18th Class 4 Rugby Festival at Teesdale School
October 20th Class 4 Tag Rugby Festival at Staindrop School
October 21st Class 4 Assembly 9.00a.m.
October 24th-28th Half term
October 31st Last day for Secondary School Applications
November 1st Bikeability – Cycle Training for Class 4
November 4th Photographer in school – Individuals and siblings
November 8th and 15th Bikeability – Cycle Training for Class 4
November 15th and 16th – Parents' Evening

Mr Minikin

Head Teacher