



September 15th 2017 Issue 2

Well done Miss Richardson!

We are very proud of Miss Richardson for achieving the National Professional Qualification for Middle Leadership (NPQML)! This is a qualification that provides national recognition of leadership development and professional achievement as a middle leader. Congratulations Miss Rich!

New starters

This week has been the first full week for our new Reception starters and two older children who also joined us. It is never easy starting school and making the adjustments to routines, meeting new people, and having so many changes but the children have been remarkable. They seem very settled and happy. Well done to you all.

EYFS visit to the Bowes Museum

Nursery and Reception children enjoyed a walk to the Bowes Museum this week as part of their topic all about where we live. They were brilliant ambassadors for the school during the visit and had a great time learning about the museum and collecting lots of conkers and pine cones in the grounds!

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 where you can access a guide containing essential information to help you with your application.

Applications for Secondary School Places

It always seems incredibly early, but 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 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 if you would prefer that method. Questions around admissions can be answered by the School Admissions and Transport team on 03000265896.

Swimming

Swimming began on Thursday this week for Year 4 children and some Y5/6 children. This will carry on all year for Year 4s and as the Y5/6 children reach the national curriculum standards they will finish their sessions.

Informal Meet the Teacher Evening

On Monday 18th September there is the opportunity to come into school between 3.30pm and 5.30pm to meet your child's teacher and Teaching Assistant, look at books, find out how they have begun in the new term etc. There is no need to book an appointment as this is more informal than the Parents' Evening later in the term.

Missing school jumper

Please could you look at home to see if your child has brought Roxy's school jumper home by mistake. It is a Tesco jumper (9/10) and has her name in. Thank you.

School Uniform Sizes

Please check the size chart for school uniform to ensure the garments ordered are a suitable fit. The age size on the order form is for guidance only.

Dr Greenwell's Class Visit

Dr Greenwell's class will be visiting the Oriental Museum as part of their topic on Egyptians and Durham Cathedral as part of their RE topic on Tuesday. Please ensure that your child is on time to avoid delay. I am sure the children will thoroughly enjoy the visit!

Art at the Witham

In the holidays I visited the Witham Hall's Gallery to see our Year 4 children's paintings. They looked superb and were of a very high standard. Looking at the memory book of the children working with residents from the Manor House, it was clear to see that both the children and adults took a lot from the sessions.

The current Year 4s will be working with an artist shortly and I look forward to seeing their work too. I am making arrangements with The Hub to have work from across the school displayed there, and will keep you updated throughout the year.

Attendance for w.b. 11.9.17

Class	Present
Mrs Bartoli's Reception	93.8%
Miss Lauder's Class	99.7%
Miss Blackburn's Class	99%
Dr Greenwell's Class	97.6%
Miss Richardson's Class	98.1%
School total	98%

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. 20 minutes of learning was lost to lateness this week.

Dates for the diary

September 18th Informal Meet the Teacher
September 19th Dr Greenwell's Class to Durham
September 29th Macmillan Coffee morning/afternoon
October 16th Dr Greenwell's Class Tag Rugby Festival at Staindrop Academy
October 17th Miss Richardson's Class to Multi-skills Festival at Staindrop Academy
October 18th Play in a Day for Miss Richardson's Class and parents (details to follow)
October 20th Individual and siblings photographs
October 23rd-27th Half Term

Mr Minikin

Head Teacher