



September 11th 2020

Reminder

As I mentioned last week, I have been very pleased with the time management of children, parents and staff in order to help keep everyone safe and in the right place at the right time. Please continue to try to arrive at the correct times and a reminder is below:-

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 start at 8.30am and leave at 3pm

Years 1 and 2 start at 8.45am and leave at 3.15pm

Nursery and Reception start at 9am and leave at 3.30pm

Where there is more than one child attending our school, you can bring all of your children at the earliest time and collect them at the latest if it makes it easier for you or you could stick to the times above if you would prefer. Breakfast Club and After School Care is available from 7.45am-4.30pm and you should have received a booking form from the School Office.

I have also been pleased that parents/carers who have had symptoms of COVID 19 and have had a test have kept their child off until the result was known. Thankfully, the tests to date have been negative and the child could return to school.

Keeping children safe online

With children spending more time on line for work and pleasure, and the fact that technology moves on so quickly, it is important that we monitor our children's online behaviour.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/> is a useful site for parents that has been recommended by the Local Authority and is worth visiting.

Outdoor Education

We have been fortunate with the weather this week, allowing our outdoor learning lessons to start without soggy feet! This half term we will be focusing on our team building skills as we continue to form our class tribes. Each class has been able to spend time in our woodland copse, with the children spending this week exploring the area and creating their own rules to stay safe outside whilst having the freedom to try new things. It would be helpful if children can have wellies and a waterproof in school on the day that they have their outdoor learning lessons. Please see the information below:-

Year 1 – Monday ; Year 2 - Tuesday ; Year 3 – Thursday ; Year 4 – Tuesday ; Year 5 – Thursday ;

Year 6 – Wednesday

Eco Team

This week saw our first 'Eco Assembly' of the year. Due to our assemblies being virtual at the moment this is providing a fabulous opportunity for the whole school to be involved in creating a greener school. Each Year group has been given a special project that they will oversee. Year one will be looking at food waste, promoting our well-established composting system at school; Year 2 will be monitoring how we all travel to school; Year 3 will be providing valued feedback as we extend our outdoor learning provision; Year 4 will be helping our local wildlife; Year 5 will be taking part in litter picks and finally Year 6 will promote our battery recycling scheme. In the coming weeks classes will be appointing an Eco champion to represent each year.

Message from TCR Hub

I have been very impressed with the work of staff and volunteers at TCR Hub during this difficult period as they have supported local families and our community. They have asked if families could complete a short survey to help shape future plans by Tuesday 22nd September 2020. It is available online here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FYQYFLR> and also on the website here: www.tcrhub.co.uk

PE Days

Please find below information on when each class will take part in PE. We are advising children to come to school in their PE kits on these days until further notice unless stated.

Year 1 - Tuesday

Year 2 - Monday and Tuesday

Year 3 - Thursday and Friday

Year 4 – Monday and Thursday

Year 5 – Wednesday and Thursday

Year 6 – Tuesday and Friday

Nursery do not need a PE kit as they will be utilising their outside space and Reception will need to leave theirs in school to help promote independence in getting changed.

Reception Class Places 2021

Postcards have been handed out this week to nursery children regarding the application procedure for Reception Class in September 2021. The card has instructions on how to access the Parent's Guide (Primary & Secondary School Admissions Guide in County Durham 2021/22) and is available on the D.C.C website from 14th September 2020 or via the following link: www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Secondary School Places 2021

If your child is due to transfer to secondary school in September next year, the application process will open on 14 September 2020. The Parent's Guide "Primary and Secondary School Admission Guide in County Durham 2021/22" contains essential information that will help you in making your child's application and is available on the D.C.C. website www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you live in County Durham, you need to complete an application to tell the LA which school you want your child to attend. You should list up to 3 school preferences and applying for just 1 school Does Not improve your chances of gaining a place at that school. You can apply for any school/academy in County Durham or in another Local Authority area. When you apply you will receive an acknowledgement and be offered a school place for your child by email on 1 March 2021. Please save your log-in details to enable you to accept your child's place on-line.

Attendance

Attendance for w.b. 07.09.20

Reception	99.3%	Class 3	100%
Class 1	94.8%	Class 4	95.6%
Class 2	97.7%	Class 5	96.3%
		Class 6	96.9%

School overall attendance is: 97.2%

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