



November 5th 2021

Music Tuition

We are pleased to be expanding music tuition in school. In Year 5 and 6, Mrs Unwin teaches the flute, clarinet and saxophone as well as the Year 4 recorder tuition. Dr Greenwell has asked different groups of children across the school about Music in school and several children mentioned that they would be interested in learning to play the piano.

Rosie from <https://www.happyinharmoniymusic.co.uk/coaching> could come in to teach piano on a Thursday afternoon at a cost of £11 per session. If you would like your child to learn the piano with Rosie, please email montalbo@durhamlearning.net or contact us via Weduc.

Parents' Evenings

We will be holding virtual Autumn Parents' Evenings after half term on November 16th & 18th. Appointments can be booked via the Parents Evening tab in Weduc. If you need any help or advice about the system please contact the school office.

Beamish Educational Visit for Year 4

On Wednesday 17th November, Year 4 will be visiting Beamish Museum to consolidate and add to their understanding of their recent history topic of mining. The children will travel by coach at 9am but as there is a lot to fit in will return to school at 4.30pm. Children who receive a school lunch will be provided with a school packed lunch. As the majority of the visit will be outdoors, please send your children with a suitable outdoor coat.

Rotary Club Young Musician Competition

Please see the message below from the Rotary Club.

'We are calling again to all young musicians. Barnard Castle Rotary Club's Prestigious Young Musician Competition 2021/22 has gone LIVE! After our successful virtual competition, we are holding a live event at THE TCR HUB in Barnard Castle on Saturday 4th December. Family & friends are very welcome, so come and join the thrill of this competition with cash prizes & certificates in all categories.

It is free to enter, so if you know anyone interested in taking part please see the information and entry form on Weduc. The last date for entries will be Friday the 19th November, however would appreciate entries ASAP so we can assess the viability of the contest.'

Read Write Inc Session for Parents of Reception/Year 1 children

Miss Lauder would like to invite parents/carers of children in Reception/Year 1 to a presentation about Read Write Inc phonics, and how we teach your child to read. Within the presentation, there will be useful tips on how you can support your child's reading at home.

Adult Literacy

If you would like to improve your own reading skills, please contact Mr Minikin directly as we would like to help and support you.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs begin next week for 4 weeks. Please complete the application form which is in the Forms section on Weduc and payment should be made via your Parent Pay Account.

Monday: Christmas Art – **Year 3 & 4** (3pm – 4pm)

Tuesday: Football Club – **Year 5 & 6** (3pm – 4pm)

Tuesday: Board Games – **Year 1 & 2** (3:15pm – 4:15pm)

Thursday: Christmas Art – **Reception** (3:30pm – 4:30pm)

Thursday: Christmas choir – **Years 3,4,5 & 6** (3pm – 4pm)

FOMS

Thank you to the Friends of Montalbo School who braved the elements to run a stall at the Friends of Richardson Hospital event over half term.

FOMS and I are meeting on Tuesday November 9th. If you would like to join please contact FOMS on Friendsofmontalbo@gmail.com

Remembrance Day

We are selling various items to support the British Legion Poppy Appeal as we do every year. Full details of items available are on Weduc and any donations should be brought into school in a named sealed envelope with a description of the item required. As yet, I have not had details confirmed about the Remembrance Parade but will provide an update when I do.

Barnard Castle Library

Friends of Barnard Castle Library are running a book review competition entitled “My Best Book of 2021” This is open to all children in Key Stages 1 or Key Stage 2 and involves drawing (KS1) or writing a review of a favourite book. The competition is for children to enter in their own time, and all entries should be sent to Barnard Castle library as per the information on the entry form which can be found [here](#).

I hope that as many of our children as possible take part. I know we have a lot of avid readers so the choice of book may be tough! The closing date is Friday 26th November.

Reception School Places September 2022

The window for applying for Reception places has opened and runs until January 15th 2022.

If you would like to visit school, please contact the School Office who will arrange this with you.

Parent/Carers of all children eligible to start Reception must submit an application.

Further details on the process can be found [here](#).

ParentPay

Please remember to pay for Nursery care, clubs and wraparound care before the event and check that any arrears are cleared. Thank you.

Morrisons It's Good to Grow

We have registered with the Morrisons It's Good to Grow Scheme. From September, for every £10 spent in store or online, you'll get one Grow Token that your local school can then redeem for a wide range of gardening and growing equipment. Download the MyMorrisons app to donate tokens to our school, you can see how we are doing by visiting [here](#). Thank you to the families who have donated to date.

Diary dates

November 16th and 18th

Autumn Term Parents' Evenings

November 17th

Read Write Inc Parents Meeting for Reception/Year 1 Parents/Carers

November 17th

Beamish Educational Visit for Year 4

November 23rd

Individual and sibling photographs

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