



October 13<sup>th</sup> 2023

### **FOMS Bingo Night**

Last night FOMS held a bingo night with the help of the ladies from Teesdale Cancer Research. These events are great when families from the school community can come together and have a good time. Thank you very much to all of FOMS for organising this – they raised around £1100 which all goes towards things for our children. Thank you to everyone who attended, donated or bought raffle tickets too. Thanks also to Pam, Elaine and Mary for keeping us entertained!

### **Start Small, Dream Big**

Year 5 children have had their first experience of the careers programme: Start Small, Dream Big. They went to Cockfield Primary School to work with Farrens, an engineering company. The children were given some challenges to solve in groups including trying to turn 'green, zombie water' clear! Two teams from our school were declared the winners of the challenge. The children learnt more about Farrens engineering too and maybe it may just spark an interest in some for their future career.

### **Year 1 Visit to St Mary's Church**

We are grateful to Reverend Harding for explaining more to our Year 1 children about the significance of the Harvest Festival in the church's calendar as part of their RE lessons. Thank you to our helpers who accompanied the children on this visit.

### **Parents/Carers' Evening**

Parents/Carers' Evenings are on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and October 24<sup>th</sup>. Please book an appointment following the instructions on Weduc.

### **Mini Art Project**

Mrs Patterson, our Art Subject Lead, has shared one of her regular art challenges via Weduc that we hope our children will enjoy on the theme of 'Helping Hands.' Please see the post for details.

### **Connections through Coffee and Chat**

The first drop in session of Connections through Coffee and Chat will take place on October 19<sup>th</sup> from 2pm. All welcome.

### **Harvest Collection**

Dr Greenwell will be leading a Harvest Assembly in school on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Reverend Harding, who usually leads a Monday assembly, is collecting foodstuffs for two local foodbanks (TCR Hub in Barnard Castle and The Well at West Auckland). If you would like to donate, please bring in any tins etc to a drop off point in the school foyer or send them in with your child. Thank you.

### **Christmas Fayre**

School and FOMs will be hosting our annual Christmas Fayre on November 30<sup>th</sup>. I know that regular visitors really enjoy this and we do too. There will be a great mix of stallholders and activities to do. If you would like a stall at our Fayre, please contact the School Office.

### **Reception School Places**

The window for applying for school places for Reception places in September 2024 is now open. To apply, please visit [here](#). Once on the site, you can apply online through the Parent Portal or if you prefer a paper application please contact Durham School Admissions on 03000265896.

## Secondary school admission process

The application process for the Secondary School Admissions 2024 Intake is open. Parents/carers can make their application for Secondary School online by visiting [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions). The closing date for Secondary School Applications is the 31st October 2023.

If parents do not wish to apply online they can complete a paper application form, and these are available on request from the School Admissions Team.

These application forms can be requested by e-mail to [schooladmissions@durham.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@durham.gov.uk) or by telephone from the School Admissions and Transport Team on 03000 265896.

## Attendance

Below is a summary of attendance for this week.

Class	Attendance (%)
Reception	100
Year 1	97.1
Year 2	97.1
Year 3	97.9
Year 4	96.7
Year 5	100
Year 6	97.9
Whole School %	97.7%

## Dates for the Diary

October 18 <sup>th</sup>	18 Year 3 children Tag Rugby Festival (Staindrop)
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Connections through Coffee and Chat
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	All Year 6 to Multiskills (Staindrop)
October 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evenings
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery/Reception Halloween Disco
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1/2 and Year 3/4 Halloween Disco
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Halloween Disco
October 30 <sup>th</sup> – November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Half term
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	All Reception to Multiskills (Staindrop)
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Selected Key Stage 2 Children Cross Country
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	15 Year 1 to Multiskills (venue tbc)
November 16 <sup>th</sup>	All Year 4 to Multiskills

Mr. C Minikin  
Head Teacher

Please see the QR code for the School Lottery. The more players we have, the more we raise for the school and the bigger the prize fund.

