



September 22nd 2023

FOMS Bingo Night

FOMS have arranged a Bingo Night on 12th October beginning at 7pm at Glaxo Sports and Social Club, with doors opening at 6pm. Entrance tickets are £6 which include pie and peas or vegetarian quiche. Bingo tickets can be purchased from school with funds raised going to FOMS and Teesdale Cancer Research. Please contact the School Office via the usual ways if you would like some tickets.

Visit

Next week sees the first of our Educational Visits of the year.

Year 1 will be visiting the Bowes Museum to learn about significant building in the locality. Year 2 will also be visiting the museum to sketch the features of the grounds as part of their Geography work. Thank you to the parent helpers who are joining us

On Thursday, Class 3 will be visiting the older parts of town on a Local History walk and looking at features of the River Tees as part of their Geography work. On the afternoon, the children will visit High Force to do some field sketches, extending their work on the River Tees.

Flu vaccination

The nasal flu vaccinations will take place at school on Friday 29th September. Please use the below link to complete either a consent form or a refusal for the vaccinations. The link contains the consent form and additional information such as FAQs regarding the vaccination. The link will close on Wednesday 20th September.

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/b2cfb648>

If your child has already had the Nasal Flu vaccine since September 2023 please disregard this message. If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 358 3397.

Race for Life

Miss Richardson has organised a Race for Life to support Teesdale Cancer Research. If you are able to, please help our children with sponsorship. On the day, we are encouraging children to wear something pink to coincide with the 'Turn Barney Pink' event which is arranged for the following weekend. Thank you.

Data Forms

Thank you to families who have returned data forms – it is best practice to have these done each year. Once these are returned from our families new to school, Weduc and ParentPay accounts can be generated and you can keep up to date with what is going on in school. Please ensure all sections are complete as these documents contribute to our safeguarding procedures. Thank you.

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

We will be holding a coffee afternoon on Friday 29th September. This time it will be for parents/family members, rather than bringing the children out of class. Mrs Bowron is arranging for some memory trees to be placed in school if you would like to add a message on the day, which we will display for two weeks.

Open Afternoon for Parents/Carers of children to due to start Reception in September 2024

Parents/carers of children who are due to start Reception in September 2024 are invited to attend our Open Afternoon on September 27th. Tours will run from 1.30pm, 2.30pm or 4.30pm. If you would like to attend, please contact the School Office. If the day/times are inconvenient please let

us know and we can arrange an alternative. Applications will close on January 15th 2024 and offers of school places will be made by the Local Authority on April 17th 2024.

Teesdale Pride Event

Curious Arts, a local LGBTQIA+ charity arts organisation, are producing the first ever Teesdale Pop Up Pride on the 23rd September. There are many free activities for all the family - in partnership with TCR Hub, Northern Heartlands and YMCA Teesdale. Teesdale Pop Up Pride runs from 10am - 4pm at TCR Hub.

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. 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 or by telephone from the School Admissions and Transport Team on 03000 265896.

Contacting Class Teachers

Occasionally you might want to pass some information on to Class Teachers. The class email addresses are listed below are useful:

Mrs Patterson - nursery.montalbo@durhamlearning.net

Miss Lauder – reception.montalbo@durhamlearning.net

Mrs Newton – year1.montalbo@durhamlearning.net

Mrs Lomax – year2.montalbo@durhamlearning.net

Mrs Smith – year3.montalbo@durhamlearning.net

Dr Greenwell – year4.montalbo@durhamlearning.net

Mrs Leonard/Miss Richardson – year5.montalbo@durhamlearning.net

Mrs Channell – year6.montalbo@durhamlearning.net

Attendance

Below is a summary of attendance for this week.

Class	Attendance (%)
Reception	100
Year 1	96.5
Year 2	94.7
Year 3	92.3
Year 4	95.3
Year 5	99.6
Year 6	95.4.
Whole School %	96.1%

Dates for the Diary

September 26th

Year 1 to the Bowes Museum

September 27th

Open Afternoon for Reception children of Sept 2024

September 28th

Year 3 visit to town and High Force

September 29th

Flu Vaccination team in school (am)

September 29th

MacMillan Coffee afternoon

October 2nd

Mini Police Activity for Year 5

October 4th

Race for Life

October 9th

Teacher Training Day

October 10 th	Year 1 to St Mary's Church
October 12 th	FOMS Bingo Night (7pm at Glaxo Sports & Social Club)
October 18 th	18 Year 3 children Tag Rugby Festival (Staindrop)
October 19 th	All Year 6 to Multiskills (Staindrop)
October 23 rd and 24 th	Parents' Evenings
October 25 th	Nursery/Reception Halloween Disco
October 26 th	Year 1/2 and Year 3/4 Halloween Disco
October 27 th	Y5/6 Halloween Disco
October 30 th – November 3 rd	Half term
November 8 th	All Reception to Multiskills (Staindrop)
November 10 th	Selected Key Stage 2 Children Cross Country
November 15 th	15 Year 1 to Multiskills (venue tbc)
November 16 th	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.

