

# Autumn Term 2018

## Newsletter 1 - 18/09/2018



A BIG welcome back to everyone. It is so lovely to see our new children in Reception and Nursery settling in well and of course looking so smart in their school uniform.

Welcome also to Mr Ayres who has joined our school and will be responsible for teaching PE across the school.



We send out newsletters on a regular basis to keep parents/carers up to date with events, activities, news and other important information.

We will let you know when a newsletter has been sent home by sending out a quick text message. So please ensure that we have the correct mobile number for you.



As most parents/carers are aware the school offers a 'Wrap Around Care' service for all our children, including Nursery. Details about times and charges are set out below – if you require more information about the service please contact the school office.

| Before School Care:     | After School Care:      |
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| 8.00am – 8.45am - £1.50 | 3.15pm – 5.15pm - £4.00 |
| 8.15am – 8.45am - £1.00 | 3.15pm - 4.45pm - £3.00 |
| 8.30am – 8.45am – 50p   | 3.15pm – 4.15pm - £2.00 |
|                         | 3.15pm - 3.45pm - £1.00 |



### **E.SAFETY** - Keeping children safe at school and at home

Please find attached 2 copies of the school's e-safety agreement, one copy is for you to keep and the other should be completed and returned to school for our files. Please can we ask that you read through the agreement with your child as it is important that they fully understand the meaning of keeping safe whilst using computers and other devices. Many thanks.



We regularly remind our parents/carers about the importance of good attendance and punctuality. You may be surprised to know that the Nationally expected level of attendance is 96% and above which equates to a child being absent for only 7 school days in a school year. Every day lost at school affects children's learning and achievement and it is important that we work hard to ensure that children do not 'miss out'. For this reason work they have missed at school will be sent home with them when they return to school to complete and return to school. The support of our parents/carers with this matter is very important to us and much appreciated.

**Parent Governor Vacancy** - a vacancy exists for a Parent Governor at our school. As you will be aware the role of a governor is very important but equally very rewarding. The role briefly involves attending a total of 3 Full Governing Body meetings per year as well as other committee meetings. If you would like more information about the role of a governor please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Green. If you are interested in becoming a school governor please let us know either verbally or in writing no later than Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

**Dates for the Diary:** Please find below a list of diary dates for your information – if you need any further details please get in touch.

| <b>September</b>  |   |
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| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup>                         | Year 5/6 Netball league at Bishop Barrington School   |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>   | After School Football Team coaching session   |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>   | 9.00 Year 6 Assembly followed by refreshments   |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>  | Year 3 Forest Schools – please ensure your child has a change of clothes for this lesson              |
| Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>   | Year 5/6 Football League at Greenfields School  |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>   | 9.00 Year 5 Assembly followed by refreshments   |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September –<br>Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October | Book Fair in School - each evening straight after school in the main hall – further details to follow |
| <b>October:</b>   |   |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | Year 4 Forest Schools – please ensure your child has a change of clothes for this lesson              |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup>                          | Year 5/6 Netball league at Bishop Barrington School   |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | KS2 Cross Country Festival – details to follow for those children taking part                         |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup>                           | Year 5/6 Football League at Greenfields School  |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Year 4 Multi Skills at Vane Road School - details to follow   |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October   | Year 5 Forest Schools – please ensure your child has a change of clothes for this lesson              |

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| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>                                   | 9.00 – Year 4 Assembly followed by refreshments  |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> and<br>Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> | Parents/Carers evening<br>Details to follow  |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>                                  | Year 6 Forest Schools – please ensure your child has a change of clothes for this lesson |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>                                  | Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Festival at Whitworth Park<br>Details to follow                       |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>                                   | School closes for half term holiday  |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>                                   | School re-opens  |
| <b>November</b>   |  |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                    | 2.00 Year 3 Harvest Festival Assembly followed by refreshments                           |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>                                   | 9.00 – Year 2 Assembly followed by refreshments  |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>                                   | 9.00 – Year 1 Assembly followed by refreshments  |
| <b>December</b>   |  |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>                                   | 1.30 Carol Service and Nativity at St. John's Church                                     |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>                                   | School closes for Christmas holiday.   |



### School Admissions 2019/2020

Applications for a Reception Class school place in 2019 can now be made online to Durham County Council. Paper application forms are available from DCC on request – however parent/carers are strongly advised to obtain proof of posting in the form of 'Royal Mail Signed for' or 'Royal Mail Special Delivery Guaranteed' in the case of non delivery. Unfortunately the school cannot return paper applications on behalf of parents/carers. The deadline for receipt of all applications is **Midnight on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019** and it is vitally important that your application is submitted in time.

### Credit Union Banking Scheme

Since February 2018 our school has offered parents/carers/children the opportunity to save in a convenient way through the Credit Union. Saving as little as just a few pence per week is a great way of seeing your money grow over the weeks and months ahead. If you wish to join the bank or need more information contact Mrs Overfield



**Don't put your spare cash in the Piggy Bank – open a Credit Union account instead and be a savvy saver!!**

Please to contact us if you have any questions relating to our newsletter

