



Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 19

18 th Sept	Church
2 nd Oct	Church
9 th Oct	Church Harvest Festival
16 th -18 th Oct	Y6 Edinburgh
23 rd Oct	Church
25 th Oct	School Closes
4 th Nov	School Opens
6 th -8 th Nov	Y5 Robinwood
13 th Nov	Church
19 th Nov	Flu Vaccines
27 th Nov	Church
11 th Dec	Church
17 th Dec	Nativity Rec*/Y1/Y3/Y5 (Church)
19 th Dec	Nativity Rec*/Y2/Y4/Y6 (Church)
20 th Dec	School Closes
6 th Jan	School Opens
14 th Feb	School Closes
24 th Feb	School Opens
3 rd April	School Closes
20 th April	School Opens

*Please note that Reception Class will be split over two days for the Nativity Service. Mrs Wheeldon will inform parents of the exact date.

Attendance

Well done to our **Y5 & Y1 class** who are this week's winners of our High Attendance Trophy. Our class attendance figures for this week are:

Nursery	95.71%	Rec	99.26%
Y1	99.63%	Y2	99.23%
Y3	94.83%	Y4	96.18%
Y5	99.63%	Y6	98.52

A total of 15 sessions, which equates to 7.5 days, however, have been lost so far this academic year due to unauthorised holidays.

Welcome Back

We hope everybody had a lovely summer break and are refreshed and ready to start the new academic year.

Scooters

Can we remind parents again that currently scooters are not allowed in school as unfortunately we do not have the facility to store them safely. We hope to have further information soon on when the facilities will be installed. Therefore at the present time the bike store is for bikes only. Parents of children wishing to ride and store their bike at school must complete a bike contract which agrees that a helmet will be worn and a lock will be provided. Bike contracts are available from the main reception area. Can we also ask that pupils dismount their bicycles at the school gates and not ride them onto the playground, this is for the safety of people on the school yard.

Dogs

Can I please remind you that dogs are not allowed on school premises at any time (not even carried) and should be kept away from pupil entrance and exit gates. This is for the health and safety reasons. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Breakfast Club

Morning Childcare session starts at 7.30 a.m with breakfast provided up until 8.20 a.m. each morning. Children arriving after 8.20 a.m will not be provided with breakfast. Please therefore ensure your child arrives in good time if they are wanting to have breakfast. The reason for the cut off time is so that staff can clear the hall ready for the start of the school day. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Instrument Lessons

Pupils who have brass instrument lessons with Tees Valley music will resume week commencing 16th September 2019.

School Meals

Any changes to lunch arrangements should now have been made in writing and received by the school office. Changes to lunch arrangements cannot be altered now until next half term. School meals are £2.05 per day, i.e. £10.25 per week and payments are collected **in advance** on the first day of the school week. If payment is not received within the week then you may be asked to provide your child with a packed lunch. Cheques, if used, should be made payable to Durham Diocesan MAT. If paying in cash please try and send in the correct amount so that change does not have to be returned to pupils. Dinner money envelopes are available from the school office and main entrance area, if required, and should be used for dinner money only.

ParentPay – Cashless Payment System for Schools

In view of the demand from parents to make school payments online we have decided to join ParentPay which is a cashless system currently used in many schools. This system will allow parents to pay and consent for trips, book childcare and meal sessions and much more. This will mean there will no longer be the need for children to bring cash into school. It also allows for parents who do not have a bank account to be able to make payments at a local Pay Point. We are really keen on getting started with this and are hoping to go live in October. More details will follow later this month.