



NEWSLETTER 3: SEPTEMBER

Star of the Week

The following children have received a Star of the Week certificate this week:



- Nursery - Frances for her marvellous moves during Dough Disco!
- Reception - Aurora-Jasmin for being so considerate to her new friends in class
- Year 1 - Aria for being a great sport when her friends achieved or won something and always showing kindness
- Year 2 - Shyla-Mae for her fantastic handwriting this week
- Year 3 - Noah B for always thinking about others before himself
- Year 4 - Oliver for his fabulous religious work researching Joseph, son of Israel
- Year 5 - Evie for showing a great passion for learning by doing extra research at home. Well done Evie!
- Year 6 - Lily for excellent answers in English



Attendance

As you know, attendance is hugely important and we will be reporting attendance on a weekly/monthly basis. The class with the best attendance each month will be rewarded with an extra 10 minutes of play time.

Pupils with 100% attendance each term will also receive a certificate.

This week's attendance is:

| Nursery | Reception | Year1 | Year2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|---------|-----------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 89.2% | 90.5% | 93.1% | 95.2% | 94.5% | 88.7% | 95.5% | 95.0% |

Attendance over all for the whole school is 93.2%



House Points

We have re-introduced the House Points system in school. Children can earn house points from all staff during the week. The house points for this week are:

St Aidan - 794

St Cuthbert - 750

St Oswald - 785

St Bede - 701

Well done to everyone

Coats/Weather

As you know the British weather can be very unpredictable, therefore can you please ensure that your child/ren bring a coat to school regardless of what the weather is like in the morning. For example, if children are walking to the Louisa Centre for swimming the weather may be totally different when they walk up to when they come back and we need to ensure that they are dressed for the weather.



It was lovely to meet the Year 1 & Year 2 parents this week. A reminder the KS2 Year 3 & Year 4 Curriculum meeting will take place on Monday 27th September at 5pm in school.

Also, there is an Open Event at St Bede's for the Year 6 pupils and their parents at 5.30pm on Thursday 30th September.

Macmillan coffee morning

Thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning today. If you were unable to attend but would like to make a donation this can be done via ParentPay.



Healthy Snacks in School

As you may know, children in Nursery through to Y2 get a piece of fruit each day for their snack. Children in Y3 to Y6 can bring in a piece of fruit from home if they would like a snack during morning break.

ADMINISTRATION OF PRESCRIBED AND NON-PRESCRIBED MEDICATION

It is very important that school are made aware of any health conditions, e.g. asthma, eczema, hay fever, bowel problems etc, that your child may have regardless of whether they need any medication in school.

School are able to administer prescribed & non-prescribed medication if the frequencies do not allow them to be administered outside of school hours. If your child requires any medication, you must complete and sign a parental consent and/or an Individual Health Care Plan. No child will be given any prescription or non-prescription medicines without written parental consent except in exceptional circumstances. No child under 16 years of age will be given medication containing aspirin without a doctor's prescription.

Medicines **MUST** be in date, labelled by the pharmacist and provided in the original container (except in the case of insulin which may come in a pen or pump) with dosage instructions. Medicines which do not meet these criteria will not be administered.

If your child has a medical condition that school is not aware of please send an email to stanleystjoseph@durhamlearning.net and the relevant forms will be sent home for you to complete.



Operation Christmas Child

We are collecting filled Shoe Boxes for this very worthwhile cause. Leaflets have been given to all children today which explain what can be included in your box. Shoe boxes will need to be returned to school by **Wednesday 3rd November at the latest**.

Gift filled shoe boxes are given to children regardless of nationality, political background or religious beliefs. The gifts bring so much joy to needy children who are homeless, live in orphanages or are without family support. Often their lives have been blighted by poverty, famine, disease, natural disaster, conflict or war. To receive a shoe box filled with gifts is, for them, an unbelievable experience and impossible to describe. The gifts need not be expensive as even the simplest of things bring so much pleasure - some children have never had the experience of tasting sweets, cuddling a soft toy or playing with basic toys. In most cases the shoe box is the only gift that these children receive at Christmas, this in stark contrast to what children in the UK receive. We hear stories of children for whom the gift is a turning point, which puts them on the road to recovery, as in the box they find a photograph of a child who has reached out a hand of friendship and given this small gift just for them. On behalf of these children, I thank you for the love and concern you have shown over the years.

Every shoebox that we place into the hands of a child is packed with love and covered in prayer, bringing the true meaning of Christmas to children around the world. We thank God for the 124 million who have already received shoebox gifts during the past 20 years, but we want to reach many more precious children.

It is very easy to become involved in this project. With this newsletter is one shoebox leaflet explaining how to wrap the box - **BOX AND LID SEPARATELY** and lists the items which can and cannot be included. There is also a label for the box. To help ensure your shoebox gets to where it needs to go, we suggest a **minimum 'shipping' donation of £5.00 per shoebox**. This donation actually goes a long way, covering UK transportation, shipping, distribution and promotion, with any surplus or additional value going to the work of Samaritan's Purse with children and families in need. Donors are also asked to Gift Aid the £5.00 donation (the tax reclaimed amounts to an extra 25p per £1 donation). The amount recovered in the past few years has been considerable and has helped fund many projects.

It is very important that you take notice of those items which cannot be included.

If you have any queries, please contact us at
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