



NEWSLETTER 14: January



It is lovely to welcome everyone back to school after the Christmas break. We hope you all had a lovely time and managed to spend some quality time with your families. We have welcomed 11 new children into Nursery this week. They are already proving to be a joy.

School Office - Office hours are 8.00 am - 4.00 pm Monday to Thursday and 8.00 am - 3.30 pm Friday. Mrs Cowan and Miss Greenwell are available during these hours if you have any queries. If your message is not urgent or you wish to report a pupil absence please leave a message on the answer phone.

Pupil Absences should be reported to school **by 8.50 am** and **a reason** for absence given. Can you please advise us of the reason/symptoms and not just say they are "feeling unwell" as we need to monitor any trends and seek advice from Public Health if necessary.

If your child is absent from school and we have not received a message Mrs Cowan & Miss Greenwell will telephone parents/carers. If no contact can be made they will contact the other people who are down as contacts for your child. If we cannot contact the names on file then we reserve the right to contact Social Services, as appropriate, to enquire about the missing child. A child missing from education is a safeguarding issue.

Dogs in the school Yard - Just a reminder that **dogs are not allowed** (even if carried) on the school premises at any time, including the church path down to school, including when dropping off/picking up your children.

Extra-Curricular Activities - **After School Clubs** resume again from Monday 10th January until Thursday 17th February. Children need to be picked up from the Main School Entrance at 4.10 pm

Dates for your Diary for this term will be sent out next week

Tuck Shop will run every Friday and children can bring 50p to school to purchase 1 item from the tuck shop. Can parents/carers of children in nursery & reception please put the money in a small envelope with their child's name on it.

Star of the Week



The following children received a Star of the Week certificate:

- Nursery - Aria for lots of lovely singing and actions when learning a song about the Three Little Pigs!
- Reception - Aria for being such a kind and considerate friend to all our new starters in Nursery
- Year 1 - Madeline for her excellent problem solving during maths
- Year 2 - Ella for an excellent description of Antarctica
- Year 3 - Aimee for her eager attitude and participation in all lessons. Well Done!
- Year 4 - Daniel for his excellent knowledge of electricity
- Year 5 - Katelin for writing an excellent short story full of suspense and tension. Well Done!
- Year 6 - Charlotte for excellent work this week



Attendance

This week's attendance is:

Nursery	Reception	Year1	Year2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
96.9%	91.8%	98%	93.1%	100%	96.8%	95.5%	96.6%	96.2%



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 - 591

St Oswald - 567

St Cuthbert - 612

St Bede - 628

Well done to everyone

Pen Licence

The following pupils received their pen licenses this week for their handwriting:

Year 6: Daniel & Lyla



ParentPay/School Meals

A reminder that all meals must be booked via ParentPay. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, meals are free and can be booked for the full term (4th January - 17th February). Nursery & KS2 children meals can be booked on a weekly, monthly or termly basis and must be paid for at the time of booking.

Below are instructions on how to book your child's meals on ParentPay:

1. Sign in at www.parentpay.com
2. Select the child you wish to make the bookings for
3. Select Bookings Make or View Bookings
4. Select the time of day to a make a booking for
 - Lunchtime for Rec to Y6 lunches
 - **Afternoon for Nursery Children**
5. Select the week to view
6. Select Make or View Bookings - you will be presented with a booking screen
7. Book a meal by selecting/clicking on one of the menu choices
8. A summary will appear at the bottom of the page with any previous unpaid bookings in red
9. Review the booking summary and select confirm booking
10. Any credit in your ParentPay account will be used to pay for the meals. Any remaining cost can be paid by Bank transfer, Visa Checkout or other payment method

As I am sure you can appreciate, it can be **distressing for a child** if they haven't been booked in to have a school meal and they don't have a packed lunch (please note that this doesn't usually come to light until lunchtime). Staff will obviously then contact parents/carers to arrange a meal but children may have to have whatever is available at short notice and it is not always their choice or parents may have to bring a packed lunch in for their child. Please help us ensure your child has the meal of their choice by booking meals by a Sunday at the latest for the following week. If you have any queries about booking on ParentPay, please contact Mrs Cowan or Miss Greenwell who will be more than happy to help.

Starting school in September 2022

Will your child turn 5 between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023?

If so, you need to complete an application online to tell Durham County Council which school you would like your child to attend from September 2022.

Visit www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions where you can access a useful guide to help with your application. We encourage you to apply online wherever possible as although restrictions have been lifted, staff will in the main be working from home due to the Coronavirus pandemic. If you are unable to apply online, paper application forms are available on request.

You still need to apply even if your child attends the nursery unit attached to the school, or already has a sibling at the school. **Applications close at Midnight on 15th January 2022.**

For more information please contact
School Places and Admissions Team
www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions
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If you have any queries, please contact us at

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