



Dear Parents,

Please note the following:

COFFEE AFTERNOON – FRIDAY 25 MAY

There will be a coffee afternoon on the last day of this half term beginning at 1.15pm. Book club will run as usual. As always, we really appreciate the donations we receive towards our raffle and refreshment stall.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Event	Date
Class 3 Assembly	Wednesday 20 June at 9.15am
Class 2 Assembly	Thursday 28 June at 9.15am
New starters/Moving up Morning	Thursday 5 July
Class 1 Assembly	Thursday 12 July at 9.15am
Sports Day/Coffee Afternoon	Monday 16 July at 1.15pm
Whole school trip to Seaburn Beach	Tuesday 17 July
Class 4 (including Y6 Leavers) Assembly	Thursday 19 July at 9.15am

ONLINE SAFETY – MESSAGE FROM DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

We would like to take the opportunity to remind parents about some online dangers faced by our young people. Apps and websites can be great tools for youngsters to find out about the world but some areas of the internet are not always safe for children. Our children are sometimes called “Digital Natives” (they are growing up in a world surrounded by social media) and they seem very comfortable when adults are sometimes much more nervous of the technology. However, children are naive, they are still learning about the world, and sometimes they can be taken advantage of by predatory adults.

Durham Police have once again been involved in an investigation where primary school children may have potentially been exploited so, to try and prevent any re-occurrence, we would like to suggest the following:

- parents and carers should discuss with their children their use of technology, and take the time to find out more about their children’s online life; parents should know who their children’s online friends are and what apps they are using.
- it is also worth setting parental controls, both on devices and on the home and mobile internet feeds - this is not a foolproof solution, but it does reduce the chances of children either coming into contact with inappropriate material or individuals.

Advice on setting up Parental Controls is available from www.internetmatters.org by following the parental controls links. Alternatively, the NSPCC have teamed up with O2 to provide free support on setting up controls which is available by ringing their helpline on 0808 8005002.

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

School will close for the half-term holiday on **Friday 25 May 2018 at 3.15pm**. We return on **Tuesday 5 June 2018**.

Mr W. Kirtley (Headteacher)