



## Uniform Update

Please can we ensure that pupils are wearing the correct uniform which comprises of grey, black or navy school trousers/skirt/dress, navy or white polo shirt and red jumper or cardigan. PE kit is navy joggers and jumper/hoody and a white t-shirt. Please can children not wear branded items to school as they could get lost or damaged. I have also noted a lot of pupils are starting to wear jewellery. Teachers will be asking pupils to remove necklaces, bracelets and hooped earrings due to Health and Safety reasons. It is not just a matter of safety, some of these items are very expensive and I would hate to see anything lost or broken. Small stud earrings and standard watches are allowed but are best left at home on PE days.

## Nasal flu vaccinations

The nasal flu vaccinations will take place at school on **5 November 2024**. Please use the link below to complete either a consent form or a refusal for the vaccinations. The link contains the consent form and additional information such as FAQs regarding the vaccination. **Please complete the electronic consent form using the link below before 29 October 2024** (one for each child) to ensure your child receives their vaccination.

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/18873b43>

This link is also attached to our website in School News.

## Parents Evening

We will be holding our Parents' Evenings on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November from 3:30pm – 5:30pm. After half term, we will send a form home for you to book your appointment on your chosen night. If you can't attend either of these appointments, teachers will be happy to make an alternative arrangement with you.

## Hallowe'en Disco

The Friends of School are organising a Hallowe'en disco on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 3:30 – 5:00. Children are invited to bring their costumes or party clothes to school and get changed once the school day finishes. Tickets cost £5 and include a snack, drink and 3 tickets for fun Hallowe'en games. Any adults who can help out, your support will be much appreciated.

## Foodbank @ St.Pauls Centre

As part of our Harvest Festival celebrations, we like to collect donations to help our local foodbank. The foodbank is always grateful of our support and it is lovely for the children to see how we can work together to support others. Please follow this link: [Donate food | County Durham Foodbank](#) to see a list of useful items. Please could donations be brought into school week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> October. We will deliver the parcel to the foodbank at the end of the half term.

## Attendance Update

In August 2024, new legislation was passed regarding school attendance. Please note that holidays are very rarely granted as authorised absence and fines will be issued if there are 5 days of unauthorised absence in a ten-week period. There are also tighter measures around periods of illness, where medical evidence will be requested after so many days of absence. If you have any questions about this, please contact myself or Mrs Blenkiron.

## Apply for a school place

If your child turns 5 between 01.09.25 and 31.08.26, the window to apply for a school place is now open. Visit [www.durham.gov.uk/primaryschoolplaces](http://www.durham.gov.uk/primaryschoolplaces) where you can access a useful guide to help with your application. The closing date to apply for a primary school place for September 2025 is midnight on Wednesday 15 January 2025. We are open to visits any time and please spread the word about our lovely little school.

## Daisy Chain Workshop

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October, Daisy Chain are carrying out a workshop in school from 1:30 – 3:25. This is for any parents/carers who feel their child is autistic, has ADHD or sensory differences. Your child does not need to be diagnosed to attend the workshop. The session will focus on strategies and ideas to help support your

child when they're overwhelmed and give you an opportunity to talk to other parents who may be going through a similar thing.

### Diary Dates

Please see important dates coming up this term

<b>Date/time</b>	<b>Event</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> October 1:30 – 3:25	Daisy Chain Workshop for parents and carers Autistic Overwhelm, meltdown and shut down
<b>23rd October</b>	<b>Hallowe'en Disco 3:30 – 5:00</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for half term
4 <sup>th</sup> November	School re-opens for Autumn 2
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Evening for Parents and Carers
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Evening for Parents and Carers
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair 3:25 – 4:25
17 <sup>th</sup> December	1:15 – Class 1 and 2 Nativity Play 2:00 – Class 3 and 4 Christmas Sing Along
18 <sup>th</sup> December	9:10 – Class 1 and 2 Nativity Play 10:00 – Class 3 and 4 Christmas Sing Along
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas party – come to school in non-uniform /party clothes
<b>More dates will be updated in this table as other opportunities arise – please keep checking.</b>	

Thank you for reading our newsletter. Please get in touch if I can help you in any way.

Kind regards,

*C.E.Dodds*

Headteacher