



**School Photographer**

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, the photographer will be in school. Individual and sibling photos will be taken throughout the morning. Family groups with preschool children are welcome to arrive from 8:30am.

**Harvest Festival**

We would like to invite parents into school for a harvest/autumn-themed craft morning. This will be held on Friday 4th October. Parents can go to the school hall following drop off, where tea, coffee and refreshments will be on sale along with a raffle. From 9:30 – 10:30 you will be welcomed into classrooms to take part in a collaborative craft session with your child. If you have more than one child in school, you are welcome to go between classes or bring an additional adult. Younger siblings are welcome too. Please note swimming will be cancelled for Class 4.

**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 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 7th October.

**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. 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.

**PE Days**

Please can children come to school on their PE day dressed in PE kit. PE kit comprises of navy joggers and jumper /hoody and a white t-shirt. Please can all hair be tied back and all jewellery be removed. Please wear plain or school branded items only.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class 3		Class 1 and 2	Class 4	Class 1 and 2 Class 3 Class 4 swimming

## Diary Dates

Please see important dates coming up this term

<b>Date/time</b>	<b>Event</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	School Photographer
4 <sup>th</sup> October 8:55 – 10:30	Harvest Coffee morning 8:55 – 9:30 for parents/carers in the school hall. Raffle tickets and refreshments will be available to purchase. followed by: Autumn and Harvest crafts in classes – 9:30 – 10:30
21 <sup>st</sup> October 1:30 – 3:25	Daisy Chain Workshop for parents and carers Autistic Overwhelm, meltdown and shut down
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> 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
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

**More dates will be updated in this table as other opportunities arise – please keep checking.**

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

Kind regards,

*G.E.Dodds*

Headteacher