



## Happy New School Year!

### Reception Mrs. Smith

★ Pupil of the Week is Tony Devon for having a very sensible attitude and settling well in to Reception Class.

Last week learnt about the sense of sight. Next week we will be learning about hearing and we will be going on a listening walk around the school. We enjoyed going on a scavenger hunt during Fresh Air Friday.

#### Reminder

Reception children need to bring wellies to school every Friday for our outdoor learning.

### Nursery Miss King

★ Pupil of the Week is Charlie Ord for his excellent behaviour at all times and setting a great example to our new nursery children.

Movement takes place every Wednesday, so please send children to nursery in appropriate footwear.

Nursery take part in 'Treemendous Thursday' where they explore nature and holistic learning. Please send children to nursery wearing weather appropriate clothing and a pair of wellies to change into. We have spare pairs of wellies in class and a full class set of waterproofs.

Once a week Nursery visit West Cornforth Library. They listen to a story read by our wonderful librarian- Abby. They are able to explore the books and often complete a story themed activity.

### Year 1 Miss Crampton

★ Pupil of the Week is Zoe Lucas for being independent and writing sentences using the correct punctuation.

Tuesday - PE. Children will need to come to school in their PE kits.

Forest School will be held every other Wednesday on an afternoon. The dates for these sessions are:

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October

### Year 2 Miss Cameron

★ Pupil of the Week is Phoebe Barker for an impressive start in Year 2 with her fantastic writing.

Year 2 have settled in and we are having great fun so far!

Year 2 will be taking part in Forest Friday every other week. Please send your child in wearing appropriate clothing due to the ever-changing weather. I will send a reminder on dojo each week. ☺

### Year 3 Miss Gregg

★ Pupil of the Week is Oliver Tate for working exceptionally hard in maths this week.

Year 3 go swimming on Wednesdays, please ensure they bring their swimming kits.

In Year 3, we are trying to develop our independence. This week, children have listened to all instructions to ensure they've been organised. Well done Year 3!

Please make sure you write your child's name in their jumper/cardigan.

#### Year 4 Miss Prosser

★ Pupil of the Week is Georgia for her positive attitude and kindness to others. She is an excellent role model to everyone.

Year 4 go swimming on a Wednesday. Please ensure that the children have their swimming kits (including a swimming hat). Swimming caps can be purchased at the baths and cost £1.75.

Homework is set via Class Dojo on a Friday due in the following Friday.

#### Year 5 Miss Hird and Mrs. Brown

★ **Pupil of the Week**

Pupil of the Week is Luke Forster for always being kind, caring and considerate to everyone in our class.

#### Year 6

★ **Pupil of the Week**

Pupil of the Week is Faith for her positive attitude to learning, always going one step further to support her understanding of things learnt in class.

## ★ Drama Superstars ★

#### Year 1

Zoe  
Amelia

#### Year 2

Charlie  
Freddie

#### Year 3

Luna  
Abigail

#### Year 4

Edward  
Freya

#### Year 5

Kayden  
Jessica

#### Year 6

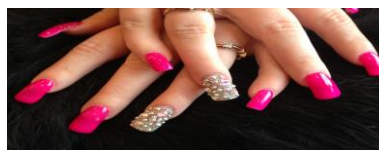
Olivia  
Holly

#### Wrap around Provision

Wrap around runs every day throughout the school week and is a paid provision.

Breakfast Club - Opens from 7.15 am for families requiring early starts and finishes at 8.45 am. This session costs £3.00 and a nutritional breakfast is included.

Wrap around care - Starts at 3 pm and we are open till 6 pm. The children can participate in a variety of activities such as baking, football and arts and crafts. Sessions cost £5.00 per child which includes a light tea.



False nails, nail varnish, make up and jewellery are not part of our school uniform. Please leave all things fancy for the holidays. Children cannot take part in PE if they have long false nails stuck to their fingers.

Thank you for your co-operation.



## School News

### Staffing September 2022

Ducklings- Mrs Allan, Miss Dunkeld, Miss Littley and Miss Richardson

Nursery- Miss King and Miss Lamb

Miss Fawcett and Miss Landers

Reception- Mrs L Smith and Mrs J Smith

Year 1- Miss Crampton and Mrs Ferguson

Year 2- Miss Cameron, Miss Cowe and Mr Gough

Year 3- Miss Gregg and Miss Harrison (Mrs Miller support)

Year 4- Miss Prosser and Mrs O' Sullivan

Year 5- Miss Hird and Mrs Brown (Mr Hay support)

Year 6- Miss Denham and Mrs Goldsmith

Mr Whitelock- P.E Coach

Mr Gough- Creative Arts Lead

Mrs Miller- Wellbeing

### Dates for your diary:

- Break up for half term Friday October 21<sup>st</sup> 2022
- Return to school Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November
- Break up for Christmas Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### Whole school dates:

- End of term progress meetings for parents will take place Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Times to be agreed.

### Christmas Dates:

- EYFS Christmas performance 10am 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022
- KS1 & 2 Christmas performance 10am and 2pm 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022
- EYFS Christmas party 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022
- KS1 Christmas party 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022
- KS2 Christmas party 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Updates

### Upcoming Events and Information

Most upcoming events are being advertised on social media [Durham SEND Information, Advice, Support Service | Facebook](#) This is the link to the page and there is also an Autism Hub group [Durham SENDIASS Autism Hub | Facebook](#) which promotes not just the Autism Hub events, but also other events going on across the county.

There is a mailing list for parents/carers to join. To become part of the mailing list, email: [ann.connor@durham.gov.uk](mailto:ann.connor@durham.gov.uk) and ask to be added to the mailing list. You will then get any information emailed directly to you.

### Gingerbread – free wellbeing programme for single parents

Have you been to our wellbeing workshops yet? If you're interested in joining us to learn strategies, meet new people and share your experience with other single parents, we're running evening session again in August:

◆ September 20th & 21st 12.00 - 1.30pm ◆

Delivered on Zoom, the sessions will offer you practical tools to manage stress, aid relaxation and improve your mental wellbeing, as well as giving you the chance to connect with other single parents.

Book your place by contacting [lynne.baulch@gingerbread.org.uk](mailto:lynne.baulch@gingerbread.org.uk)

### Rollercoaster – Autumn flyer for September and October (attached below)

Support groups- all parents and carers are welcome no booking necessary, unfortunately no children or young people allowed due to the sensitive subjects discuss.

The Drop in- with CAMHS & SENDIASS these are bookable slots it's an opportunity to have a 1-1 chat with a CAMHS Nurse or one of the team from SENDIASS on Zoom.

Any questions please get in touch.

☎ 07377213952

✉ [support@rollercoasterfs.co.uk](mailto:support@rollercoasterfs.co.uk)

**Rollercoaster Sept-Oct 2022 Diary dates**  
For families supporting a child or young person (up to 25 years) with emotional or mental health difficulties

	What's on	More information	Venue
Wed 7th Sept	10-12am Support Group	Support, information, advice on a range of topics around mental health with a parent peer supporter & CAMHS Nurse	Box 6, Durham Cricket Ground
Wed 14th Sept	6-8pm Virtual Support Group	Support, information, and guest speakers on a range of topics around mental health	Facebook Live & Zoom
Wed 21st Sept	6-8pm Support Group	Support, information, advice on a range of topics around mental health with a parent peer supporter & CAMHS Nurse	Angel Trust, Bishop Auckland
Fri 30th Sept	1-2pm DROP-IN with SENDIASS & CAMHS	Advice and support around mental health- book a 1:1 with a CAMHS Nurse or with SENDIASS for advice on Education	Virtual – Zoom
Wed 5th October	10-12am Parent Support Group	Support, information, advice on a range of topics around mental health with a parent peer supporter & CAMHS Nurse	Box 6, Durham Cricket Ground
Monday 10th October	1-4pm World Mental Health Day	A day to celebrate and find out about mental health support in County Durham	Durham City venue to be confirmed
Wed 12th October	6-8pm Virtual Support Group	Support, information, and guest speakers on a range of topics around mental health	Facebook Live & Zoom
Wed 19th October	6-8pm Support Group	Support, information, advice on a range of topics around mental health with a parent peer supporter & CAMHS Nurse	Angel Trust, Bishop Auckland
Fri 28th October	1-2pm DROP-IN with SENDIASS & CAMHS	Advice and support around mental health- book a 1:1 with a CAMHS Nurse or with SENDIASS for advice on Education	Virtual – Zoom

**Individual Support**

- **Talk to a Parent Peer Supporter** - Book a 1:1 support session with a Rollercoaster Parent Peer Supporter who has been through similar experiences
- **Closed Facebook group** - Rollercoaster closed Facebook Group is a safe space for parents to access support from other parents at any time

For more information or to book a session get in touch using one of the contacts below:

☎ 07377 213952 ✉ [support@rollercoasterfs.co.uk](mailto:support@rollercoasterfs.co.uk) @rollercoasterparentsupport @rollercoasterPS

Logos: Durham Cricket Foundation, SENDIASS, NHS County Durham, NHS Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys, Rollercoaster.

### Daisy Chain – virtual parent support group

We're pleased to announce that an evening session of our Links Parent Support group will begin in September and run monthly.

Find out more: <https://www.daisychainproject.co.uk/event/links-parent-support-group-monthly-term-1-2022/>

Bookings open for each session at 9am on the 1st of the month they take place in.

Details of how to book when bookings open can be found via the link above.

## Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities (EPEC)

### FANTASTIC OPPRTUNITY FOR DURHAM MAMS, DADS AND CARERS!

We have exciting news, Empowering Parents Empowering Communities (EPEC) has arrived in Durham **but they need your help!!**

Empowering Parents Empowering Communities is an internationally recognised evidence-based, peer-led parenting programme. **They are now recruiting volunteers to become Parent Group Leaders, to deliver EPEC courses across Durham. EPEC courses promote successful and unique parenting approaches for local parents, led by local parents. Parent Group Leader training starts September 2022!**

See the flyer below.



The flyer features a collage of photos showing diverse families and children in various settings, such as a classroom and a play area. The text is primarily in purple and white on a dark background. The logo for 'EMPOWERING PARENTS EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES' is in the top right, and the 'Think Family' logo is at the bottom right.

## Could you help parents give their child the best start in life?

**EPEC is for local parents, led by local parents**

Becoming a parent group leader gives you the chance to help families gain the skills they need to give their children the best start in life. EPEC is a parenting approach that trains local parents to lead groups that support other local parents.

As part of the EPEC programme we are looking for mams, dads and carers to become group leaders to deliver parenting courses in your local area. As a volunteer group leader you will:

- Receive amazing free training and support from our local EPEC team.
- Learn to lead practical, caring groups for local parents.
- Share tried and tested methods that give children the best start in life.
- Join a group of like-minded parents to make a difference to your local community.
- Develop your skills and confidence.
- Gain experience that will help you fulfill your ambitions.
- Have your transport, meal and childcare costs paid for whilst undertaking and delivering training.
- You will have access to a varied career development programme.

By completing a short 12 week course one day per week (09.30-14.30) you could become a group leader. Courses start mid-September 2022.

Once you have completed your training, you and another parent group leader will deliver course(s) to other parents across County Durham over a 9 week period. You should allow 5 hours per week for course delivery, evaluation and supervision. We will work with you to make this work for you.

For more information please contact Fiona Smith on 07769 239 687 or email [Fiona.Smith@durham.gov.uk](mailto:Fiona.Smith@durham.gov.uk)

Think Family

## Little Chefs Big Chefs CIC – Dads Behaving Dadly

We are pleased to announce our new group for male caregivers and their children:

Starting on Saturday 24th September, then every month on the last Saturday in the month. Activities include gardening, crafts and other outdoor activities, as well as being led by the wishes of attending families. Get in touch for further information. The group is free to attend with donations greatly appreciated to allow us to buy more resources and deliver more activities. #DadsMatter #Grandads #Uncles #Stepdads #FamilyTime

[www.littlechefsbigchefs.org.uk](http://www.littlechefsbigchefs.org.uk)

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