



**Reception Mrs. Smith**

★ Pupil of the Week is Ruby Bartlett for excellent blending in reading sessions this week.

This week Reception have been reading Leaf Man and using leaves to make our own leaf man. Next week we are reading Owl Babies.

**Year 2 Miss Cameron**

★ Pupil of the Week is Matilda Miles for outstanding behaviour and effort at all times in school.

Tuesdays are our PE day, please make sure your child comes to school in PE kit that day.

Our next Forest Friday session will now take place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December (weather permitted, please check dojo closer to the time).

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

★ **Pupil of the Week**

Pupil of the Week is Cole Fagan for always being kind and compassionate to others

**Nursery Miss King**

Pupil of the Week is Frankee Clarke for independently counting out loud past 10 in front of all her friends.



**Year 1 Miss Crampton**

★ Pupil of the Week is Elena Barker for writing a detailed set of instructions on how to take care of a Bog Baby.

**Year 3 Miss Gregg**



Pupil of the Week is Erin Wells for her brilliant work when learning about Stone Age settlements.



**Year 4 Miss Prosser**

Pupil of the Week is Aaleyah for her excellent sewing this week. Keep up the good work!

**Year 6 Miss Denham**

★ **Pupil of the Week**

Pupil of the Week is Daisy for completing lots of additional work at home that are linked to our work in class.

Y6 Parents  
Want to know what we're getting up to in Class 6?  
Please visit our class blog for weekly updates.





## Anti-Bullying Week 2022 – Cyber Bullying

Cyberbullying is bullying that takes place online. Unlike bullying offline, online bullying can follow the child wherever they go, via social networks, gaming and mobile phone.

Because this week is anti-bullying week, it's a great opportunity to speak to your child about cyber bullying. In this growing digital world, it's important that children understand what cyber bullying is, the protocols to take if they have/are being bullied online and how to ensure that they don't bully online. For more support and advice, please visit: [Helping Children Deal with Bullying & Cyberbullying | NSPCC](#)

## Anti-bullying Poster Competition Winners



Lots of children entered the poster competition organised by Miss Harrison.

The winners are:

KS1 Winner Hunter Hindmarch (Y2)

KS1 Runner Up Phoebe (Y2)

KS2 Winner Layla Powers (Y5)

KS2 Runner Up Billie-Rae (Y5)



## Sports Stars



Year 1:  
Logan Smith

Fox Hindmarsh

Year 2:  
Max Tantom  
Taylor Scaife

Year 3:  
Alex Taylor  
Amelia Smith

Year 4:  
Autumn Thompson  
Aaleyah Clarke

Year 5:  
Haydn Biggs  
Dean Howe  
Harley Clarke  
Mason Ferguson  
Ellis Stanley

Year 6:  
Olivia King  
Tarleea Kennedy  
Aiden Forster

## Bringing history to life.....



**Roman Invasion Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 9, 2022**

**Miss Prosser has organised a fun filled day of activities.**

***Dressing up is optional.***

## Elf Day

**Dress up as an elf (if you want to of course) on Friday 2nd December.**



## Christmas Jumper Day

**Wear your Christmas jumper (if you want to of course) on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.**

## Netball Update

by

Mr Whitelock

We have hit the halfway mark of the netball tournament. Great teamwork from the children, support by Miss Harrison and myself, has resulted in our fantastic performance. We have had two wins, one draw and one loss. Our netball squad are training hard to learn the rules, as well as well as the game itself. We couldn't be any prouder of our school team.



## Coughs and Colds

### General guidance regarding respiratory infections, including Covid-19 for you to share with your school community.

The summary below is based on the current government guidance for [Living safely with respiratory infections, including Covid-19](#)

Respiratory infections including Covid-19, can spread easily and cause serious illness in some people.

By following the guidance everyone can help to reduce the spread of respiratory infections:

- Get vaccinated, a full course of Covid-19 vaccine provides protection against severe disease, and get a booster dose if you are offered one
- Ensure good ventilation to allow fresh air into spaces
- Wash your hands regularly
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Clean your surroundings frequently

Those attending education or childcare settings will not normally be expected to wear a face covering. Face coverings for children under the age of 3 are not recommended for safety reasons.

Face coverings are suggested in some circumstances, for example in crowded public spaces when rates of Covid-19 are high.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.

## Online Safety Group

Are you interested in developing your role as a parent at West Cornforth School? Is keeping children safe online something you're passionate about? Do you think you have what it takes to support WCPS to give an unbiased parent perspective on online safety?

We're looking for parents to join our online safety group to share ideas, discuss problems from a parental perspective, share what's working well in the community/what needs improving and looking at ways to engage others. Because online safety is huge, it is impossible for one person to manage all the strategic aspects as there is so much involved. That's where you can help. There is little doubt that establishing a group with wide membership is one of the most forward-thinking initiatives you can embark upon.

Being involved with the online safety group will require attendance to termly meetings with other parents, some pupils, the Head Teacher, the Safeguarding Lead, tech support, the online safety lead, some governors and the PCSO. If this is something that you are interested in, please let us know via the office or Class Dojo. Please note: this will be on a first come first served basis.

Thank you

Miss Denham

Put on your festive jumper and enjoy a Christmas dinner.

**School Christmas Dinner Day**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**



*Please note, all Parent Pay accounts must be paid up to date in order for children to book a Christmas dinner.*

## School News

### Dates for your diary:

- Break up for Christmas Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022
- Return to school **Thursday** 5<sup>th</sup> January
- Break up for half term Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023
- Return to school Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023
- Break up for Easter Friday March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023
- Return to school 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- Break up for half term 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- Return to school **Tuesday** 6<sup>th</sup> June
- Break up for summer holiday Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

### Whole school dates:

- **SEND review meetings will take place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November.**

### 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

### Statutory Test Dates

- Year 1 Phonic screening checks (including Year 2 resit checks) begin week commencing Monday 12 June 2023.
- Year 2 SATs will be administered during May 2023.
- Year 4 Multiplication Tests week beginning multiplication tables check within the 3-week period from Monday 5 June 2023.
- Year 6 SATs week beginning Monday 8 May to Thursday 11 May 2023.

## Warm Spaces

Warm Spaces are somewhere you can go to get warm, stay warm and enjoy a little company. In some, you'll also be able to get refreshments.

With many people feeling the pressure because of increased energy costs and the rising cost of living, Warm Spaces network aims to support residents across County Durham this winter.

Warm Spaces are free and will let you stay for as long, or for as short a period as you wish (within their opening hours).

Please see link below for more information

[What Warm Spaces are, why we need them and how to find them - Durham County Council](#)



## 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.

### SEND Review Meetings

SEND review meetings will be held on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November**. If this date is not suitable, please let me know via the online form. We are happy to arrange alternative days/times if needed. Text messages have gone out, if you did not receive the text, please message Miss Gregg on Class Dojo.

### “Making Changes Together XXVIII”.

**We still have places available on our minibus from school, for the daytime conference. Please contact Miss Gregg via Class Dojo if you require a place. The minibus is free, and will be leaving school at 9:30am and returning for 3pm.**

“Making Changes Together XXVIII”. The twenty-eighth friendly conference organised by PARENTS. To help inform and support you with the latest changes in Education, Health and Social Care. YOUR opinion matters!

Thursday 24th November 2022 10am – 2.30pm (Arrival, sign in and information stands from 9.30am).

Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel, Frankland Lane, Durham DH1 5TA.

This conference is free to attend and refreshments and lunch or tea are included. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. You will need to sign up for the conference using a link, which I will send out separately.

There is also a conference on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022. This is taking place on an evening, and we will be unable to provide transport, however parents/carers can sign up using the link below:

Info for booking and travel guide for evening conference here – <https://www.mctdurham.co.uk/news-events/november-2022-evening-parent-carer-conference/>

Info for booking and travel guide for daytime conference here – <https://www.mctdurham.co.uk/news-events/november-2022-daytime-parent-carer-conference/>

For Parents/Carers of Children with Additional Needs/Disabilities in County Durham

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Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022  
6pm - 8pm

Raddison Blu Hotel, Frankland Lane, Durham DH1 5TA

Information Stands and Registration from 5.30pm

Please note all places must be booked via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/making-changes-together-durham-parentcarer-conference-night-tickets-430774176157>

This conference is free, refreshments are included, places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

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This conference is free, refreshments and Lunch are included, places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

## SEND Questionnaire Autumn Term 2022

The Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) would really appreciate your views on the provision for your child. Please complete the questionnaire below and let us know what you think. Please contact the SENCO directly if you have any further concerns.

Please complete this via the link below, or scan the QR code. We really appreciate your feedback.

<https://forms.office.com/r/UxX8uMKsfD>

# SEND Questionnaire for Parents/Carers Autumn Term 2022



### Contact – Supporting Parents Project

Do you care for a child with additional needs?  
Join our new supporting parents project

### Supporting Parents And Creating Empowerment – SPACE

Designed to work alongside you to navigate the challenges you and your child face, and find the space to be heard and supported.

Access a range of workshops designed to increase your knowledge and skills in managing the needs of you and your family.

Workshop Programme:

### Understanding Sensory Processing

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 12:30 – 2:30pm

- Learn more about sensory processing and sensory integration
- Reflect on your child's sensory needs, and your own, and how they might change over time
- Consider the impact of sensory needs on other family members/care givers and in different environments

Register:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/understanding-sensory-processing-workshop-space-tickets-380986860957>



## Rollercoaster – November 2022 diary dates


Please see below upcoming Rollercoaster sessions for November.



### Rollercoaster November 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
	Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	10-12pm	Parent Support Group	Support, information, advice on a range of topics around mental health with a parent peer supporter & CAMHS Nurse	Box 6, Durham County Cricket Ground
	Weds 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6pm-7.30pm	Virtual Parent Support Group	Support, information, advice on a range of topics around mental health with a parent peer supporter, CAMHS Nurse and SEND IASS	Online Zoom
	Weds 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6pm-8pm	Parent 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 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1pm-2pm	Drop in with CAMHS & SEND IASS	Book a 30 minute one to one appointment for advice & information around your child/young persons emotional or mental health	Online 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

 @rollercoasterparentsupport

 @rollercoasterPS




## NHS – New Parent and Carer Support Line

Research shows that 50% of all adult mental health problems start before the age of 14 and 75% start before the age of 21. Improving the emotional wellbeing of our children is a key part of supporting the wellbeing of our entire population.

Because of this we've developed a confidential parent and carer support line to provide a listening ear for those who feel they would like some help and guidance.

If you feel you'd like to speak to one of our qualified counsellors, call us on 0333 3583040

We're taking call from Monday – Friday between 10am – 2pm

You're also welcome to leave a message outside of these hours to request a call-back during our opening times.

**It's important to note this service is not a crisis line, if you are in crisis, call 111 or 999.**

## Fun and Food

Look out for what's coming this Christmas with the Fun and Food team <https://www.facebook.com/groups/funandfoodcountydurham>



### Impact North East – free training courses

Tackling Destructive Thoughts

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November

10:30 -3:30pm

St Margaret's Centre, Durham County Council

Introduction to Child and Adolescent Mental Health

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November

12:30 – 3:00pm

Bowburn Primary School

Learning to Manage Stress

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

9:30 – 2:30pm

Tow Law Community Centre

Understanding Children with Autism, PDA, or ADHD

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December

10:30 – 3:30pm

The Fulforth Centre, Sacriston

**These courses are completely free for anyone over the age of 19 and living in County Durham**

**Tel: 0191 3670105**

**Email: [sarah@impactnortheast.co.uk](mailto:sarah@impactnortheast.co.uk)**