



Reception Mrs. Smith

★ Pupil of the Week is Fletcher Hindmarch for his excellent blending during phonic sessions.



Nursery Miss King



Pupil of the Week is Charlie Ord for continuing to 'Wow!' us with his love of writing.

Year 1 Miss Crampton



Pupil of the Week is Aria Cain for excellent work with subtraction in maths.



Year 2 Miss Cameron

Pupil of the Week is for Hunter Hindmarch for improving his handwriting and taking care with his work.

There will be no Forest Friday until the New Year now. I will monitor the weather on the first week back and let you know via Class Dojo whether it will go ahead.

Year 3 Miss Gregg



Pupil of the Week is Lillieanne Devon for her fantastic writing about the Polar Express.



Year 4 Miss Prosser

Pupil of the Week is Layton Hart for his enthusiasm when practising our Christmas performance.

Year 5 Miss Hird and Mrs. Brown



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Billie-Rae Littlewood for a superb attitude to everything that she does in Year 5.

This week, Year 5 have been enjoying activities linked to the Polar Express. Next week we will be making our sculptures during our Art and Design lessons.



Year 6 Miss Denham



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Alfie Watson Allen for showing resilience in maths when adding fractions.



Christmas Productions

EYFS Christmas performance 10am 12th December 2022



KS1 &KS2 Christmas Around the World



10am and 2pm 13th December 2022

Tickets on sale at the school office from Monday 5th December

Two tickets per family per performance

Tickets cost 50p each.

(All proceeds go towards school funds.)

Costume Requirements

Year 1

Costume requirements - jeans and a checked shirt or plain black t-shirt

Year 2

Information regarding costume requirements will be sent out via Class Dojo.

Year 3

Y3 costume for Christmas performance - Children need to wear black trousers/leggings with a black top.

Year 4

Information regarding costume requirements will be sent out via Class Dojo.

Year 5

Information regarding costume requirements will be sent out via Class Dojo.

Year 6

Y6 costume for Christmas performance - Children need to wear black trousers/leggings with a red, green, yellow or blue t-shirt (any colour on the African flag). Unless, the children get a main speaking part, in the performance, then their costume will be slightly different. More information will follow once parts have been decided.



Children and Young People's Mental Health Network

The focus for this meeting is:

- Supporting young people and families during the winter
- Mental Health
- Food and Financial support.

The meeting will include:

- Guest speakers
- Break out discussions
- Access to information and advice to signpost families.

Supporting
children &
families
this winter

**Date: Tuesday 13th
December**
Time: 3.30pm-5pm
Location: MS Teams

To register - scan the
QR code



For more information, please contact
chris.affleck@investinginchildren.net or
ring 0191 3077 030



Put on your festive jumper and enjoy a Christmas dinner.

School Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 14th 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 20th December 2022
- Return to school **Thursday** 5th January
- Break up for half term Friday 17th February 2023
- Return to school Monday 27th February 2023
- Break up for Easter Friday March 31st 2023
- Return to school 17th April 2023
- Break up for half term 26th May 2023
- Return to school **Tuesday** 6th June
- Break up for summer holiday Friday 21st July 2023

Christmas Dates:

- EYFS Christmas performance 10am 12th December 2022
- KS1 & 2 Christmas performance 10am and 2pm 13th December 2022
- EYFS Christmas party 14th December 2022
- KS1 Christmas party 15th December 2022
- KS2 Christmas party 19th 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 and ask to be added to the mailing list. You will then get any information emailed directly to you.

SEND Review Meetings

If you were unable to make the SEND reviewing meetings on Monday 21st November, please contact your child's class teacher on Class Dojo to arrange a suitable time to review your child's support.

SEND Information Event

We are having a SEND event on Wednesday 14th December from 4:45pm-6pm. We will be joined by Joanne from the Emotional Wellbeing and Effective Learning Team, Claire Stirland (OT) from Sensory Worx, Ruth from Short Breaks Solutions and Angela from SENDiass (Durham SEND Information Advice and Support Service). This is a fantastic opportunity to gather information, advice and updates. We will have provision for the children, so you can bring them along without worrying about childcare arrangements. Please message Miss Gregg via Class Dojo to secure your place!

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



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

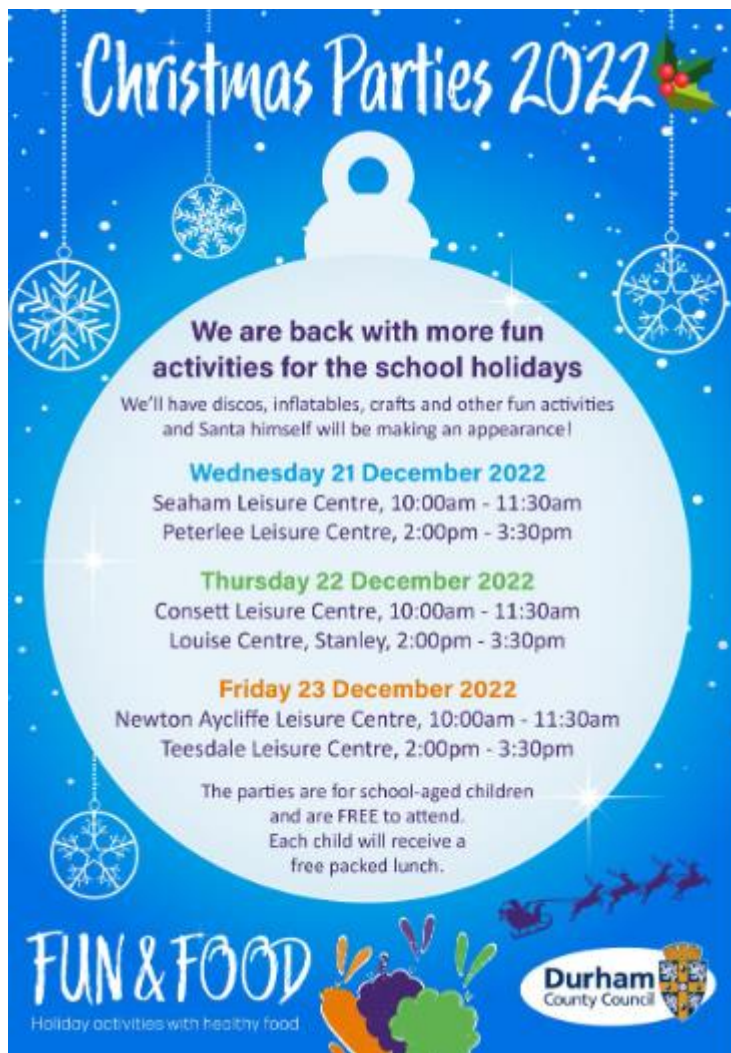
We're taking call from Monday – Friday between 10am – 2pm

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

Christmas Fun and Food activities are now being loaded onto our Fun and Food landing page at www.durham.gov.uk/funandfood, we will be uploading more activities daily so keep visiting to see what's new.

A festive poster for Christmas Parties 2022. The background is blue with white snowflakes and hanging ornaments. At the top, it says 'Christmas Parties 2022' in a white, cursive font. Below this, a large white circle contains the main text. The text is organized into sections for each day of the parties, with dates in bold. At the bottom of the circle, it states that the parties are for school-aged children, are free to attend, and each child will receive a free packed lunch. The bottom of the poster features the 'FUN & FOOD' logo with the tagline 'Holiday activities with healthy food' and the Durham County Council logo.

Christmas Parties 2022

We are back with more fun activities for the school holidays
We'll have discos, inflatables, crafts and other fun activities and Santa himself will be making an appearance!

Wednesday 21 December 2022
Seaham Leisure Centre, 10:00am - 11:30am
Peterlee Leisure Centre, 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Thursday 22 December 2022
Consett Leisure Centre, 10:00am - 11:30am
Louise Centre, Stanley, 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Friday 23 December 2022
Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, 10:00am - 11:30am
Teesdale Leisure Centre, 2:00pm - 3:30pm

The parties are for school-aged children and are FREE to attend. Each child will receive a free packed lunch.

FUN & FOOD
Holiday activities with healthy food

Durham
County Council

This May Help

This May Help has been created to support parents and carers with concerns about their child's mental health.

The subjects covered on this website have been chosen by families and young people who have gone through their own mental health challenges. What helped them may also help you.

The films offer advice across six main subject areas, with ten additional films offering supporting information. The films can be viewed in any order at any time.

Each film has a dedicated page where you'll also find helpful advice and links to other resources.

www.thismayhelp.me

The Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training on Learning Disability and Autism

The training is named after Oliver McGowan. Oliver was a young man whose death shone a light on the need for health and social care staff to have better skills, knowledge and understanding of the needs for autistic people and people with a learning disability.

The training was developed as a result of Right to be Heard the Government's response to the consultation on mandatory training on learning disability and autism for health and social care staff.

The training is for:

- Health workforce
- Social care workforce
- Family, parent, sibling carers and personal assistants of people with a learning disability and autistic people

- Any person who requires a general awareness of people with a learning disability and autistic people

www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/the-oliver-mcgowan-mandatory-training-on-learning-disability-and-autism/

Short Breaks Solutions – Christmas 2022

Christmas 2022

Short Breaks Solutions are working in partnership with Fun and Food to develop inclusive opportunities for your children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

Booking is essential. Please email- Shortbreakssolutions@durham.gov.uk
Places are limited and open to school aged children & young people.

<p>Creative Kitchen</p>  <p>21st December 11:00am- 1:30pm Consett</p>	<p>Infinite Air</p>  <p>22nd December 4:30-5:30pm Belmont, Durham</p>	<p>The Fish Tank</p> <p>Fully Booked</p>
<p>Tiny Treasures</p>  <p>22nd December 10:00- 11:30am 29th December 10:00- 11:30am Seaham</p>	<p>Haystax</p>  <p>28th December 11:00am -1:00pm Lanchester</p>	<p>Eric Knows</p>  <p>30th December 09:30-12:30am 1:00-4:00pm Horden</p>

FUN & FOOD
Holiday activities with healthy food
Funded by the Department for Education

Rollercoaster – December diary dates

Rollercoaster December 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 7 th Dec	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 Chester le Street DH3 3SH
	Weds 14 th Dec	6-7.30pm	Virtual Parent Support Group	Support, information, advice on a range of topics around mental health with a parent peer supporter, SEND IASS & CAMHS Nurse	Online (Zoom)
	Weds 21 st Dec	5-7pm	Parent Support Group	Support, information, advice on a range of topics around mental health with a parent peer supporter & CAMHS Nurse	Four Clocks Centre, 154A Newgate St, Bishop Auckland DL14 7EH

Facebook Community
 Closed Facebook group - Rollercoaster closed Facebook Group is a safe space for parents to access support from other parents at any time

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

Holiday Hours
 Rollercoaster staff will be taking a break over the holiday period, we will be closed from 22nd December – 4th January 2023.
 Please take a look on our Facebook group for support over the holidays
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1601632260084760>

The first support group in the New Year is **Wednesday 4th January 2023 10am**

07377 213952
 support@rollercoasterfs.co.uk

Wellbeing for life - Training Calendar January - March 2023

Our Winter training calendar is here!

All of our training is fully subsidised for anyone living or working in County Durham.

Take a look at what's on offer and book your training today via our website:

<https://www.wellbeingforlife.net/training-courses/>