



Newsletter 12th May 2023



Reception Mrs. Smith

Pupil of the Week is Isla-Mae Weir for excellent independent writing.

Year 2 Miss Cameron

Pupil of the Week is Phoebe Barker for successfully using digimaps in Geography.

Our PE day is Tuesday. Please make sure your child comes into school with their PE clothes in a bag.

KS1 SATs will start on Monday 15th May- Thursday 18th May for Class 2. The children have worked extremely hard preparing for them over the last few months. Good luck Class 2!

Year 5 Miss Hird and Miss Oliver



Pupil of the Week is Ellis Stanley for a mature attitude to his work.

Nursery Miss King



Pupil of the week is Del Snaith for introducing himself in Spanish so well!

Year 1 Miss Crampton



Pupil of the Week is Amelia Taylor for excellent work in phonics. Amelia can sort real and nonsense words and recognise the sounds within the words.

The Phonics Screening Check will take place week beginning Monday 12th June. Please can you practice as much as you can with your children using the phonics packs sent home.

Year 3 Miss Gregg

Pupil of the Week is Alex Taylor for excellent art work and attention to detail.

From the week beginning 15th May, Year 3 will have their P.E session on a Thursday instead of a Monday. Their first P.E session on a Thursday will be Thursday 18th May.

Year 4 Miss Prosser

Pupil of the Week is Edward for his excellent knowledge of invertebrates and vertebrates in science.



Well done Year six.

Every single one of you is a star.

- ★ You deserve praise and recognition for your positive attitude and excellent behaviour throughout the week. You are a pleasure to teach and a credit to our school.
- ★ We are very, very proud of you. Mrs. Hodgson.

All members of Class 6 are stars, for their extremely hard work, resilience and determination shown not only this week, but throughout the build up to SATs. They have all worked hard, tried their best and should be very proud of themselves. Miss Denham



School News

Our year two children complete their reading and mathematics Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) over the forth coming weeks. Miss Cameron, Mr Hay and the class have been working very hard in preparation for them.

Good luck year two children. Remember you can only do your best!

Swimming is back to normal for both year 3 and year 4 on Wednesday 17th May.

Reception news

We are very excited because all of our caterpillars have formed a chrysalis and we have transferred them to the butterfly net. We hope that it won't be long before they turn into butterflies. Also, some of our tadpoles are starting to grow back legs!



All of the children in Early Years have started their sponsored laps of the track. We have worked out that when we have completed all 40, we will have walked over 12 miles altogether! Don't forget that parents and carers are invited to join us for the final few laps on Thursday 25th May at 1.30pm.



Thank you
Mrs Smith



Dates for your diary:

- Break up for half term 26th May 2023
- Return to school **Tuesday** 6th June
- Break up for summer holiday Friday 21st July



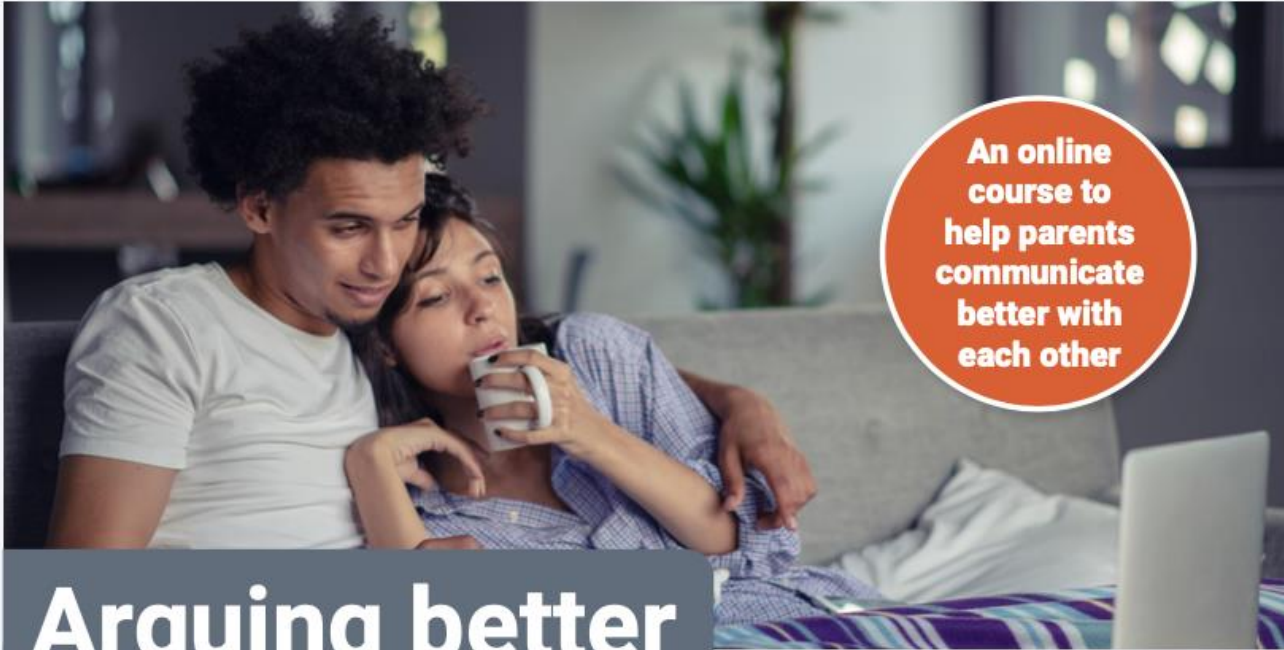
Academic year 2023-2024

- Return to school Tuesday 5th September 2023
- Break up for October Half-Term Thursday 26th October 2023
- Return to school Monday November 6th 2023
- Break up for Christmas Holidays Tuesday 19th December 2023
- Return to school Thursday 4th January 2024
- Break up for Spring Half-Term Friday 17th February 2024
- Return to school Monday 26th February 2024
- Break up for Easter holidays Wednesday 27th March 2024
- Return to school Monday 15th April 2024
- May Day Bank Holiday, Monday 6th May 2024 – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Break up for Summer Half-Term Thursday 23rd May 2024
- Return to school Monday 3rd June 2024
- Break up for summer holidays Tuesday 23rd July 2024

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.

Please use this link <http://durham.opo.org.uk> to register with an email address and your name so that you are able to access the online courses below.



Arguing better

Disagreements are a normal part of life, and most couples argue from time to time. The way you approach these conversations can make a big difference to you, your partner, and your children.

Arguing better is a free online course to help you manage difficult conversations, avoid conflict, and improve things for your whole family.

You will learn:

- Where stress comes from and how it can affect you.
- Ways to recognise stress and talk about it.
- How to support each other through difficult times.
- What causes arguments and how to stop them.

To access the course, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. It's FREE to use, so you'll just need to create an account with a username and password.



Register at this address
www.oneplusone.org.uk/parent-resources-for-england
or scan the QR code

- *Arguing better* is designed for parents who want to learn healthy ways to deal with stress and conflict.
- The course is online so you can go through it at your own pace.
- You can do it all in one go or save your progress and come back to it later.
- The course will take about 40 minutes to complete, so it's best to give yourself enough time and space to reflect.



An online
course for
new and
expectant
parents

Me, You and Baby too

Having a baby can be an exciting time but it's also one of the biggest changes you and your partner are likely to go through. You'll both be tired and stressed, and you may argue more.

Me, You and Baby Too is a free online course that can help you navigate these changes and keep moving forward together.

You will learn:

- What your baby picks up, even before they are born.
- Why stress should be a shared burden.
- How you and your partner can support each other.
- How to talk to bring up difficult topics.
- How arguments start, and how to stop them.

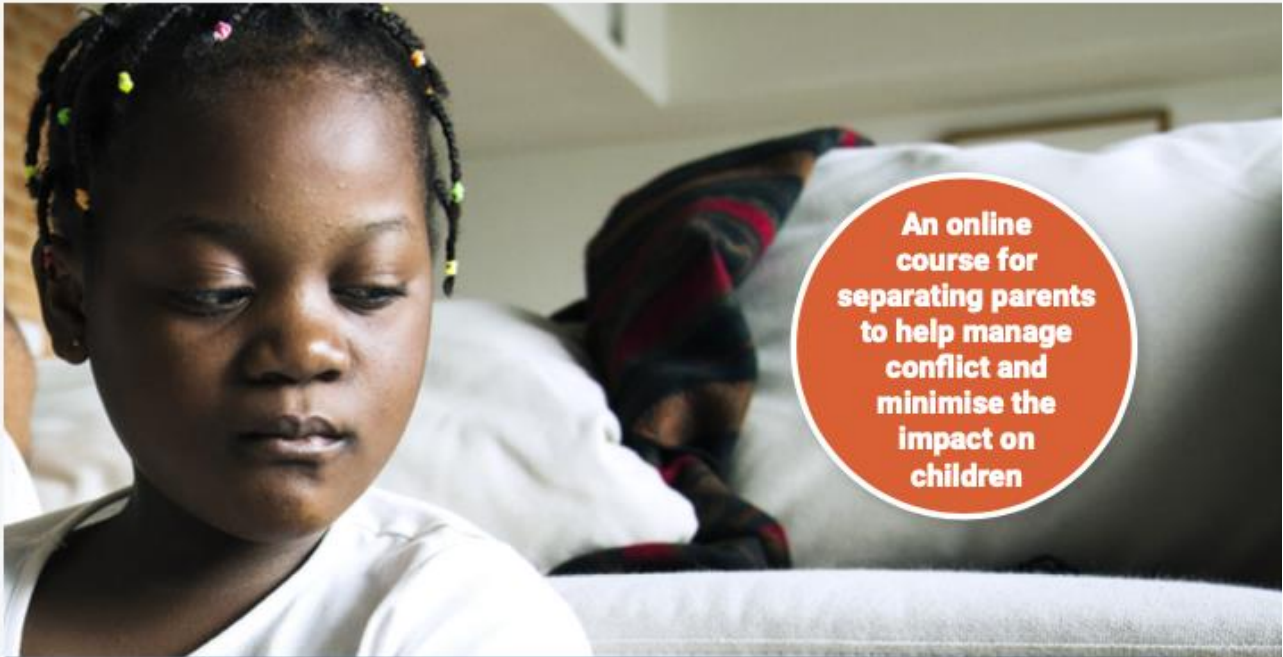
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An online course for separating parents to help manage conflict and minimise the impact on children

Getting it right for children

When parents are separating or separated, children can often get caught in the middle.

Getting it right for children is a free online course designed to help you parent co-operatively. It can help you to develop positive communication skills, so that you can sort out disagreements and find solutions together.

You will learn:

- How to stay calm and listen as well as talk.
- Why it's helpful to see things from a different point of view.
- What to do to stop a discussion from turning into an argument.
- Skills for finding solutions and making compromises.

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- The course is online so you can go through it at your own pace.
- You can do it all in one go but it's often best to spread it over a few weeks to give yourself time to reflect and practise the skills.

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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.

Information for Families on Literacy Difficulties

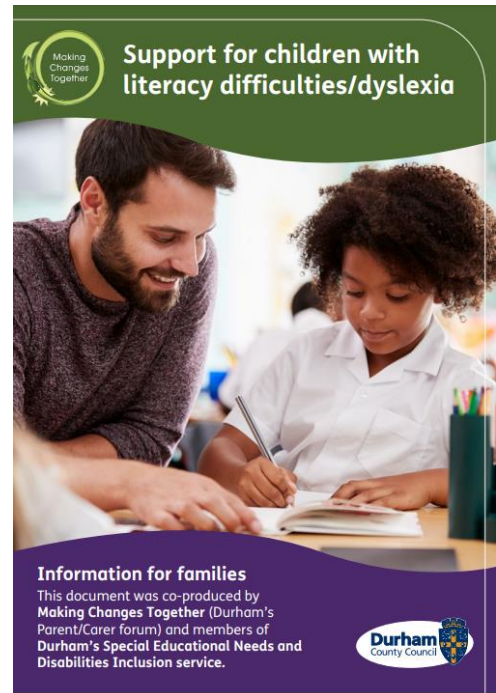
MCT and SEND and Inclusion have put together a document which outlines support for literacy difficulties and describes the approach in SEND and Inclusion.

If you would like a printed copy or a copy sent via Class Dojo, please contact Miss Gregg.

Fun and Food – May Half Term

Coming soon... Free Fun and Food May Half Term Activities 2023.

Visit www.durham.gov.uk/funandfood



Cornforth Partnership

Please message Miss Gregg on Class Dojo for information regarding up and coming support sessions, training and generic support offer leaflet for Cornforth Partnership. Information is also attached below.

CAMHS Parent carer training and information session

Child to parent violence and aggression

This awareness session will begin by giving a brief overview on the role of forensic CAMHS and how it differs from generic CAMHS services. We will consider models of aggression in children and young people and identify key influencing factors. We will look to apply these models of aggression and consider them within the family/parent context and explore how aggression can become a pattern in households. Aggression will be discussed in a childhood mental illness and neurodevelopmental context with consideration given to NICE guidance and recommended treatment/intervention approaches for CAMHS and multi-agency partners.

Wednesday 19th July 1:30 – 3:30pm

To book please email teww.countydurhamcamhstraining@nhs.net

Please state which session & date you wish to attend.



Floating Support and Drop in Sessions:

Day	Venue	Time	Additional Info
Monday	Number 66 – Cornforth	9.30-11	Food, Fuel, Advice & Job Search.
Tuesday	King Street Primary School	8.30-9.30	Food, Fuel, Advice & Job Search.
Tuesday	Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre	10-1	16-24, Sports and Mental Health Support.
Tuesday	Spennymoor Library	1-2	Food, Fuel, Advice & Job Search.
Wednesday	Aycliffe Youth Centre	10-1	Food, Fuel, Advice & Job Search.
Thursdays	Chilton Library	10-12	Food, Fuel, Advice & Job Search.
Thursday	Agnew Community Centre, Aycliffe	12-2	16-24 Emotional Support
Thursday	Cornforth House	5-7	Food, Fuel, Advice & Job Search.
Fridays	St Pauls	10-12	Food, Fuel, Advice & Job Search.
Friday	The Hub Bishop Auckland	10-12	16-24 Emotional Support

Up and Coming Courses:

- CSCS Test and Card –Tuesday 9th 16/5 May 2.15-3.15 and Thursday 25th May 9.30-4.00. Spennymoor Library.
- Stress Awareness Tuesdays 10-12 Cornforth House
- Introduction to Nail Art Wednesday 12.30-3 Cornforth House
- First Aid 19/26th May 10-1 Cornforth House
- Behaviour that Challenges Tuesday 23/05 6th June / 13th June 9.30-2.30, Cornforth House
- Understanding Mental Health 24 May, 7th/14th June 9.30-2.30 Cornforth House
- Level 2 Youth Work Dates TBC – (Need to apply) Starting 23rd May
- Understanding Domestic Abuse and developing recovery Strategies, Starting Tuesday 9th May, King Street Primary School, Spennymoor.

More Info:

Telephone: 01740 652000

Email: enquires@cornforthpartnership.org



UPCOMING

PARENT CARER TRAINING & information

The Sleep Charity
(online – 60 minutes)

This session will focus on sleep difficulties experienced by children with additional needs and how to help

22nd May 11am or 7pm

limited spaces

Click the link below to book or request a catch-up link (if you cannot attend the specific date/time):



Short Break Offer

For families of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities



The Local Offer

Visit the Local Offer for information on groups that provide activities for children and young people with SEND. The Local Offer also has information on groups that provide direct support to parents. You will need to contact the groups to find what they have on offer at the moment.

www.countydurhamfamilies.info/localoffer

FUN & FOOD

Do you find the school holidays a struggle? Finding fun things for your kids to do that don't cost the earth and paying for all that extra food or childcare.

Fun and Food provides FREE holiday activities with healthy snacks and meals for children and young people. Activities are provided by schools, voluntary and community sector groups, sport and leisure services and our family centres.

You can find out what is available in your area at www.durham.gov.uk/funandfood



Parent/carer online support

Durham County Carers Support are hosting a variety of online support, training and activity sessions for carers. For more information please contact 0300 005 1213 or visit www.dccarers.org

Making Changes Together Parents Forum (MCT) are running Zoom coffee events. For more information please contact info@mctdurham.co.uk or visit www.mctdurham.co.uk



Short Breaks Solutions

If you are struggling to find suitable activities for your children to give you a short break from your caring role, our Short Breaks Solutions service will work with you to find options that suit your family's needs. Short Breaks Solutions can refer you to some tailored opportunities for children and young people with SEND that will benefit them and their families outside of their education.



To access any of the activities please contact Short Breaks Solutions:

Email: shortbreakssolutions@durham.gov.uk

Telephone: 03000 260 270



Place2be Website

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>



Parenting
Smart

Parenting advice from our
child mental health experts

Practical tips to support children's wellbeing and behaviour