



Newsletter 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023



**Nursery Miss King**




Pupil of the week is Alice for creating her own musical rhythms with the outdoor instruments during free choice.



**Year 3 Miss Gregg**

Pupil of the Week is Taylor Scaife for showing effort and determination in maths this week.

**Year 5 Miss Hird and Miss Oliver**

 Pupil of the Week is Ashton Gilbert for putting 100% effort into his work in Year 5.

**Year 6 Miss Denham**

Pupil of the Week is Layla for her fantastic work ethic in class and for her recognised efforts by Mrs Smith when helpfully supporting EYFS, daily, to set up their outside areas.

**Reception Mrs. Smith**

Pupil of the week is Archer Steel for great work in phonics, reading words without needing to blend them.

**Year 1 Miss Crampton**



I would like to award POW to the whole of year 1 for completing the phonics screening check this week. Year 1 have worked hard all year, especially over the last few weeks, practising and implementing their phonics at home and in school. I am proud of their determination and resilience.

**Well done Year 1.**



**Year 2 Miss Cameron**

Pupil of the Week is Jacob Knowles for having a sensible and mature attitude towards all aspects of school life, over the past few weeks.

**Year 4 Miss Prosser**

Pupil of the Week is Autumn for her fabulous writing this week. Well done Autumn!

**Family Fun Fundraising Afternoon**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 1:30pm start**

**Reminder**    **Plea from Class 6**

Post SATs, members of Class 6 are going to take part in a gardening revamp project. Over the past couple of months, some of the children in the class have taken an interest in improving the school garden during their breaks and lunch times. Because of this, Miss Denham has planned to incorporate this into their maths lessons, involving consolidation of key maths skills to support their transition to KS3.

If you happen to have any contacts or know anyone who can help to donate some gardening materials, this would be hugely appreciated. If your child is not in Class 6 but you can help, please message your child's class teacher, on Class Dojo, who can pass on the message to Miss Denham. Thank you.

### **Dates for your diary**

- SEND coffee morning 6<sup>th</sup> July
- KS2 SAT results 11<sup>th</sup> July
- Reports to parents 11<sup>th</sup> July
- Fundraising afternoon 1:30 start 13<sup>th</sup> July
- EYFS Reception graduation 17<sup>th</sup> July
- Whole school sports afternoon 18<sup>th</sup> July
- EYFS Sports 19<sup>th</sup> July
- Leavers' Production 20<sup>th</sup> July (10:30am & 1:30pm)
- Break up for summer holiday Friday 21<sup>st</sup>



### **Academic year 2023-2024**

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

## Family Lives – Newsletter

The May 2023 edition of the Family Lives newsletter is out now!! Click on the link for news and updates and to subscribe to our monthly newsletter <http://ow.ly/gYPt500lnUj>

### 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.

#### Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities and Additional Support Event

Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities? Does your child receive additional support from school staff, or outside agencies? Do you feel like you need to speak to a professional and/or Miss Gregg (SENCO) about your child? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then this is the event for you!

We are holding a coffee morning for parents/carers to attend on Thursday 6th July. The event will start at 9am and finish around 11am.

This event will be informal, and it is an opportunity for parents/carers to network with other parents/carers, professionals and Miss Gregg (SENCO). This will be the last event of this academic year, and we have a large number of professionals/services attending (see below). If you are interested in coming along, please speak to Miss Gregg.

Durham County Carers (Parent Carer Support Worker)

SEND Empowering Inclusive Communities (Enabling Inclusive Communities Coordinator)

Sensory Worx (Claire Stirland - Occupational Therapist)

SEND Information Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) (SENDIASS Officer)

Neurodevelopmental Family Support (SENDIASS Neurodevelopmental Family Support Officer)

Emotional Wellbeing and Effective Learning Team (Senior Specialist Inclusion Support)

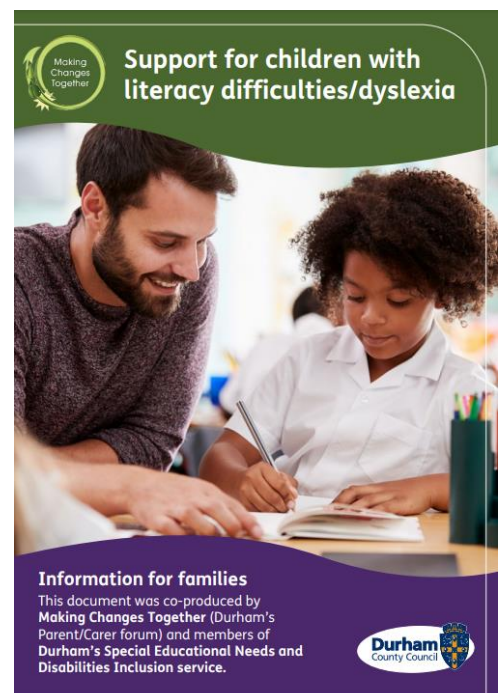
Learning Library (Outreach Worker)

Miss Gregg (SENCO)

### 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.



# 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.dccarers.org)

Making Changes Together Parents Forum (MCT) are running Zoom coffee events. For more information please contact [info@mctdurham.co.uk](mailto:info@mctdurham.co.uk) or visit [www.mctdurham.co.uk](http://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](mailto:shortbreakssolutions@durham.gov.uk)

Telephone: 03000 260 270

