

Newsletter

27th January 2023

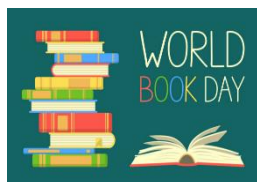
Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy few weeks we have had here at Durham Lane! I have seen tremendous progress in all classes and an improved 'can do' attitude. It has been wonderful to see how the children have returned back to school after Christmas ready to learn.



World Book Day

At Durham Lane Primary, we really wanted to do something to mark this day and so have decided to ask all children and teachers, who want to participate, to come into school on Friday March 3rd, dressed as their favourite book character! As well as this, we will be having a book fair in school. We have been working extremely closely with Richard from Drake the bookshop in Stockton, who has helped share the love of reading with our children in our termly 'Reading for Pleasure Assemblies'. More details with regards to World Book Day and the book fair will be sent out closer to the time.



Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 outdoor area

We will be holding a Fun Run, as a part of some major fundraising this year, on **Thursday 27th April**. We are doing this to raise much-needed money for an outdoor activity trail for the children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. We had put in an application for £10,000 worth of funding to the National Lottery Funding Grant; however we have recently found out we have been unsuccessful. We have already raised £5,000 from previous events such as: The Santa Sleep-over, Christmas and Summer Fairs and non-uniform days. As I say to the children, 'We can never give up'. I am, therefore, applying for additional grants and contacting businesses to see if they can match-fund the amount of money the children have raised.



If anyone knows of any businesses who would like to sponsor our new outdoor area, please contact me.



Trim Trail Project Total £16,495.00



I have attached a few images of a possible trim trail for you to see.

Key dates

- 17th February break up for half term
- 27th February return to school
- 27th March – Parent consultation evening
- 29th March – Parent consultation evening
- 31st March break up for Easter holidays
- 17th April return to school
- 27th April – Sponsored fun run
- 28th April and 5th June PD day
- 5th June – PD day
- 17th June Summer Fayre
- 30th June Big Camp out



E-Safety/Children's Mental Health Week

Here at Durham Lane, we believe that it is extremely important to discuss mental health, feelings and emotions. On the **10th February**, the children will be taking part in Children's Mental Health week and will be refreshing their knowledge on E-Safety.



After School Clubs

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Monday

- Sewing Y3-Y6

Tuesday:

- Relax Kids Y1-Y6 with Mrs Thomson

Wednesday

- Dance Rec -Y6 with Mrs Barnes
- Nature Club Y2-Y4 with Mrs Eastwood- spend time enjoying the outdoors and finding out about the natural world.

Thursday

- Football with Mr Sheahan Y1- Y3

Friday

- Dodgeball with National Elite Sports Coaching YR4-6
- Art & Craft Club Rec-Y2



After School Club



Website/Facebook

We have spent a lot of time updating our website. There is whole host of information on the site such as:

- Year group information
- Key information
- Leave of absence forms
- Curriculum
- Policies
- Letters home
- Our vision, value and ethos

If you haven't had chance to have a look at our website, please go to: www.durhamlane.org.uk

Also, we like to regularly share what is going on in school, so we share this by updating our community Facebook page. This page is used to inform you of all the daily exciting learning activities that are happening during the school day.

You can find us by searching on Facebook for 'Durham Lane Primary Community Facebook page'.

Thank you

Kind regards,
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