

Newsletter

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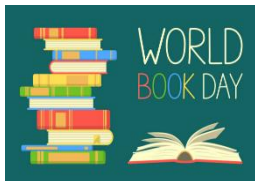
Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy few weeks we have had here at Durham Lane. Today, I am writing to inform you of lots of activities, events and meetings we have planned over the next few weeks – more details will follow on the majority of them but I just wanted to give you a heads up on some key dates.

World Book Day/ Book Swap

The School Council 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 8th, dressed as their favourite book character!

As well as this, the children will be taking part in a 'book swap'. This will involve the children in each bringing a book into school on or before Thursday March 3rd. The book swap will take place in classrooms on Friday March 4th (World Book Day) and will be a great opportunity for the children to get a 'new book' without having to spend any money!



Express yourself

Next week is children's mental health week. Throughout the week, we will be involved in a range of activities. On Friday the 9th of February, we will be having a non-uniform day with the theme 'Express yourself'. The children are encouraged to express themselves in any which way they want. Children can donate £1, all donations will go to the Place2be charity, a charity that seeks to improve the mental health of children and young people. The donation can be brought in on the day or paid on the schoolgateway App.



Road Safety and Traffic Management

Thank you so much to everyone who has completed the Microsoft Form confirming their attendance for the meeting held on Monday 5th February at 5pm. This meeting is for everyone to discuss on what steps we can collectively take to ensure we keep our children safe on Amberley Way. Please complete the attached link if you are able to attend.



<https://forms.office.com/e/xu2QSSRPc6>

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
- Curriculum
- Policies
- Letters home
- Our vision, value and ethos

If you haven't had chance to have a look at our new 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. Durham Lane Primary Community Facebook page.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Key dates

- 8th February Y1 and Y3 visit to the mosque
- 9th February Mental Health well-being day (non-uniform day)
- 12th February Y1 and Y2 visit from Pixie Pots
- 15th February Tree planting
- 16th February break up for half term
- 26th February return to school
- 26th February Y3 swimming (every afternoon for 2 weeks)
- 26th February Scholastic Book Fair week
- 8th March World Book Day
- 11th and 25th Parent Consultation evenings
- 13th March ZooLab visiting Early Years
- 14th March Y5 and Y6 visit to Hartlepool Power Station
- 13th March Science Day with workshops
- 26th March Easter Raffle
- 27th March Easter Egg Decoration Competition
- 28th March break up for Easter holidays
- PD day 3rd June, 22nd and 23rd July 2024
- 15th June Summer Fayre



Attendance

A gentle reminder, if your child is unwell and unable to attend school could you please ring the school office before 9.30am. This is a crucial part of our safeguarding policy.

Attending school regularly is important because:

- It is one of the most important indicators of school success.
- Students who attend school regularly improve their chances of being academically successful.
- It encourages positive social interactions and offers students the chance to build healthy relationships with their peers, teachers, and other adults in the building.
- It helps promote self-confidence and responsibility from a young age—two skills that will continue to serve them into adulthood. Attendance reports will be shared during parent consultation evenings, if you wish to discuss your child’s attendance prior to the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me on helen.gregory@durhamlane.org.uk

Attendance Ladder



Wrap around provision

Thank you to everyone who completed the wrap around provision Microsoft Form. It was so lovely to hear such wonderful comments about the provision we offer. I know as a working mum, wrap around provision in a school setting is invaluable. From the findings, we will be actioning the following:



- Pizza nights (Recp, Y1 and Y2 – 9.2.24)
- Pizza night (Y3 – Y6 1.3.24)
- Closing time to be extended to 6pm in September 2024
- Children to be offered support completing their homework during after school club.
- We will look at asking our teaching staff to do specialist clubs such as cooking, Art, Lego robotics, Science, sewing etc
- Reception children to access Dance club after February half term.

Thank you

Kind regards,
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