



Durham Lane Primary School

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4th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the summer break. We've had a great start to the new academic year right throughout school with children keen and eager to work, as well as sharing the lovely times they've had with you over the holidays, particularly via the diaries they have completed. I am really impressed with our new Reception Class who have come in confidently and have been excitedly engaging with a range of tasks in the classroom – well done to them all! We've also had 8 other new children join elsewhere in school who are also settling in well; welcome to them and to their families.

Staffing News

We warmly welcome Mrs. Afsar who joins us for a year as a teaching assistant in Nursery and as a lunchtime supervisor.

New Classes Reminder:

Class	Teacher
Nursery	Mrs. Guest
Reception	Mrs. Khan (EYFS Leader)
Class 1	Mrs. Evans (KS1 Leader and SENCO)
Class 2	Mrs. Jessop
Class 3	Miss Drew
Class 4	Miss Hugill
Class 5	Miss Barrett (Deputy Head Teacher)
Class 6	Mr. Beane (KS2 Leader)

Mrs. Williams will continue to provide Deputy Head and Leadership Team release and work with small groups of children, as well as covering classes, as she usually does.

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Teaching Assistants

EY – Miss Harding, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Afsar

KS1 – Mrs. Adamson, Mrs. Spruce

KS2 – Mrs. Adamson, Miss Ahmed, Mrs. Young

Lost Property

You may have seen the ludicrous amount of lost property which we have been putting out in the mornings. Please look through and reclaim items as we will dispose of it all at the end of this week.

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Y3 Dinners

Please could Y3 parents please note that now your children are in KS2, you need to pay for school dinners; if you feel you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please complete the application form on the Stockton Borough Council website. Every child registered as being eligible for Free School Meals brings the school additional funding so please do this as it helps you and us!

Summer Building Work

We have been extremely lucky to benefit from planned maintenance work again this summer, courtesy of Stockton Borough Council. We have had a new roof on the two 'new' KS2 classrooms. All of the original 50-year-old heaters have been replaced throughout the building and the kitchen has been rewired; the entire building has now been rewired over the last 4 summers. I'd like to once again thank SBC for including all of this work in their scheme to support our school in this way; if we were an Academy, we would have had to fund this ourselves through grant applications/loans etc.

However, completion of the last two projects was a little close to the wire! On Monday, all staff lent a hand to move things back into the kitchen from the hall whilst workmen were still fitting ceiling tiles...then Mr. McMillan had to clean the dust and dirt from the hall! The summer holidays are always a busy time for any caretaker, but Mr. McMillan has, once again, worked over and above for our school. You can imagine the trail of debris spread across our building that he had to deal with, not to mention the constant interruptions from all of the different contractors even when he was offsite. We are incredibly lucky to have Mr. McMillan and I can't express my gratitude enough for the incredible job that he has done this summer *and* he's still smiling (just)!

Hopefully your children have settled in well to the start of term, but please do remember that if you have any worries about anything to do with school, do contact us as soon as possible so that we can discuss any concerns and hopefully solve any issues quickly.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. J.A.C. Ball

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Dates

4th September – Y6 at Crucial Crew pm

9th September – Reception children attend full-time (collect at 3.15pm)

17th September – Welcome to Y1 Parents' meeting

24th September – Harvest Assembly (children only) – food collection made for the Stockton and Billingham Food Bank (letter to follow)

Monday 30th September PDDay on Curriculum Intent – School closed to children but childcare is available at school all day; booking forms available from front entrance or Mrs. Ennion

9th October - Individual Photos

Thursday 24th October - Break up for half term

Friday 25th October – School Closed to children.

Partnership PDDay for staff at Roseberry Primary School – Curriculum Inspiration

Monday 4th November – School reopens

Y3/4 visit to the Oriental Museum (letter to follow)

20th December – Break up for Christmas

6th January 2020 – School reopens

14th February – Break up for half term

24th February- School reopens

11th-13th March – Y6 Robinwood Residential to Dobroyd Castle

3rd April – Break Up for Easter

20th April – School reopens

11th-15th May – Y6 compulsory SATs tests

22nd May – Break Up for Half Term

Monday 1st June – School Closed to children. PDDay for staff

Tuesday 2nd June – School reopens

Friday 17th July – Break Up for Summer

Monday 20th July – PDDay School Closed to children. ALL PDDAYS FOR STAFF HAVE NOW BEEN ALLOCATED AS ABOVE.

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