

### Dear Parents and Carers,

It's the end of another great week! It is wonderful to see how we are now fully settled into our school routines and how well the children are managing their learning. There are so many smiling faces around school and so many happy children.

### Parent Consultation

We have just completed our baseline assessments and are making plans for us to address any gaps in the children's learning. Unfortunately, we will not be able to host face to face parent consultations in the usual way this year; instead staff will be preparing **Start of Year Reports** to ensure all parents are fully aware of their children's attainment and progress and any additional support they may need.

Staff will also be hosting Zoom parent consultations on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November**. More details, with regards to how to book your parents consultation Zoom meeting, will follow.



### Sponsored Fun Run

A letter was sent out last Friday with regards to the children running from Eaglescliffe to France collectively. We really hope you are able to support your child with this fun run and sponsor them as any money raised will be used for extra resources/activities in school.



### Social Distancing

Thank you to everyone who continues to follow our playground routines when dropping off and collecting children; the new collection arrangements are working really well. Could I please ask that you continue to follow the one-way system on Amberley Way as this really helps with the congestion on the road outside of school.

### School Photograph day

Tempest, our school photographers, will be in school on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, younger children, who do not attend Durham Lane will not be able to have their photo taken with their siblings this year. I apologise for this, but this is due to ensuring our 'bubbles' in school stay safe. Therefore, the photographer will only be taking individual photos. No siblings or twins either.

TEMPEST  
PHOTOGRAPHY

### Home Learning Arrangement

We have recently reviewed our home learning procedures and our pupil

engagement expectations in response to the need to provide education for children who are self-isolating or in case of the closure of a school bubble. Your child's Seesaw QR code will be sent home this week. The children will have the opportunity in school over the coming weeks to familiarise themselves with the Seesaw learning platform.

There are 3 levels of support that we will provide.

1. **A child is ill.** No work will be sent home.
2. **A child is isolating.** Home learning will be sent home daily via the Seesaw app. Children will be expected to complete this work and they will be responded to at the end of the school day by the class teacher. New learning will be set daily. We will try as much as possible to link this work with the curriculum being delivered in school so that the children do not miss too much of the taught curriculum.
3. **A bubble needs to close due to Covid-19 Risk Assessment** – class teachers will send home learning via the Seesaw app. Children are expected to complete this within the school working day. A mixture of Zoom lessons and online learning will be expected.



## Flu Vaccination

The NHS immunisation team will be in school on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. A letter with details went out last week; please scan in your QR code to consent for the vaccination.



## Facebook

We have also set up a Durham Lane Community Facebook page which will be primarily used for any school news or updates. You can find us if you search for Durham Lane Primary School; please like and share our page. Could I please kindly ask you to refrain from making any negative comments. If you have any concerns, please contact me directly as I will be more than happy to deal with them.



## Christmas 2020

Unfortunately, our Christmas celebrations may not be the same as in usual years. However, the staff and I are really keen to ensure we are able to celebrate and perform in some way. We are currently at the planning stage, so as soon as we have plans in place we will share them with you. If any of you, have any suggestions on Christmas fund raising activities please do not hesitate to contact me on my email address.



## PE/ After School Club Updates

We are now in the position where we are able to offer limited extra-curricular sporting opportunities within school. As it currently stands, we are not able to mix year groups within clubs. Unfortunately, this does restrict the opportunities that are available at present across school. We have started a Year 3 and Year 4 lunchtime running club on Tuesdays. Also, Mr Sheahan is hosting an after school multi-sports club for children in Years 5 and 6, on alternate weeks, on Thursdays. These clubs will run until half term and will then be reviewed.



## PE Kit for after half term

After half term, we are requesting that children bring in their PE kit on the days that they have PE. They will get changed into their kit before their PE lesson. As a reminder, our PE kit consists of a white or green t-shirt and blue or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms. As PE sessions are taking place outside, your child may also wear a plain jumper, tracksuit top or a school hoodie.



## Covid-19 testing

If your child is waiting for a Covid-19 test result, could you please email me the result, even if it is over the weekend. My email address is [helen.gregory@sbcschools.org.uk](mailto:helen.gregory@sbcschools.org.uk)

If your child is currently living with a household member or sibling who is waiting for a test result, once that result has been confirmed, please let me know, in accordance with the up to date guidelines which can be found on the school website.

## Children in Need

Although the way we raise money may be different this year, we are still keen to have a fun, money-raising day on November 13<sup>th</sup>. More details will follow.



## Dates for your diary

14<sup>th</sup> October 2020 – Tempest Photo day  
22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 – Sponsored Fun Run  
23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 – PD day  
26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term  
2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 – Return to school  
13<sup>th</sup> November 2020- Children in Need  
18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Break up for Christmas

## Thank you

Any questions or queries you may have, please don't hesitate to speak to me on the playground, email me on the address below or call the school office for an appointment.

Kind regards,

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