

Newsletter May 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe how quickly this year is going! I would like to thank the staff for organising so many lovely activities, visits and enrichment activities for the children this term and next; it is so lovely to see some sense of 'normal school life'.

Key dates

- 19th May - Themed lunch day 'American theme'
- 19th May - Plant sale after school
- 27th May – Queen's Jubilee Party (children only)
- 27th May - Break up for half term
- 6th June - PD day (children to return to school on 7th June)
- 8th June - Year 6 visit to Carlton residential, return on 10th June
- 18th June - Summer Fayre 1pm- 4.30pm
- 27th June - Healthy Schools week (more information will follow)
- 7th July - Early Years' sports day 9.15am (reserve day if weather is poor 13th July 9.15am)
- 4th July - Yr1- Yr6 Sports day 1.30pm - 3.15pm (reserve day if the weather is poor 15th July 1.30pm- 3.15pm)

Macmillan – Non-uniform day

Thank you to everyone who supported our non-uniform day on Friday 13th May. We managed to raise over £400 for Macmillan Cancer Support. This is a charity that is close to lots of people's hearts and offers support for those diagnosed with and affected by cancer.

Each year, Macmillan Cancer Support holds a fundraising day at York Racecourse and, as part of this, Miss Hugill's family has been trying to raise £20,000 in support of her cousin who will be riding in the amateur race in memory of their Grandad.

It was lovely to see the staff and children arriving at school dressed in their favourite sports gear, particularly as we are working hard to promote and improve PE in school at the moment.

Summer Fayre



Tickets for our Summer Fayre go on sale on 23rd May via SchoolComms. The summer fayre will be a lovely chance for us all to get back together. We will have a large selection of stalls, free inflatables, live music from 'Soul Select' and our very own children. Plus lots more. All you need to bring is your camping chair, picnic and drinks!

School Library

Here at Durham Lane, we actively promote the 'love of reading'. This term we have been spending a lot of time with the children asking for some input into what new texts they would like. We are pleased to share with you that our new school loan library will be officially opened after half term.



Pupil Voice

As part of our continuing work on Pupil Voice this term, the children have requested more sports equipment. Thanks to Miss Hugill for ordering football posts, netball posts and lots of playground equipment.

Mayoral Visit

On Monday 16th May, the School Council had a visit from The Worshipful The Mayor of Stockton On Tees, Mr. Kevin Faulks. During his time with the children, he was asked some fantastic questions and they listened keenly and with interest. He spoke about his role and how a council works, asking them questions which they answered with enthusiasm. Well done School Council- you made our school very proud!



Card making

Year 3 and 4 are taking part in an exciting competition and we need your support! It is called the Trailblazer competition and the aim is to create our own successful business. Our two classes will be competing against lots of other schools in the local area. If we are successful with this business, we could win up to £250!



We have decided to set up a business called DL CARDS, selling birthday, congratulations, Fathers' Day, good luck and many more cards. We will be selling the cards on Schoolcomms over the next month and on the school playground under the Gazebo every Thursday from 3:10pm to 3:45pm. We are selling the cards for £1.80 each, for a standard card, or a mixed pack of five for £6.00.



We also do personalised cards which are £2.50.

We need your support with our business, so please buy a card if you can!

Year 3

Before half term, Year 3 wrote some impassioned letters to Boris Johnson about the threat to endangered animals around the world. The children were very excited that we received a response to our letter from Mr Johnson's correspondence officer and our letters have been passed onto the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.



Plant sale

In September 2021, we shared the very sad news of the passing of our colleague and friend, Margaret Waters. We said then that we would find a way, this spring, to commemorate her contributions to Durham Lane School as a parent, TA and grandparent.



We are proposing to hold a plant sale on Thursday May 19th at the end of the school day. All money raised will be used to purchase new books for the EYFS classes and a special plate will be placed inside each one to commemorate Mrs Waters and her love of working with EYFS children. Any plants not sold, will be used around our constantly changing and developing outside areas.



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Cupcake Competition

Children can design their own ultimate cupcake and be in with a chance to have their design brought to life! All we ask is that participants take a Butterwick money box home to fill with coins which should be returned with their cupcake entry. You may also make a donation on schoolcomms.

1st Prize- Winning design cupcakes brought to life by Wynyard Cake Company plus Family Ice Skating Pass at Billingham Forum; 2nd & 3rd Prize Cupcake design created by Wynyard Cake Co.



Your child will be bringing the competition sheet home with them, along with a money box.

Please could any entries be returned by Wednesday 25th May.

After school clubs after May Half Term Holidays

Monday:

- Nature and well-being club – Rec – Y2
- 'Cool for School music club' with Kerriane from X Factor and Steve Smith from Yarm music school - Yr 3- Yr6

Tuesday:

- Relax Kids Y1-Y6

Wednesday

- Dance Y2-Y6
- Technology Club with Miss Drew Yr3-Y6

Thursday

- Multi sports with Mr Sheahan Yr3- Yr 6
- Stem Club (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths club) – with Mrs Guest Yr 3 – Y4

Friday

- Nature and well-being club – Y3-Y6

Year 6

We would like to say a great big well done to all of the children in Year 6 for all the effort and hard-work that they put in to preparing for their SATs. The children focused hard throughout SATs week and are now looking forward to their residential visit to Carlton.

Thank you

Kind regards,
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