



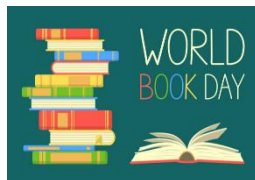
Dear Parents and Carers,

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 for the majority of them, but I just wanted to give you a heads up on some key dates.

World Book Day 2025- March 6th

The School Council really wanted to do something to mark this day and so have decided to ask all children and teachers, who wish to participate, to come into school on **Friday March 7th**, dressed as their favourite book character! The children will also spend time during this day reading stories to children from other classes; this is always a popular event in school!

As well as this, we will be hosting a Scholastic bookfair, the week before World Book Day. The date for the fair will be from Tuesday 4th – Friday 7th March (inclusive).



Well-being Day

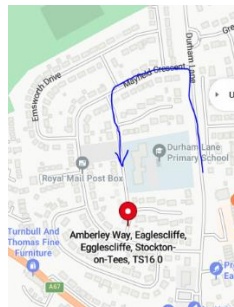
On Friday the 21st of February, we will be having a non-uniform day with the theme, 'Know Yourself'. The children are encouraged to express themselves in any which way they want. On Friday we have a live performance in school from solo artist "Zackri" followed by a talk on Mental Health, Online Safety & Cyber Bullying & a live Q&A for Y4-Y6 pupils.



Your child will be taking part in a range of relaxation and mindfulness activities prepared by their teacher. The day is aimed at continuing our work on safeguarding children's mental health and wellbeing. We hope that this will be a chance for us all to catch our breath and reflect on how we are feeling and how to share and deal with our feelings.

Road Safety and Traffic Management

Can I please kindly ask again for parents to use the voluntary one-way system around school. This means that you need to drive down Durham Lane past the school, turn left down Mayfield Crescent, and then into Amberley Way (please see map below). Also, we have had a number of residents contact us with regards to thoughtless parking. Our recommendation is for parents to park at the Orchard Shops at Sainsbury's and walk to school.



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

- 21st February Mental Health well-being day (non-uniform day)
- 21st February break up for half term
- 3rd March return to school
- 3rd March Clip boards to be out under the canopy to book parent consultation evenings
- 3rd March Y3 swimming (every afternoon for the week)
- 4th-7th March Scholastic Book Fair week
- 6th March – Science activities Northern Gas Y3 and Y4
- 7th March World Book Day
- 10th and 17th Parent Consultation evenings
- 10th March – Living eggs arrive for Early Years
- 11th March Science activities forensic workshops Y1- Y6
- 13th March Science Wonder Dome
- 13th March – whole school Science Day
- 1st April – Easter Assembly TVCC
- 8th April Easter Egg Decoration Competition
- 11th April break up for Easter holidays
- PD day 2nd June and 21st July 2025
- 14th 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



Wrap around provision

- Monday night -
- 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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