



16th October 2020

Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers

As we approach the last week of our Autumn half term can I take this opportunity to thank everyone of you who are doing everything we ask to keep everyone safe. The last day of this half term is Thursday 22nd October as like many schools we are using the Friday as a staff development day.

Your children continue to amaze us with their resilience and the fact that they taken to the new routines like a duck to water so we thank everyone who has offered us so much support and positive praise, it is lovely to hear so many of you being happy with what we are doing.

Take care and stay safe

Mr Walton

Pick up and drop off times

- Can we ask that **only one** family member accompanies their child/children.
- Avoid congregating on the drive and in the school gate way.
- Walk into school along the path and out along the driveway.
- Ensure children stay close to you and don't play on the equipment.
- Maintain 2m plus social distancing.

Class	Start/Finish Time	Entrance/Exit
Rainbows	8:45- 11:45	Rainbows
	12:15—3:15	
Nursery	8:45- 11:45	Nursery Fire exit
	12:15—3:15	
Reception	8:50	Rainbows
	3:05	Willows exit
Year 1	8:45—3:00	Key Stage 1
Year 2	8:50 - 3:05	Key Stage 1
Year 3	8:45—3:00	Key Stage2
Year 4	8:50—3:05	Hall
Year 5	8:45—3:00	Hall
Year 6	8:50—3:05	Key Stage 2

Attendance

Please can you inform the school office if your child is unable to attend school as soon as possible so that we know everyone is safe.

Staffing

We know you will join us in wishing Mrs Geddes all of the happiness she richly deserves as she prepares to welcome the arrival of her new baby shortly after half term. She has done an amazing job throughout this pandemic and I know you will appreciate her efforts and all she has done to ensure the learning of the pupils has always come first. Miss Nelmes will be teaching Year 5 alongside Mrs Robson after half term, she has worked in school on a number of occasions and I'm sure you will give her a warm welcome and offer her all your support.

Mr Fadden is teaching Year 3 and has made a hugely positive impact already on the class with everyone settled down and learning so much!

Mr Fadden was instrumental in ensuring learning continued and improved in another class in school before the Summer and again please make him welcome!

Nursery

If you want your child to get the best start they can to their education we have spaces available in both our Rainbow and Nursery settings.

We currently have places for parents of 2 year olds who have received a 'golden ticket' in our Rainbow Room.

We also offer 30 hours in our Nursery for working parents who are eligible.

As well as funded places, we offer a 3 hour session in our Rainbow Room for 2 year old children or Nursery for 3 year old children for £15. Sessions are from 8.45am-11.45am or 12.15pm – 3.15pm. If you are interested in more details, please contact the school office.



Reception Class 2021

Don't miss out!

Sadly for a number of families our Reception Class was hugely oversubscribed last year and we still have a waiting list with families wishing for their child to join us.

If your child will be of school age next September please don't wait, apply for their place now.

Likewise if you know anyone who may wish to join our fabulous Reception provision tell them not to wait, they could miss out.

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2189/Apply-for-a-primary-place-deadline-15-January-2021>



Parents Evening

After half term we will be offering the opportunity for yourselves to have a parents evening with a difference, the difference being you will be able to do it from the comfort of your own home! We will be offering a catch up regarding progress your child is making via a phone call with the class teacher. Details will be sent out straight after half term.

School Dinners

As long as I have been lucky to be associated with our lovely school our school catering team have been amazing. One of the first people I met when I came was Berna in the kitchen, she made me feel so welcome and always works alongside everyone in the kitchen to look after our children and keep them really, really well fed. As we enter the winter months if you feel you would like your child to get a hot really lovely home cooked meal please get in touch.

School meals are £2.10 a day, menus are available from the school office.

