



Reception Mrs. Smith

★ Pupil of the Week is Lennon Partington for being brave and coming to school with a smile on his face.

This week in Reception, we have been learning about the sense of taste. We have enjoyed trying some different foods. Next week, we are learning about the sense of smell and we are hoping to have some very special visitors in school.

Year 2 Miss Cameron

★ Pupil of the Week is Aiden Wells for a fantastic acrostic poem about orangutans and the rainforest.

Tuesdays are our PE day, please make sure your child comes to school in PE kit that day.

Our next Forest Friday session will now take place after half term, thank you.

Year 4 Miss Prosser

★ Pupil of the Week is Cooper for having a sensible attitude and making positive choices this week.

Nursery Miss King

★ Pupil of the Week is Martha Howe for remembering all the names of the musical instruments we have been playing this week.



Year 1 Miss Crampton

★ Pupil of the Week is Fox Hindmarch for trying to improve his handwriting.

Year 3 Miss Gregg

★ Pupil of the Week is Kaden-Lee Metcalfe for his fantastic contribution in history this week.

Reminder

Year 3 have their P.E day on Mondays. Please ensure your child comes to school in their P.E kit on Mondays.

Year 5 Miss Hird and Mrs. Brown

★ **Pupil of the Week**

Pupil of the Week is Faith Knowles for demonstrating courage and determination this week in all subjects.

Year 6

★ **Pupil of the Week**

Pupil of the Week is Kyle H for his fantastic effort when calculating the age of a tree in Hamsterley Forest.





MR WHITELOCK'S SPORTS SUPERSTARS

Sports stars of the week					
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Roman Thompson	Charlie Austin	Liyana Conquest	Layton Hart	Chloe Wilkinson	Holly Holohan
Benjamin Dennison	Matilda Miles	Alexander Taylor	Logan Huntington	Luke Forster	Layton Gibson



Lunchtime

School meals are free for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. We have a new contractor providing school meals. Why not encourage your child to try a free school lunch?

School News

Dates for your diary:

- Break up for half term Friday October 21st 2022
- Return to school Tuesday 1st November
- Break up for Christmas Tuesday 20th December 2022

Whole school dates:

- End of term progress meetings for parents will take place Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th October. Please contact the school to arrange a meeting time, if you have not done so already. Thank you.
- SEND review meetings will take place on Thursday 24th November.

Christmas Dates:

- EYFS Christmas performance 10am 12th December 2022
- KS1 & 2 Christmas performance 10am and 2pm 13th December 2022
- EYFS Christmas party 14th December 2022
- KS1 Christmas party 15th December 2022
- KS2 Christmas party 19th December 2022

The Importance of Reading

Learning to read can be an enjoyable journey or a bumpy ride. Please remind and encourage your child to read regularly at home. Staff are available to support children with their reading throughout the day.



Mrs Hodgson also checks children's reading records every Wednesday and rewards those who read regularly. Please get in touch, if you have any questions or concerns.

Children can also use MyON to read online texts. Contact the class teacher via Dojo for more information.

Drama

Superstars

Year 1

Logan
Paris

Year 2

Amarii
Lukas

Year 3

Cole
Lincoln

Year 5

Izzy
Mason

Special mention to Isabelle Howe for her fantastic performance to over seventy schools during the KS2 Poetry Workshops.

Looking Smart for School

I am extremely proud of our school. We have very supportive parents, dedicated staff and really lovely, creative and caring children. Thank you for making our first half term a good one.

I am pleased to note all children wear school uniform; however, only a minority wear appropriate clothing for PE. During the COVID pandemic, children were encouraged to attend school in their PE kit. I have decided to continue with this; wearing sports clothes for school reduces the number of items having to be carried back and forth. The situation will be reviewed again next half term.

Children should not arrive in school in the latest fashion trends on a P.E day; they should wear the school P.E kit only. For safeguarding reasons, please do not allow girls to wear short crop tops for P.E. They are totally unsuitable and do not cover the upper body appropriately, especially when moving around during the lesson.

Please may I also remind parents that children should be wearing unbranded, black or navy jogging bottoms/leggings or shorts (weather permitting) for P.E and a plain blue or white t-shirt.

Please note, nail varnish and false nails should not be worn for school.

Get into good habits ready for comprehensive school.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs. Hodgson

[Click here to read the latest guidance on parking around schools.](#)

Class Dojo Messages

If you need to contact your child's class teacher during the day for something that they need to be aware of before 3pm, please contact the school office. For example, if you are running late, your child needs to stay for drop-in, or they can't stay for a club etc. The school office must be informed regarding reasons for school absences. Thank you for your continued support.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Updates

Upcoming Events and Information

Most upcoming events are being advertised on social media [Durham SEND Information, Advice, Support Service | Facebook](#) This is the link to the page and there is also an Autism Hub group [Durham SENDIASS Autism Hub | Facebook](#) which promotes not just the Autism Hub events, but also other events going on across the county.

There is a mailing list for parents/carers to join. To become part of the mailing list, email: ann.connor@durham.gov.uk and ask to be added to the mailing list. You will then get any information emailed directly to you.

Durham Area Disability Leisure Group – Newsletter

Please contact Miss Gregg on Class Dojo and she will send you the newsletter.

Please send **Durham Area Disability Leisure Group** the following information when requesting places. (They can't book you in without this information.)

Name of child / young person

Age of all children

Disability Type

Postcode

Name of Activity

Number of Children places

Number of Adult Places

Durham Area Disability Leisure Group

Telephone: 07592366454

Email: dadlg08@gmail.com

Rollercoaster – Autumn flyer for September and October (attached below)



Rollercoaster Sept-Oct 2022 Diary dates

For families supporting a child or young person (up to 25 years) with emotional or mental health difficulties

Calendar Icon	Time	What's on	More information	Venue
Wed 7th Sept	10-12am	Support Group	Support, information, advice on a range of topics around mental health with a parent peer supporter & CAMHS Nurse	Box 6, Durham Cricket Ground
Wed 14th Sept	6-8pm	Virtual Support Group	Support, information, and guest speakers on a range of topics around mental health	Facebook Live & Zoom
Wed 21st Sept	6-8pm	Support Group	Support, information, advice on a range of topics around mental health with a parent peer supporter & CAMHS Nurse	Angel Trust, Bishop Auckland
Fri 30th Sept	1-2pm	DROP-IN with SENDIASS & CAMHS	Advice and support around mental health- book a 1:1 with a CAMHS Nurse or with SENDIASS for advice on Education	Virtual – Zoom
Wed 5th October	10-12am	Parent Support Group	Support, information, advice on a range of topics around mental health with a parent peer supporter & CAMHS Nurse	Box 6, Durham Cricket Ground
Monday 10th October	1-4pm	World Mental Health Day	A day to celebrate and find out about mental health support in County Durham	Durham City venue to be confirmed
Wed 12th October	6-8pm	Virtual Support Group	Support, information, and guest speakers on a range of topics around mental health	Facebook Live & Zoom
Wed 19th October	6-8pm	Support Group	Support, information, advice on a range of topics around mental health with a parent peer supporter & CAMHS Nurse	Angel Trust, Bishop Auckland
Fri 28th October	1-2pm	DROP-IN with SENDIASS & CAMHS	Advice and support around mental health- book a 1:1 with a CAMHS Nurse or with SENDIASS for advice on Education	Virtual – Zoom

Individual Support

- **Talk to a Parent Peer Supporter** - Book a 1:1 support session with a Rollercoaster Parent Peer Supporter who has been through similar experiences
- **Closed Facebook group** - Rollercoaster closed Facebook Group is a safe space for parents to access support from other parents at any time

For more information or to book a session get in touch using one of the contacts below:

07377 213952 | support@rollercoasterfs.co.uk | [@rollercoasterparentsupport](https://www.facebook.com/rollercoasterparentsupport) | [@rollercoasterPS](https://twitter.com/rollercoasterPS)

Logos: Durham Cricket Foundation, Angel Trust, SENDIASS, NHS County Durham, NHS Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys, Rollercoaster Parent Support.

Support groups- all parents and carers are welcome no booking necessary, unfortunately no children or young people allowed due to the sensitive subjects discuss.

The Drop in- with CAMHS & SENDIASS these are bookable slots it's an opportunity to have a 1-1 chat with a CAMHS Nurse or one of the team from SENDIASS on Zoom.

Any questions please get in touch.

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