



Newsletter 10th March 2023



Reception Mrs. Smith



Pupil of the Week is Italia Powers for being a great helper and a kind friend to others.

Nursery Miss King



Pupil of the Week is Zoe Harrop for working hard at home to learn about all of our topics.



Year 1 Miss Crampton



Pupil of the Week is Roman Thompson for being enthusiastic and playing a brilliant Zog during role play in our English session.

Year 2 Miss Cameron



Pupil of the Week is Lukas Midgley for excellent enthusiasm throughout our 'Explorers' topic.

Our next Forest Friday session will run on Friday 17th March. Our PE day is a Tuesday, please ensure the children bring their PE kits to school that day.

Thank you.

Year 5 Miss Hird and Miss Oliver



Pupil of the Week is Meg Peverley- Kipling for asking for help when needed and for being a great friend to others this week.



Year 4 Miss Prosser

Pupil of the Week is Shane Dunoo for showing an excellent understanding of sound in science this week.

Year 3 Miss Gregg



Pupil of the Week is Mia Ellison for always working hard.

Year 6 Miss Denham



Pupil of the Week this week is Lexi for showing resilience, still completing work to a high standard, with a hand injury.



Safeguarding Online Safety

On Class Dojo, there is a link to complete a parental online safety survey. Please complete the form honestly as this will help the provision, of online safety, within each class to be reactive to the needs of children, parents, communities and families. This should take no longer than 5 minutes. If you would like any more advice or information about Online Safety, please contact Miss Denham, our school Online Safety Co-ordinator, via the school office.

KS2 SATs

All information, regarding KS2 SATs, has been posted on Class Dojo. If you would like to know more about this or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Denham. Also, if you would like to know how your child is getting on in the build up to SATs or would like to know more about supporting your child at home, again please send a message.

A letter has been given out regarding SATs booster in the Easter holidays, please complete and return this as soon as possible.

Free Training for Parents

The local education authority is offering Free Training for parents with EPEC (Empowering Parents Empowering Communities). This is a 12-week programme, one day a week, 9.30-2.30 term time only. All expenses will be covered such as fuel costs, travel expenses, childcare costs and all refreshments/lunch will be provided.

Once the training has been completed parents will receive an internal certification from EPEC to deliver the 'Being a Parent' programme as well as an external Level 3 Accreditation Qualification in leading parenting programmes which will be a great addition to their CV. They will be then supported fully to deliver the EPEC Parenting Programmes in their area to other parents.

There will be training starting on Tuesday 25th April in the north area of Durham (location TBC).



Dates for your diary:

- Break up for Easter Friday March 31st 2023
- Return to school 17th April 2023
- Break up for half term 26th May 2023
- Return to school **Tuesday** 6th June
- Break up for summer holiday Friday 21st July 2023

Academic year 2023-2024

- Return to school Tuesday 5th September 2023
- Break up for October Half-Term Thursday 26th October 2023
- Return to school Monday November 6th 2023
- Break up for Christmas Holidays Tuesday 19th December 2023
- Return to school Thursday 4th January 2024
- Break up for Spring Half-Term Friday 17th February 2024
- Return to school Monday 26th February 2024
- Break up for Easter holidays Wednesday 27th March 2024
- Return to school Monday 15th April 2024
- May Day Bank Holiday, Monday 6th May 2024 – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Break up for Summer Half-Term Thursday 23rd May 2024
- Return to school Monday 3rd June 2024
- Break up for summer holidays Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Statutory Test Dates

- Year 1 Phonic screening checks (including Year 2 resit checks) begin week commencing Monday June 2023.
- Year 2 SATs will be administered during May 2023.
- Year 4 Multiplication Tests week beginning multiplication tables check within the 3-week period from Monday 5 June 2023.
- Year 6 SATs week beginning Monday 8 May to Thursday 11 May 2023.

Progress Meetings for Parents

Monday 17th April

Free healthy activities to anyone living in County Durham

Walk Durham

If you want to take your first steps in improving your health and fitness, or if you just want to stay healthy, come along and try our free, short health walks. The walks take place every week in local communities across County Durham.

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/walkdurham>

Run Durham

Get Run Ready

Join our running programme for beginners, the programme includes six weekly sessions designed to build your confidence, improve your wellbeing and gently introduce you to running through a mixture of walking and jogging.

Cycle Durham

Cycle Durham provides free cycling activities across County Durham, helping people to get fitter, healthier, and happier. The scheme provides 'entry level' cycling sessions alongside opportunities to maintain and progress your physical activity levels.

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/cycledurham>

Couch to 5K

Across the county our friendly, experienced Run Leaders are delivering free Couch to 5K running courses for adults (16 years and above).

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/rundurham>

Free Weekend and Free holiday swimming

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/freeweekendswimming>

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/freeswimming>

Volunteering

We have many opportunities available, including walk, cycle and run leaders, leisure assistants, story telling, festival makers and many more.

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/volunteering>

Lifestyle fitness

Free three day pass Adults above 16 years of age.

Try our leisure centres for free with a three day complimentary pass. Simply call or visit your local [Leisure centres](#) and ask for your free three day pass.

Whether you prefer a workout in the gym, an exercise class or a dip in the pool our three day pass can help you find an activity that suits you.



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.

SEND Review Meetings

SEND review meetings will take place on Friday 31st March. Miss Gregg will be sending out an online form to book a 15-minute review meeting for your child. More information to follow.

SEND Coffee Morning

We will be holding another SEND coffee morning on Wednesday 26th April at 9:00am. This will be a chance to speak to the SENCO and other professionals. This is a great opportunity, so make sure to get the date in your diary. More information to follow!

PCP – Easter Fun Day

Please see attached poster for Easter fun day taking place at Pioneering Care Centre.



Haystax Farm Experience Centre and Lodges

At Haystax, we are passionate about providing a truly inclusive environment where everyone feels at home. We welcome everyone through our doors no matter your age, ability or neurotype. Our farm and woodland setting is small and quiet by design to prevent sensory overload. Much of the site is wheelchair accessible (with plans to extend this to the whole site). We offer a Changing Places toilet and access to hoists and other adaptive equipment in an environment which is warm and friendly and feels like any other family day out. A place where you can just be you. We've done the hard work so you don't have to. You can simply relax and enjoy a judgement free day with your loved ones.

Please see attached poster below for more information.

Accessible Lodges - Available now

We have two luxury accessible lodges. Each one has been designed with a range of subtle adaptations that work for a wide range of families. These include level flooring and large turning circles that make our lodges fully wheelchair accessible, accessible wet rooms with smart automatic toilets and visual alarms for those with hearing impairments. They can be further adapted to meet your needs with the addition of a range of adaptive equipment that will make your stay more comfortable.



Haystax Hub CIC



Haystax Hub will offer a wide range of inclusive educational, vocational, and well-being opportunities for young people. Designed to meet the needs of individuals they will offer a meaningful experiences. For some, this could be a one-off session that helps them connect with nature. For others, this may be a long-term program designed to teach them a set of vocational skills which will help them access meaningful employment when they leave education.

Forest School with Noo Noo's Adventures

Noo Noo's uses the Forest School approach to deliver a range of woodland experiences in the amazing Haystax wood.

Noo Noo's deliver experiences that engage, excite and create lasting memories to children of all ages, abilities, background and personalities.

