

Halloween 18

Our traditional Halloween fancy dress day will take place on Wednesday 31 October. Children are invited to come to school wearing a fancy dress costume. Prizes will be awarded to 3 children from each year group who have been voted as best dressed. Members of the Children's Leadership Team have arranged to hold a Halloween themed tuck shop complete with hot dogs and cakes. Cake contributions from home are very welcome and can be sent into school with your child or left at the school office. Tuck shop items will be priced from 50p to £1.00, all funds raised will help buy new reading books for school.



Christmas Card Competition

This week your child will bring home a detailed letter from Durham Constabulary regarding a Christmas Card Competition. It is open to pupils in primary schools across County Durham and Darlington. Closing date for entries is Friday 2nd November. The winning Christmas card design will be used by the Constabulary as their official Christmas card and the prize for the chosen card will include a Jet and Ben appearance for the winning school as well as other gifts for the winner.



Request for email addresses for parents

We are about to launch a new way for parents to update their own personal details on the records we have for pupils. This will be in the form of an app designed by the company that are responsible for our database. This will eliminate the risk of personal/sensitive data being given to the wrong child. To enable us to use this app effectively we will need an up to date email address for parents. If you have not provided us with an email address or think that the one we have for you is out of date, please contact the school to provide this information.

Muddy Mayhem

A big thank you to those who took part in our Muddy Mayhem event this month. Your tremendous fund raising efforts amounted to a massive total of £1,300! This money will be spent on new books for our school library. What an excellent result from a very enjoyable fun filled day .

Dates for your diary

Friday 19 October - School breaks for October half term

Friday 19 October - reward bands day

Monday 29 October - School re-opens

Monday 29 October - Y3 to library.

Tuesday 30 Oct Y4 ,5, 6 and nursery parents sessions

Wednesday 31 Oct - Halloween fancy dress & cake sale

Thursday 1 Nov - Y2, 4 and 6 parents sessions.

Friday 2 November - Y3 visit to Oriental Museum

Wednesday 7 November - Y2 building site visit

Wednesday 7 November - Y1, Y3 parents sessions

Friday 9 November - Y1 & Y6 to church

Tuesday 13 November - World Kindness Day

Tuesday 20 November - Y2 visit to church

Parents Evenings

Parents evenings taking place next half term are as follows. Please contact the office if you would like to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher.

Reception	Wednesday 7 November 3.15 - 6.00pm	Thursday 8 November 8.00 - 8.30am
Year 1	Wednesday 7 November 8.00 - 8.30am	Wednesday 7 November 3.15 - 6.00pm
Year 2	Thursday 1 November 8.00 - 8.30am	Thursday 1 November 3.15 - 6.00pm
Year 3	Wednesday 7 November 3.15 - 6.00pm	Thursday 8 November 8.00 - 8.30am
Year 4	Tuesday 30 October 8.00 - 8.30am	Thursday 1 November 3.15 - 6.00pm
Year 5	Tuesday 30 October 8.00 - 8.30am	Tuesday 30 October 3.15 - 6.00pm
Year 6	Tuesday 30 October 3.15 - 6.00pm	Thursday 1 November 8.00 - 8.30am

Out and About

This half term, Year 6 children visited Eden Camp, the history museum in Malton, North Yorkshire to look at World War memorabilia. Year 5 have been to Durham University to take part in some very interesting workshops on Ancient Greece to help with their current topic and have also taken part in a Tag Rugby festival at Parkside



School Moan

Could we please remind parents that hair bobbles/clips worn for school should be plain. We have seen lots of very elaborate and colourful hair accessories recently. Please save these for weekend wear.



Remembrance Sunday - 11th November 2018

Poppies will be available to buy from school during morning break times from Monday 29th October. This year we have been provided with a 'kids pack' of poppy stationery items priced between 50p and £1.00 as well as the traditional poppy badges.



Forthcoming Holiday Dates - 18/19

	Closing Date	Date re-opens	Length of holiday
Autumn half term 2018	Friday 19 October 2018	Monday 29 October 2018	1 week
Christmas holiday 2018	Friday 21 December 2018	Monday 7 January 2019	2 weeks
Spring half term 2019	Thursday 14 Feb 2019	Monday 25 February 2019	1 week and 1 day
Easter holidays 2019	Friday 5 April 2019	Tuesday 23 April 2019	2 weeks 1 day
May Bank Holiday 2019	Monday 6 May 2019		1 day
Summer half term 2019	Friday 24 May 2019	Monday 3 June 2019	1 week
Training day June 2019	Monday 18 June 2019		1 day
Summer holidays 2019	Friday 19 July 2019	Wednesday 4 Sept 2019	6 weeks and 2 days