



NEWSLETTER: 15th March 2024

Dear Families

Wilderness Outdoor Education

We have had a wonderful week of Wilderness outdoor activities and, despite the weather, the children have thoroughly enjoyed the range of experiences on offer. We have three further workshops next week. Due to the nature of these activities, children will need to come to school on their allocated day in non-uniform. They should wear things that they (and you) do not mind getting dirty. The forecast for next week is for some showers, so children should have coats and appropriate warm/waterproof clothing as they will be spending the full day outside. In the event of heavy rain/high winds, we may do some of the activities in the classroom.

18th March - Year 2- Arctic/Antarctic workshop

19th March am - Nursery- Nature craft workshop

19th March pm - Reception- Nature craft workshop

Communication

Communication with families is really important to us, and we want to ensure that everyone is receiving, and reading, messages in a timely manner. As you are aware, we use ARBOR to communicate with parents/carers. Messages are sent either by the in-app message function or via email. We no longer send out text messages. To ensure that you get notified when we send out a new message via the app, we would encourage all parents/carers to **download the Parent App**.

The Parent App is the mobile version of the Parent Portal, for use on mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets. Parents can download the Parent App for free from either the Play store for Android phones or the App Store for IOS. If you do not have the Parent app you will only find out about a notification when you log into your child's ARBOR account.

Parents and Guardians have the same login and account details to the Parent App and the Parent Portal.

St Joseph's Feast Day

The whole school will be attending mass on Tuesday 19th March at 9:30 am to celebrate the feast of St Joseph's. Everyone welcome.

Reconciliation

Our Y4 pupils, who are due to make their First Holy Communion later this year, made the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week in a beautiful service led by Father Shaun. Thank you, to everyone involved in ensuring such a gentle and thoughtful gathering.

Birthday Cakes/Sweets

A reminder that we no longer allow children to bring birthday cakes/sweets into school. We still celebrate birthdays in school, of course, and if you want to you mark the occasion with a memento of the day (and going forward), please consider donating a book to your child's class for all to share, although there is no expectation to do this.

Book Sale

Thank you to everyone for the donation of books we raised a substantial amount of money which will help us to buy books for class.

Year 5 Photography Project

Our photography project has come to fruition and there will be an official unveiling of their work and the work of another local primary school, on Friday 22nd between 1.30 and 2.30. Pop along to the old Board School on Front Street to see their fantastic work.

Lenten Liturgies

On Friday 22nd March, Y1 & Y2 will begin our Lenten celebrations with their Palm Sunday Liturgy at 9:15 am in school. Everyone welcome.

Star of the Week

The following children have received a Star of the Week certificate this week:



Nursery	Desmond	For trying hard to join in with our daily prayers.
Reception	Finn	For lots of lovely listening and paying attention during carpet time!
Year 1	Francesca	For always trying her best in all lessons.
Year 2	Eliza	For her brilliant work ethic in all subjects.
Year 3	Harry	For his fast recall of number facts and using mental strategies to help him add and subtract.
Year 4	Lachlan	For excellent participation in our Viking workshop.
Year 5	Harry	For excellent work with percentages.
Year 6	Tom	For trying so hard with his handwriting this week. Keep it up!

Times Table Rock Star

This week's 'Rockstar of the Week' is Noah! Well done, for your amazing multiplication and fantastic studio speed! Children can see all our TTRS winners on our 'Times Table Rockstars' display board in school.

The winners of this week's KS2 tournament is Year 5! This puts them level at the top of the leaderboard with Year 3 with only two weeks to go!

St Joseph's have held onto their top 10 status this week and are currently 9th on the TTRS leaderboard for schools in our area. Well done, everyone!

House Points

Children can earn house points from all staff during the week.

Congratulations, to St Oswald those who have earned the most house points this week.

Attendance

This week's attendance is 93.4%.

Our target is 97%

Nursery	Reception	Year1	Year2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.5%	87.6%	97.7%	88.5%	95.5%	96.6%	95.5%	91.3%



Parent Carer (of children and young people aged 0-25yrs)
TRAINING & information
Sessions



Understanding Why Children Might Be Anxious About School

Tuesday 21st May 2024, 9.30 am—11.30 am

This is an awareness session to increase understanding of why children might be anxious about school, identify potential triggers and look at available support and strategies. This session is suitable for parents/carers of all school aged children but may be of limited value to parents of children with more complex needs.

Anxiety (Two groups)

Tuesday 4th June 2024, 9.30 am—11.30 am—Over 11 years

Tuesday 11th June 2024, 9.30 am—11.30 am— 5-11 years

This session looks at what anxiety is, what the triggers might be, how to identify it and how we can support our children and young people.

Emotional Wellbeing

Tuesday 9th July 2024, 9.30 am—11.30 am

This session will focus on emotional wellbeing, what is it and how can we improve it for ourselves and our children.

To book places please email tewv.countydurhamcamhstraining@nhs.net or scan the QR code below to access the Trust website for further details. Please state which sessions (and dates) you'd like to attend. The sessions are aimed at parents of school aged children but parents of younger/older children are very welcome. The sessions will be led by a CAMHS trainer and will run on Microsoft TEAMS. If you have any additional needs, please mention this in the booking email.


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Family Hub – Stanley

The Family Hub offer support for families from pregnancy up until your child turns 19, or 25 if they have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). This includes help with all aspects of being a parent or carer, helping your child learn and develop and support for mental and physical health concerns.

Family Hubs are open Monday to Thursday 8:30 am – 5:00 pm and Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. To register with your Family Hub visit

www.durham.gov.uk/FamilyHubsRegistration



Our Start for Life offer covers everything you need during pregnancy, right up until your child turns two. This includes support and groups to help you:

- During pregnancy and after your baby is born (antenatal and postnatal)
- With feeding your baby – from support with breastfeeding, to weaning and eating healthily as a family
- Understand your child's wants and needs and how to support their development
- Get your child ready to start school or nursery

We don't stop at the age of two, we offer support as your child grows, through puberty and into adulthood. This includes information, online programmes and groups to help with:

- Understanding your child/teenager's behaviour
- Your child's wellbeing, both for you and your child
- Supporting your child with additional needs
- Your relationship and your family relationship
- Your child's health





Easter Holiday Camps

Week 1
2 April - 5 April

- Multi-sports (5 - 12 years)
- Dance (5 - 8 years)
- Netball (10 - 14 years)
- Adventure camp (12 - 16 years)

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Free onsite car parking



Easter Holiday Camps

Week 2
8 April - 12 April

- Multi-sports (5 - 12 years)
- Dance (9 - 12 years)

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Team Durham Easter Netball Camp

2nd April - 5th April 2024

- 10-14 years old

Our core day costs £17 and runs from 9:30am - 4:30pm, with optional additional early drop-off (8:30am) and late pick up (5:30pm) at an extra charge of £2.00 per session per day.



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