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4th April 2022 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

We are asking our School Community to keep a very special little boy in their thoughts and prayers, Seth, who is in our Year 1 class has recently had surgery as he has a brain tumour. He has been in hospital and has been a little trooper! We have been liaising closely with the family and have their blessing to ask everyone to keep Seth in their thoughts - we need lots of positivity and prayer. He has a way to go in front of him, but I am sure with all of our support and prayers we can get him there. Thank you!

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a Parent Governor.

School Governors make a positive contribution to children's education by offering supportive challenge to help raise standards and monitor resources effectively. School Governors work as a team and come from a wide variety of backgrounds to add value to school life by offering their skills, expertise and time.

We are looking for dedicated individuals who can offer their knowledge and expertise in one or more of these areas; finance, human resources, health and safety, communications or managing premises.

If you have a passion for improving the life chances of children and can offer supportive challenge to the leadership of our school to help us to fulfil our vision, please complete and return an application form. A discussion with the Head teacher and/or Chair of Governors would be offered to any interested parent. You can also speak to some of our Governors, at the end of the school day- today- in the playground if you are interested.

School Meal Price Increase

Please note the price of school meals has increased to £2.20 (£11.00) from today Monday 4th April.

SEN Reviews

SEN reviews will take place this week. You will have received a message via Tapestry form your child's teacher. We would ask that you take the opportunity to attend this review meeting so that you can find out about your child's progress and set new targets for the summer term. Please contact the school office if you haven't arranged your appointment. Thank you!

Illness

Please see advice for when children are poorly https://countydurhamccg.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2021/03/Little-Orange-Book-PDF-for-WEB_compressed.pdf

Attendance

Attendance for the week beginning 28th March 2022

	<u>Class</u>	<u>%</u>
1 st Place	Year 5	95.2%
2 nd Place	Year 2	94.6%
3 rd Place	Year 1	93.1%
4 th Place	Year 4	86.3%
5 th Place	Rec	83.3%
6 th Place	Year 3	83.1%
7 th Place	Year 6	83%
8 th Place	Nursery	71.5%

Well done to Year 5!

Our target for each class is 96%

Please remember that if your child is absent from school then you must contact the school office to explain the absence otherwise the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

We will be sharing attendance reports with parents, via Tapestry, on Wednesday 6th April.

We really cannot believe that this is the last week of the Spring term! School will close on Friday 8th April at 3pm and will reopen Monday 25th April 2022. Please remember that school is closed Friday 29th April (for staff training) and Monday 2nd May for the Bank Holiday.

Traffic along Oakfield Lane

We are continuing to work with our PCSO and would like to remind parents/carers and anyone else dropping children off at our school.

- We kindly ask that parents and carers dropping off and collecting follow the one- way system to alleviate congestion.
- We also ask that cars do not park opposite the school gates so children and families can cross safely.
- We would also ask that you park safely and allow children to get out onto the pavement rather than dropping them off in the middle of the road.
- Parents/carers should adhere to the staggered timings when dropping off (only 8.30am for Nursery and their siblings) and 8.35-8.50am for all other children.
- Please also consider your speed as you drive along Oakfield Lane.
- Lastly, we would ask that parents do not sit for long periods of time, along Oakfield Lane, with their engines running waiting to collect children.

Thank you for your continued support and making drop off and collection times safer!