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4th September 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back!

Welcome back after the summer break - I hope you have all had a restful summer! Thank you for your support with school uniform - the children arrived looking very smart this week in their correct uniform and this gives them a sense of pride both in themselves and our school. Just a reminder that our uniform is a white polo shirt, grey/black trousers/ skirt, a red jumper/cardigan and school shoes, **not trainers**. Our P.E. kit is black shorts or jogging pants and a plain red T-shirt with either trainers or plimsolls.

We will have a spares of uniform in school and should your child come to school without the correct uniform and/or P.E. kit, they will be given one from the 'loan box' for the day.

P.E. kits should be left in school on the first day back and maybe taken home half termly for laundering.

We have noticed that some children have returned to school wearing earrings - no jewellery should be worn in school please.

Dates for Your Diary

- **School Photographer Wednesday 16th September (Village Site only)**- all children will have individual and sibling photographs taken; there is no obligation to purchase. If you would like to bring in pre-school siblings, please return the form attached and bring them to be photographed at 8:30am.
- **Tuesday 6th October** Parental drop in session, both sites. 3:15-4pm (no appointment necessary)
- **Thursday 8th October** Harvest Festival Hill Site.
- **Friday 9th October** Harvest Festival Village Site
- **Monday 16th November** Parents Evening Village Site (appointment slips will be sent nearer the time)
- **Tuesday 17th November Parents Evening** Hill Site (appointment slips will be sent nearer the time)
- **Tuesday 8th December** - Pantomime at the Gala Theatre pm
- **Friday 11th December** Christmas Fair Village Site 2pm
- **Tuesday 15th December** Hill Site Christmas Production - 2 performances 1 morning, 1 afternoon.
- **Tuesday 15th December** Junior Christmas Party Village site.



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- **Wednesday 16th December** Village Site Christmas production - 2 performances 1 morning, 1 afternoon.
- **Thursday 17th December** Infant Christmas Party both Hill & Village sites.
- **Thursday 17th December** Whole school Christmas Party Hill Site
- **Friday 18th December** - Christmas Jumper Day (both sites)

Pantomime

Once again we have booked the Pantomime at the Gala Theatre this year's production is 'Cinderella.' The children will be going on the afternoon of Tuesday 8th December and the cost of the Pantomime including transport will be £11.50. We need to let the Gala know numbers as soon as possible and the balance will need to be paid two months prior to the performance. Please complete and return the attached form to reserve a ticket for your child together with your £2 deposit.

Data Collection Forms

Every year we ask that you complete a data collection form so that we can ensure vital contact information is kept up to date. Please complete and return the attached as soon as possible. Don't forget, if you or any of your emergency contacts change telephone details or address during the course of the year please remember to let school know.

After School Clubs

Attached to this newsletter is a list of the After School Clubs we will be offering this term at the Village Site but children from both sites are welcome to attend. Please complete and return the slip(s) if your child would like to take part. Places will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Please do not send any money for clubs until your child's place has been confirmed. All clubs will start week commencing 7th September except for Athletics which will start on Monday 14th September.

Newsletters

This year newsletters will not be sent on a weekly basis as a matter of course. They will be sent to parents as and when we have information to share with you. We will send a text to alert you that your child will bring one home so you know to check their bag for one that night (unless you receive these via email).

SATS 2016

SATs next year will be 9th to 13th May 2016. Please make every effort to ensure your children have excellent attendance leading up to and including these dates.

Holidays/Attendance

Ofsted have increased the targets for schools re attendance and it has been flagged up that as a school we have more than average school holidays in term time. Could I please remind you that



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we are unable to grant permission for holidays in term time and that it can have a detrimental effect on your child's education as they may miss vital blocks in their education that may not be revisited. We may also be placed in a position where we will be issuing fixed penalty notices as Ofsted do require us to address the problem.

Messy Church (Village Site)

Just a reminder that Messy Church will be on Tuesday 8th September.

Starting School

If you or any of your friends and family have a child who will be 5 on or between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 they will need to complete an application to apply for a school place in September 2016. This can be done by visiting www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

You will still need to apply even if your child already has a sibling at the school. **The deadline for application is midnight on 15 January 2016.**

For more information please contact the School Admissions and Transport Team on 03000 265 896.

Yours sincerely

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After School Clubs

Autumn Term



Simply Sport Limited

Monday 3:15pm—4:15pm Athletics/Multi-Sport Open to whole school - **£12 for 6 Wks.** Every week we will try a range of activities including, running, relay, throwing, jumping.

Tuesday 3.15pm—4.00pm Relax Kids Open to whole school—**No charge**

Wednesday 12.15—1pm Football Team Training (school team only)

Wednesday 3.15pm—4.15pm Futsal Open to KS2 — **£12 for 6 wks.**

Futsal is an exciting, fast-paced small sided football game. Suitable for all ages boys and girls, Futsal gives more touches of the ball, encourage quick-thinking and spatial awareness.

Many of the top world class footballers played Futsal as children - Pele, Zico, Ronaldinho, Kaka, and Lionel Messi. So if you want to have fun and learn a brand new sport come and try Futsal! Next term it will be open to KS1

Thursday 3.15pm—4.15pm Gymnastics Open to whole school—**No charge**

These clubs will operate on a first come first serve basis, all forms to be returned to Mrs Pearce. Your place will be confirmed by text. Once you have received this please forward payment to school office.

We are very excited to be working this year with Durham Federation FC (2015 Charter Standard Club of the year) A brand new girls football centre will be starting on Thursday 10th September.

This will be ran by Durham Federation for girls age 8-12 for any further details and to book please contact Matt on 07904915207

School Football Team

We will be holding trials for the football team on Wednesday 9th September. This is open to year 5 and 6 priority will be given to children with good behaviour both in and out of school and will also be based on ability. Please ensure you child has suitable kit to wear on this day.

We have a few pre-season games then the season will start on Wednesday 30th September for 4 weeks children must be able to arrange own transport to the venue for insurance purposes.



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Autumn Term Sports Clubs

KS1 Athletics Mondays 3:15 - 4:15pm Open to Whole School (£12 for 6 weeks)

Name of pupil Class

My child will be collected at 4:15pm by (name)

Signed



Relax Kids Tuesdays 3:15 - 4:00pm Open to Whole School

Name of pupil Class

My child will be collected at 4:00pm by (name)

Signed



Futsal Wednesdays 3:15-4:15pm Open to Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 (£12 for 6 weeks)

Name of pupil Class

My child will be collected at 4:15pm by (name)

Signed



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My child will be collected at 4:15pm by (name)

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Pantomime Tuesday 8th December

Name of pupil Class

My child will be going to the Pantomime and I enclose £2 deposit to reserve their ticket

My child will not be going to the Pantomime.

Signed Parent/Guardian



School Photographer Wednesday 16th September (Village Site)

Name of pupil Class

I will be bringing a pre-school sibling to be photographed at 8:30am.

Signed Parent/Guardian



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