



Dates for your diary – details to follow

w.b. Mon 1 st May	KS2 (Y6) SATs
Wed 20 th May	9.30a.m. church – parents and families welcome
Thurs 21 st May	9.10 a.m. Ms Lilley's class worship - YR/Y1 parents invited
Fri 22 nd May	Non-uniform day in aid of School Fund
Fri 22 nd May	School closes for half-term
Mon 1 st June	School reopens
w.b. Mon 15 th June	Y1 phonics screening
Wed 17 th June	9.10 a.m. Y3/4 class worship - Y3 parents invited
throughout June	assessments for all year groups
Wed 24 th June	9.30a.m. church – parents and families welcome
Wed 1 st July	9.10 a.m. Y5/6 class worship - Y5 parents invited
Thurs 16 th July	9.30a.m. church – parents and families welcome
Fri 17 th July	School closes for Summer break
<i>Please note Leave of Absence requests will not be authorised during Statutory Assessment weeks. We also recommend that children are not taken out of school in the run up to these dates.</i>	

Star Pupils

Year Reception	Leo Delanoy
Year One	Joseph Short / Harry Armour
Year Two	Alice Flanagan
Year Three	Matthew Flanagan
Year Four	Kane Delanoy
Year Five	Jasmine Dawes
Year Six	Ewan Wilkes
Pupils' pupils	Ebony Fiddes / Alyssa Lawton
House Team of the week	Bede
Sportsperson of the week	Mrs Swift's Special Book
Ronnie Hutton	Lucas Wilkes
Attendance week ending Friday	
Class 1	99.01
Class 2	98.16
Class 3	99.01
Class 4	94.64

Crossing Patrol Officer

I am pleased to share the news that Durham Local Authority has recently appointed a new Crossing Patrol Officer for Hall Walk outside of school. I understand that this has been a frustrating time since the departure of Mrs Smedley, our previous Crossing Patrol Officer, however as this is dealt with by Durham Local Authority the situation was out of our hands. We did raise our concerns immediately after Mrs Smedley's departure and had some support from our PSCOs however I appreciate that there has been many occasions when families have had to cross the road unsupervised. As soon as all paperwork is finalised our new Crossing Patrol Officer will commence the role. Thank you for your patience. Mrs Swift.

If you have any queries about the content of this newsletter please ask. Please make an appointment to speak with class teachers in the first instance. Thank you.

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" 1 Thessalonians 5:18



Y3/4 Synagogue visit

The children in Class 2 visited the Synagogue in Newcastle this week. They had a great time learning about the faith and exploring the Synagogue. It was a really interesting visit. This visit follows on from Class 3s visit to the Sikh Temple in Sunderland earlier in the year. These trips are part of the schools aim for our children to explore other faiths and religions.

Girls football

The girls played football at Easington Colliery this week and carried on their fantastic run of results. Well done girls !

Y6 Statutory Assessments

Just to remind parents of Y6 children that next week is Statutory Assessment (SATs) week and that Miss Booth has sent home a timetable to remind children of which tests are occurring on each day. Miss Booth is also running a Breakfast Club for our Y6 children (details also in letter).

Please remember in order for children to do their best it is important for children to:

- Get a good night's sleep the night before each test
- Come to school with a "can do" attitude

Thank you for supporting our Y6 children at this important time.

Building update

Week three of our building work has seen:

- Foundations completed for our hall extension and classroom
- Brick work for our hall extension and classroom commence
- Further work on improving drainage at the side of school

The timber frames for our hall and classroom extension are due to arrive on site in the next couple of weeks and we're informed that's when we'll really see things start to progress quickly. Exciting times!

Christian Aid Week

Next week is Christian Aid Week. The campaign this year is 'Moove Over Poverty'. In order to raise funds for this charity we will be selling cow pat biscuits (choc chip cookies) on Friday at a cost of 50p each.



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An e-safety message from NSPCC - Do You Really Know Who Your Children Are Talking to Online?

Chances are that if you have a child approaching their 'tweens' they will soon be clamouring for a) a mobile phone b) a social media account c) a games console - all of which could enable them to chat to complete strangers anywhere in the world.

The days of a family PC in the corner of the living room are long gone. Most of us carry the internet in our pockets these days so it's not surprising that our children want the same easy access. And once children get to nine or 10 years old they are in any case eager to go online and chat to their friends without a parent watching over their shoulder.

However, according to Ofcom, one in ten children aged 8-11 who go online say they have seen something in the past year that was worrying, nasty or offensive.

We all want to keep children safe online and many parents will at some point take action, like installing filters on their home broadband to stop children seeing unsuitable material. But filters don't protect children from strangers contacting them through social media, mobile apps, or online games.

The NSPCC wants to see all online accounts for under-16s set up to block messages from strangers, prevent users making their location or contact details public, set profiles as private by default on sign-up, and alert children to the risks if they choose make their profile public.

Until these steps are taken by industry we all have to be extra vigilant about children's safety. So it's essential to have regular chats with your children about what to do to keep themselves safe, and stress that it's ok to come to you for help.

The good news is that lots of parents are talking to children about online safety - since the NSPCC launched its latest online safety campaign in January around 400,000 parents have spoken with their children about the issue.

However, we're still concerned that some parents are missing out vital topics when they talk to their children about staying safe online.

For example, children have told us they want parents to talk about how to manage apps that track your location, but only one in five parents say they've covered this in online safety conversations.

And if parents aren't talking to children about things like location or privacy settings it can leave them at risk of online grooming. We've seen horrendous cases where offenders take a scattergun approach, targeting hundreds of children at a time online, often posing as another young person.

So we want all parents to make sure their online knowledge is up to date by checking out our updated Net Aware guide, published this week.

Among 12 sites that have now been added to the guide are Tapatalk and Pheed, which many parents may not be familiar with, plus well-known games like Call of Duty that allows users to chat online.

The guide now covers a total of 60 social networking sites, apps and games popular with children and is free to access at www.net-aware.org.uk

The digital world is here to stay and it's our job to make sure the next generation take their first steps online safely; aware of the risks, but confident about how to get where they want to be, just as our parents once taught us how to cross the road.

Claire Lilley
Head of Online Safety at NSPCC