



Dates for your diary

Mon 15th and Tues 16th November 3.30pm-6.00pm	Parental Consultation Meetings
Mon 15th November NEW EVENT	Odd Sock Day for Anti-bullying week. Children are to wear school uniform and odd socks
Fri 19th November	Non Uniform day for Children in Need. Suggested £1 donation
Thurs 25th November CHANGE OF DATE	Reading Extravaganza Day
Fri 26th November	School Photographs (individual and siblings)
Fri 3rd December 8.55am-9.30am	Family Friday

Attendance week commencing 8th November 2021

Ms. Lilley's Class – ELM	89.5
Miss Defty's Class – OAK	97.0
Miss O'Neil's Class – MAPLE	95.5
Mr. Churchill's Class – SYCAMORE	91.7
Mrs. Appleby's Class - WILLOW	93.1

Star Pupils Friday 12th November 2021

Ms. Lilley's Class – ELM	Arthur B
Miss Defty's Class – OAK	Sophie M
Miss O'Neil's Class – MAPLE	Bertie F
Mr. Churchill's Class – SYCAMORE	Riley K
Mrs. Appleby's Class - WILLOW	Petra V
Mr Appleby's Special Book	To be announced on Mon
Pupils Pupil	Joseph P / Tom H

Children in Need

We will be raising money for Children in Need on **Friday 19th**



November. To show our support, all children and staff have been invited, for a small donation of £1, to come dressed as either a Superhero or wearing spots. Our collection bucket will be in the school entrance for children to pop their donations in. Thank you as always for your support.

Reading Extravaganza Day

Please note the change of date for our Reading Extravaganza day. This has now been moved to Thursday 25th November (because of the clash with Children in Need Day). A reminder of the activities are further on in this Newsletter. We are looking forward to a fantastic day ☺

Remembrance Day



Our children observed the two minutes silence for our fallen heroes impeccably yesterday. A very moving morning and a beautiful moment with the whole school gathered together.



Dear Parents/Carers,

WOOHOO... MONDAY 15TH NOVEMBER IS ODD SOCKS DAY!

WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 15th November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. Andy Day (Cbeebies/cbbc) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, **One Kind Word.**

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.



Parental Consultation Meetings

Teachers are looking forward to speaking with parents next week in our consultation meetings. Just a reminder that as teachers have many parents to speak with, meetings will last no longer than ten minutes. The call will show 'No Caller ID' when teachers ring. If you feel you need an additional meeting after this, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to arrange this. If any parents have not arranged an appointment and wish to, please contact class teachers by Class Dojo.

Year 3/4 Trip to Bowes Museum

On Monday, Miss O'Neil's class enjoyed a wonderful school trip to Bowes Museum. They took part in workshops and even made a clay pot to bring home with them. Some children reported that it was the best trip they have been on! Thank you once again to all parents who came along to help.





Easington Church of England Primary School

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May we give them the roots to grow and the wings to fly



You can find magic
wherever you look. Sit
back and relax, all you
need is a book.

Reading Extravaganza Day

NEW DATE

Thursday 25th November 2021



Dear families,

We are fundraising for our reading scheme! This new scheme has been a great success and now we are looking to expand the number of books. To do this, we are going to be hosting a reading extravaganza on **Thursday 25th November**. Your child will be able to take part in the following activities:

- **Sponsored readathon**
- **Weird reading space challenge**
- **Dressing up as their favourite literary character**

Sponsored Readathon:

Do you feel up to the challenge of reading a mountain of books?! Why not get friends and family to sponsor you to read 10 or more books! They don't all have to be long; you can read some shorter ones too. EYFS why don't you try to read three books with a grown up.



Weird Reading Space Challenge:

If you are feeling adventurous, why not try to win the fantastic prize of a £10 book voucher! Imagine how many books you could get with that! All you have to do is get a picture of you reading in the weirdest place possible and Mr Appleby will pick a winner on Thursday 25th November 2021. Entries will cost £1 and you can enter as many times as you like.

Dressing up as your favourite literary character:

Do you love Willy Wonka? Or how about Matilda? Pay £1 and you can let your creativity flow by wearing a wacky costume of your favourite character! We will be having a costume parade to show off our fantastic outfits during Collective Worship.

DRESS UP as your favourite book character



We hope you will join in the fun and support our fundraising to further enhance the reading scheme in school.



During the First World War (1914 – 1918) much of the fighting took place in Western Europe. Previously beautiful countryside was blasted, bombed and fought over, again and again. The landscape swiftly turned to fields of mud, bleak and barren scenes where little or nothing could grow. Bright red Flanders poppies (*Papaver rhoeas*) however, were delicate but resilient flowers and grew in their thousands, flourishing even in the middle of chaos and destruction. In the spring of 1915, shortly after losing a friend in Ypres, a Canadian doctor, Lt Col John McCrae was inspired by the sight of poppies to write a now famous poem called “In Flanders Fields”:

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

*In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high,
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' Fields.*





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For Parents/Carers of Children with
Additional Needs/Disabilities in County Durham



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"Making Changes Together XXVI

The twenty sixth friendly Conference organised
By PARENTS

To help inform and support you with the latest changes in Education,
Health and Social Care. **YOUR** opinion matters!

Thursday 25th November 2021

10.00am - 2.30pm

Bishop Suite, Ramside Hall Hotel & Golf Club, Carrville, Durham, DH1 1TD

Information Stands and Registration from 9.30am

This conference is free, refreshments and Lunch are included.

Please note places must be booked via Eventbrite <https://bit.ly/3na6jlo>

MOVING FORWARD

The 3 levels of involvement:

Conference -

- Attend as a parent
- Receive information and give feedback
- Highlight issues of concern.

Focus Groups -

- Attend meetings
- Takes issues on behalf of parent carers
- Works with professional service deliverers
- Feedback to MCT Steering Group.

Steering Group -

- Attend monthly SG meetings and Focus Group meetings
- Run conferences
- Takes issues on behalf of parent carers
- Works with professional service deliverers.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Telephone: 0191 5873541

Email: info@mctdurham.co.uk

Write to: Making Changes Together

C/O SENDIASS
Lee House, Lee Terrace
Easington Village, Peterlee
Co Durham SR8 3AB

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Workshop 1 - SEND Law & The Code of Practice

Monday 15th November 10am - 12pm & 6pm - 8pm on Zoom (both sessions will be the same)

Workshop 2 - Quality First Teaching & Support without an EHCP

Tuesday 16th November 10am - 12pm & 6pm - 8pm on Zoom (both sessions will be the same)

Workshop 3 - Statutory Assessments & EHC Plans

Wednesday 17th November 10am - 12pm on Zoom & 6pm - 8pm (both sessions will be the same)

Workshop 4 - SEND Appeal & Tribunal

Thursday 18th November 10am - 12 pm & 6pm - 8pm on Zoom (both sessions will be the same)

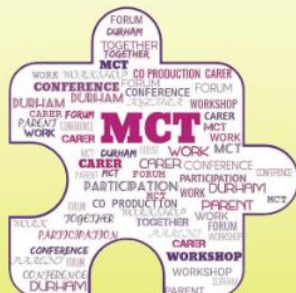
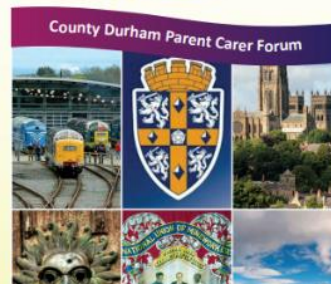
These sessions are aimed at parent/carers of children and young people with SEND in Country Durham.

To book places on the Zoom sessions please visit <https://www.mctdurham.co.uk/news-events/> or <https://www.facebook.com/MakingChangesTogetherDURHAM/> for links to booking through Zoom



Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys
NHS Foundation Trust
CAMHS (single point of access)
Tel: 0300 1239296

Durham County
carers support
www.dccarers.org
Tel: 0300 0051213



WHO ARE MCT?

- "The Making Changes Together Parent Forum for County Durham represents the interests of parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.
- We do this by working in partnership with the Local Authority, Health and Social Care services and other groups and organisations to influence service provision and highlight the issues and needs of the families we represent."

WHAT WE'VE DONE

- Co-produced information leaflets with relevant professionals for parent/carers around learning difficulties and the way your child/young person should be supported in school.
- Commissioning of short breaks and review of the short breaks statement.
- Autism review and the production of the SEND Toolkit for professionals and the Parents SEND Toolkit.
- SEND Participation Strategy and Parents Charter.

HOW WE'VE DONE IT



HOW WE ARE SUPPORTED



contact



- Parent/carer led conferences twice a year for parent/carers with relevant professionals.
- SEND Workshops, training days, 1:1 advice surgeries with relevant professionals.
- Disability Information Events.
- Also through Focus Groups which include, Preparing for Adulthood (PFA) Short Breaks, Transport, Local Offer, SEND Disability and Accountability Group, Work Streams.

