



Welcome back

I hope you all had a very enjoyable and restful Christmas break. It was fantastic to see all the children back on Wednesday. The children have settled back into school beautifully and are ready for another fun, hardworking and rewarding term ahead. We have lots of memorable experiences planned throughout the Spring Term – please see attached for an overview of these.

London Trip reminder

Thank you for your ongoing support with our London Trip. The next payment for this is due on 1st February.

Attached diary dates

As mentioned above, please find attached a full list of the different events we have planned throughout the Spring Term. It promises to be another exciting, fun and rewarding term 😊

Family Friday

Thank you to everyone who came to Family Friday last week. We were overwhelmed by the amount of parents and carers who came. The atmosphere in school was special as always. Fingers crossed we all stick to the New Year's Resolutions we came up with! Thanks again – we really appreciate your support.



Stars of the week Friday 6th January 2023

Ms. Lilley's Class – ELM	Samuel L
Miss Defty's Class – OAK	Darcey C
Miss O'Neil's Class – MAPLE	Lily I
Mr. Churchill's Class– SYCAMORE	Missy D-B
Mrs. Appleby's Class - WILLOW	Bertie F-L
Pupils Pupil	Macy A / Owen M
Staff member of the week	Mr Churchill

Attendance week commencing 4th January 2023

Reception	95.2
Year 1	97.9
Year 2	96.5
Year 3	100
Year 4	97.2
Year 5	100
Year 6	95.8

Stars of the week Friday 13th January 2023

Ms. Lilley's Class – ELM	Shaun K
Miss Defty's Class – OAK	Cassy K
Miss O'Neil's Class – MAPLE	Cassius C
Mr. Churchill's Class– SYCAMORE	Jacob S
Mrs. Appleby's Class - WILLOW	Alex B
Pupils Pupil	Elle C / Isla J
Staff member of the week	Miss O'Neil

Attendance week commencing 9th January 2023

Reception	97.7
Year 1	98.8
Year 2	84.2
Year 3	97.5
Year 4	94.4
Year 5	95.4
Year 6	92.9

Playground Leaders

On Thursday, some of our Year 6 children took part in Playground Leader training through the School Sports Partnership. The training involved teaching the children a range of different games which they can deliver during lunchtimes. Starting from next week, Year 6 children will be involved in organising and running games and activities for other children to play. This will keep children active during playtimes, promote teamwork and resilience and provide our Year 6 children with opportunity to develop different skills.

ParentPay

A reminder please to bring any outstanding balances on ParentPay up to date as soon as possible. If you need any support with this, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



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

A message from Durham University



As part of our community outreach and ambition to engage children in sport and physical activity, we are launching our new Junior Sports Clubs programme next week. Also, we have February half term Holiday Camps available to book onto.



February Holiday Camps



Multi-sports
5-12 years



Dance & Games
5-8 years



Sports and Wellbeing Park, Stockton Road, Durham, DH1 3SE
 Free onsite car parking

Phill Hancock | Holiday Camp & Community Sport Club Coordinator

Volunteering and Community Outreach

Student Enrichment Directorate

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Chorister Experience is a wonderful opportunity for boys and girls in Years 2 to 6 to have a first-hand experience of being a Chorister.

Schedule for the day:

- 12.30 p.m. Registration in the Chapter House
- 12.50 p.m. Welcome
- 1.10 p.m. Choir Practice
- 2.00 p.m. Craft activity, tour of the Cathedral and organ playing activity
- 3.30 p.m. Break with a snack provided
- 4.15 p.m. Choir Practice in the Cathedral
- 5.30 p.m. Evensong

A separate schedule for parents/guardians will run alongside this.

The day is free of charge and all children in Years 2 to 6 and their parents/guardians are welcome. No previous experience is necessary, just a love of singing and plenty of enthusiasm! Children are asked to wear their school uniform please.

For more information or a booking form, please contact us by email on music@durhamcathedral.co.uk or by phone on 0191 374 4066.



Chorister Experience

Saturday 4 February

12.30 p.m. - 6.15 p.m.

DURHAM CATHEDRAL
 THE SHRINE OF ST CUTHBERT

A wonderful opportunity for girls and boys in Years 2 to 6 to have a first-hand experience of being a Chorister.

The children will enjoy meeting the current Cathedral Choristers, hearing them sing, and making music together. They will also have the opportunity to have a tour of the Cathedral, play the organ, and do a craft activity together.



Diary Dates

Spring Term 2023

Wed 4th Jan	School re-opens for Spring Term
Fri 6th Jan	Family Friday 9-9.30am
Tues 17th Jan	Sounds Write Phonics Evening
Thur 19th Jan	Chartwells 'The All American' themed lunch
Tues 24th Jan	Miss Defty's Class Collective Worship 9.15am all welcome
Fri 27th Jan	Celebration worship 2.30pm parents and families welcome
Tues 31st Jan	Guest Readers in school
Fri 3rd Feb	Family Friday 9-9.30am/Stay and Play
Mon 6th – 10th Feb	Children's Mental Health Week
Tues 7th Feb	Safer Internet Day children will complete activities in school
Thurs 9th Feb	Bend the Rules day more info will follow
Mon 13th Feb	Aspiration Day more info will follow
Tues 14th Feb	Valentine's Day Lunch (children wear red)
Tues 14th Feb	Miss O'Neil's Class Collective Worship 9.15am all welcome
Wed 15th Feb	Church whole school Lent parents welcome 9.30am
Thurs 16th Feb	KS1 Gymnastics Festival
Fri 17th Feb	Non-uniform day
Fri 17th Feb	School closes for half-term break
Mon 27th Feb	School re-opens
Thur 2nd March	Y1/2 Football Competition
Fri 3rd March	World Book Day Celebrations
Fri 3rd March	Chartwells 'World Book Day' themed lunch
Fri 3rd March	Family Friday 9-9.30am/Stay and Play
Tues 7th March	Chartwells Food Workshops for children
Tues 7th March	Year 6 SATS Information Evening for parents 4.30pm-5pm
Thurs 9th March	Year 3 / 4 football competition
Fri 10th March	Spring Coffee afternoon 3.30pm
Wed 15th March	Church whole school parents welcome 9.30am
Thurs 16th March	Year 3 / 4 Basketball Festival
Fri 17th March	Red Nose Day – non uniform
Mon 20th March	Judo workshops in school
Tues 21st March	Mr Churchill's Class Collective Worship 9.15am all welcome
Tues 21st March	Guest Readers in to school
Thurs 23rd March	Year 5 /6 Basketball Festival
Fri 24th March	Celebration worship 2.30pm parents and families welcome
Tues 28th March	Someone Special lunch
Wed 29th March	Whole school to Church Holy Week Service St Mary's parents welcome time TBC
Wed 29th Mar	Discos – Year R/1/2 4.45-5.45pm Year 3/4/5/6 6-7pm
Thurs 30th March	Year 6 Dance Festival
Fri 31st March	Non-uniform day (in aid of School Fund)
Fri 31st March	School closes for Easter break



Easington Church of England Primary School

Newsletter Friday 13th January 2023

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Hi,

I thought this might be of some interest to your parents. We are running a parent led programme in Easington on a Thursday morning 10-12 at Easington Colliery Primary School. The programme is ran by EPEC (Empowering Parents Empowering Communities) and this specific programme called 'Being a Parent' and is led by parents that we have trained up over 12 weeks. There is also opportunities for parents to go on to complete Parent Group Leader training at a later date.

EPEC is brand new to Durham and these are the first groups running by our trained Parent Group Leaders, so it is very exciting!

I have attached a flyer for the upcoming group and a flyer about the training opportunity we have.

Thanks,

Laura-Jayne Lewis

Laura-Jayne.Lewis
Empowering Parents Empowering Communities (EPEC) Coordinator



Being a Parent

Do you have a child aged 2-11?

- Expenses including childcare costs paid
- Term time only
- Training for Durham parents, led by Durham parents

Our FREE course helps you to understand your child's behaviour


When: Course Starts **Thursday 19th January**

Where: Easington Colliery Primary School

Time: 10am-12pm

Course is for 9 weeks, taking place every Thursday (no session in February Half Term)

To book your place please text/call 07917 474856 or email EPEC@durham.gov.uk

For more information EPEC@durham.gov.uk



Could you help parents give their child the best start in life?

 **EMPOWERING PARENTS EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES**

EPEC is for local parents, led by local parents

Becoming a parent group leader gives you the chance to help families gain the skills they need to give their children the best start in life. EPEC is a parenting approach that trains local parents to lead groups that support other local parents.

As part of the EPEC programme we are looking for mums, dads and carers to become group leaders to deliver parenting courses in your local area. As a volunteer group leader you will:

- Receive amazing free training and support from our local EPEC team.
- Learn to lead practical, caring groups for local parents.
- Share tried and tested methods that give children the best start in life.
- Join a group of like-minded parents to make a difference to your local community.
- Develop your skills and confidence.
- Gain experience that will help you fulfill your ambitions.
- Have your transport, meal and childcare costs paid for whilst undertaking and delivering training.
- You will have access to a varied career development programme.

By completing a short 12 week course one day per week (09.30-14.30) you could become a group leader.

Once you have completed your training, you and another parent group leader will deliver course(s) to other parents across County Durham over a 9 week period. You should allow 5 hours per week for course delivery, evaluation and supervision. We will work with you to make this work for you.

For more information please email EPEC@durham.gov.uk

 **Think Family**

 **Durham County Council**

*** Watch Sue tell us about how she became a parent group leader**

*** See what parents get out of the courses, courses led by people like you!**

* You may need to download Adobe Acrobat to view the above links.