

Welcome to back to our new school term.

The weather's improving and it's wonderful to see everyone back in school where they belong.

Parking

Thank you to all those parents and carers who park away from the school gates and walk up to school and thanks to everyone for following the new parking restrictions on Murphy crescent - they were put in following safety concerns about visibility round the corner at the boxing club when people were double parked.

Sadly we are still getting complaints from residents that some people are parking over their driveways - **DO NOT PARK OR WAIT OVER SOMEONE'S DRIVEWAY**, please pass this message onto anyone who picks up or drops off at school.

COVID Precautions

Thankfully the case numbers in the community are dropping and the government are slowly lifting restrictions in the community.

Here in school we have done extremely well reducing risks of infection. Even though things are opening up we are still asking that

- ONLY ONE ADULT OR YOUNG PERSON COMES ON SITE TO PICK UP
- ALL ADULTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE WEAR FACE COVERINGS ON SCHOOL SITE
- CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BRING TOYS GAMES INTO SCHOOL.
- NO SCHOOL BAGS COME TO SCHOOL - PACKED LUNCHES AND A WATER BOTTLE.
- READING BOOKS AND WORK CAN BE CARRIED IN PLASTIC WALLETS.

We've done so well over the last year, please continue to support us in the coming weeks.

If anyone in your household has COVID symptoms, please isolate and get a test.

If someone in the house is waiting for test results, your child should isolate at home.

Rapid Flow tests are available from the NHS website and most local Pharmacists.

Absence

If your child is off school, please contact school before the start of the school day either by phone, text or email stwilfrids@durhamlearning.net

Contact Details

It is essential we have up to date contact phone numbers and emails. If these change (even for a short time) please inform school.

Breakfast Club

We are limiting numbers at Breakfast Club - if you need a place for your child, please contact the school office and they'll check we have space. It starts at **7.45am** and all children should arrive before **8.20am**

Parent Governor

We have a vacancy on our governing body for a Parent Governor. If you are interested or would like to know more about the role, please contact Miss Sands

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Luca, Zea, Molly, Olivia, Kohl, Aela, Kaitlyn, Maizie and Millie who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday 17th April. The children have been waiting a whole year and we enjoyed a beautiful celebration together.



Our next group of children will have their celebration on 8th May

Well Done

During Lent in school we were 'Walking for Water' walking each day to remember the children and families who have to walk for miles each day for clean water. We are still collecting any change in a large bottle in the hall and at the end of this half term we'll send whatever we've raised to CAFOD.

Zea from Year 5 was inspired by the Walk for Water Campaign, walked 10,000 steps herself each day in Lent and has raised £300 for CAFOD. This is a wonderful achievement and we are so proud of her, it shows what a thoughtful girl she is doing this to help others.



Normally we have a list of dates and end of term events in our Newsletters.

In school, we are having discussions about what we feel we can safely put on in school in the coming weeks. Once things are decided we'll share details with everyone.

We know this has been a very hard year for most people and we don't want the children to miss out on all our lovely Summer traditions, so we're working out what we can offer and we'll keep you informed.

Holiday Dates	
Monday 3rd May	May Bank Holiday - School is Closed
Thursday 27 th May	Last day of this half term
Monday 8 th June	School reopens following half term break
Friday 16 th July	Last Day of School term
Tuesday 7 th September	School reopens

After School Support Sessions (Years 1-6)

Following the latest lockdown and the closure of school to most pupils we want to give our children the best opportunities and support with their learning. Some need a confidence boost, some need to revisit some areas covered during lockdown lessons.

We are obviously supporting all of the children during the school day but are also offering after school sessions for small group lessons.

If your child has been invited to attend one please support us and them by filling in the form and returning it to school.