



Newsletter 13.09.24

School Day

Just a reminder that the bell will be rung at 8.55 and the children will be starting lessons promptly.

A big thank you to everyone who has been here in good time this week.

Start of the Year Meetings

Thank you to everyone who popped in on Wednesday for the start of the year meetings. We hope you found it helpful.

Teachers communicate information and updates with parents and carers through Class Dojos. This is a good way to get in touch with class teachers and also share what the children have been doing at home. New log ins have been sent out to parents who have not joined previously and we look forward to seeing you on there.

Forms to Complete

Last Friday we sent home a pack of forms to update our records at the start of the new year. Thank you to everyone who has already returned them.

Please could all forms be returned by Monday 16th September.

Flu Vaccinations

Dear Parents/ carers

A reminder that there are just 6 days left to give/ refuse your consent for your child to have their free flu vaccine at school on 26 September 2024.

The flu vaccine is a quick and painless spray up the nose that keeps millions of people safe from flu every year (injections are also available for those who need them). It will help to make sure that your child is less likely to miss important lessons and social time at school.

Thank you to all parents who have already responded. If you are not one of them, it is not too late. It only takes a few minutes to give or refuse your consent by following this link:

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/6b446ccc>

The link contains the consent form and additional information such as FAQs regarding the vaccination. The link will close on 19 September 2024.

If you have already given us consent for the vaccine please disregard this message.

If your child has already received the Flu vaccine from their GP or hospital since September 2024 please complete a refusal form.

If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 358 3397.

Parent Pay

Mrs Midcalf is in the process of closing down last year's accounts and updating accounts from the start of September.

If you have an outstanding balance from July, please pay this off before Monday – thank you.

This term's payments will be updated shortly.

Mrs Midcalf and

English Café

Following our maths course and our Online Safety course for parents last school year, delivered by Durham Learn, we are pleased to be able to offer an English Café for parents and carers. The dates are:

Frosterley - Reception/KS1 7th November 2024, 13:00 till 15:00
KS2 14th November 2024, 13:00 till 15:00

There is more information on the attached flyer. If you would like to come, please email the school office.

Attendance – September 2024

You might be aware that the government are having a drive on attendance and that from September 2024 there will be changes.

We will no longer be able to authorise any holiday in term time. There will be a maximum number of days allowed for, for example, a family wedding.

Good attendance at school is a strong indicator of future success in tests and exams.

Here's what the data shows:

Pupils with higher attainment at KS2 and KS4 had lower levels of absence over the key stage compared to those with lower attainment.

Pupils who did not achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths in 2019 had an overall absence rate of 4.7% over the key stage, compared with 3.5% among pupils who achieved the expected standard and 2.7% among those who achieved the higher standard.

Pupils who did not achieve grade 9 to 4 in English and maths GCSEs in 2019 had an overall absence rate of 8.8% over the key stage, compared with 5.2% among pupils who achieved a grade 4 and 3.7% among pupils who achieved grade 9 to 5 in both English and maths.

Generally, the higher the percentage of sessions missed across the key stage at KS2 and KS4, the lower the level of attainment at the end of the key stage.

Among pupils with no missed sessions over KS2, 83.9% achieved the expected standard compared to 40.2% of pupils who were persistently absent.

Among pupils with no missed sessions over KS4, 83.7% achieved grades 9 to 4 in English and maths compared to 35.6% of pupils who were persistently absent.

Good attendance and high standards of behaviour contribute to successful outcomes at every stage of education. The school will always work with children and parents to achieve the best for all children.

Good attendance has an impact on all stakeholders in school and contributes to school improvement and progress across time. We recognise the importance of our approaches to promoting positive behaviour, supporting additional needs, safeguarding our children and ensuring that children from disadvantaged backgrounds have the same opportunities as their peers in achieving this.

Clubs for the Autumn Term

Just a reminder that clubs finish promptly at 4.30 and 5.30. If children are collected late, there will be additional charges.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
3.30 – 4.30	Sports Club	Art and Craft Club	Wonderful Weardale Club	Science Club
4.30 – 5.30	Puzzles and Games Club	Homework Club	Jewellery Club	Free Choice Club

Please book at least 24 hours in advance to allow us to plan for the numbers attending. We will always try to help out at short notice in an emergency.

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about the welfare and safety of a child or young person you can contact First Contact on the telephone number below.

First Contact Service: 03000 26 79 79

School Website

There have been some problems accessing the school website since our website support has changed. You can access the website using this link:

<https://thedalesspartnership.co.uk/>

Stars of the Week

Team Marble

EYFS

13.09.24 – Eivin for joining in enthusiastically with all the activities this week.

KS1

06.09.24 – Ruby-Grace for working really hard in every single lesson.

13.09.24 – Charlie for showing such enthusiasm in his work.

Team Amethyst

13.09.24 – Livia for fantastic contributions to class discussions.

Y5/6

13.09.24 – Harry for such beautiful handwriting.

Diary Dates – more dates will follow as they are added.

September

Thursday 19th – Y5/6 Ancient Greece workshop in school

Friday 27th – 2.30 MacMillan Coffee afternoon Parents and Carers welcome

October

Friday 4th – Individual school photographs am

Wednesday 16th – Y3/4 Stone Age workshop

Monday 21st – 3.30 – 5 FoFS Halloween Disco

Friday 25th – 2pm Harvest Festival
School closes for autumn half term

November

Monday 4th – School reopens

Thursday 7th – English Café Reception/KS1

Wednesday 13th – Parents' Evening times TBC

Thursday 14th – English Café KS2

December

Tuesday 17th – Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 18th – 6pm Christmas Performance

Thursday 19th – Christmas Parties

