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Dear Parent / Carer

I hope you all had a great summer, knowing our bairns, it will not have been quiet, but it would have been fun. The children look smashing, thank you for all your preparation and good organisation with regard to uniform etc. I know Miss Forster was organising extra bits of uniform for people so if you are waiting for this, it will be sent out next week.

Although we have only just come back to school, we have had several reports of head lice. Please ensure you check your child's hair regularly and that if someone in your family contracts these then the whole family are treated and bedding and towels are washed thoroughly. We know it is inconvenient, but this saves it becoming a bit of an epidemic. If you require any further help with this matter visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Children have new organisers, please encourage them to bring them to school every day with their reading books in their book bags, this supports reading but also means you can support them with organisation and preparedness for school.

We are trying to source more PE kits but still have some from last year. We have also got some which have been left in lost property which we will distribute too. They need it in school every day, not just their PE days as there are times when sessions have to be switched at the last minute and this causes distress for children who are only bringing in their kit on certain days.

Can I remind parents that we do not allow children to bring phones into school. There is great potential for these to be mislaid or broken. If there is a need for an older child to have a phone due to safeguarding or welfare, please speak to the class teacher who will then send the phone to the office where it will remain until the end of the day.

The school gates are opened at 8:40am for all children, including reception and the bell goes at 8:45am. Children line up and then go into school. All children then leave at 3:15am from the bottom of the yard. Nursery children are still coming and leaving from EYFS.

Coffee Mornings

Mr. Murphy will be holding a Coffee Morning every Monday from 9:15am (via the main school office), this is an opportunity for you to come into school and have a coffee and a chat with other parents and Mr. Murphy. We look forward to seeing parents and carers back in school.

Breakfast Club and Tea Time Club

Breakfast Club is still a drop in and we are going to try tea time club the same. Children need to tell their teacher in a morning that they are attending tea-time club. Please avoid ringing school during the day to arrange this as staff do not have the capacity to organise this. If this does not work, we will review it and go back to booking in children.

Teaching Staff

Reception - Will Wood
Y1 - Jane Crute
Y2 - Victoria Evans
Y3 - Katie Hay / Abi Forster
Y4 - Hannah Kirkwood
Y5C - Lauren Carpenter
Y5N - Ruth Newton
Y6 - Kirsty Hall / Will Haynes

Parental Consultations

Our lunch time parents meetings worked really well so we will be carrying this on this year. More details will follow as this will be after October half term.

Attendance and Safeguarding

If your child is absent from school it is your responsibility to contact the school office with a reason for their absence.

ALL absences must be reported to the school office on the first day of absence (by 9:30am) to notify us of the reasons for absences and the expected date of return, otherwise they may be recorded as unauthorised which could possibly lead to referrals to the Attendance Improvement Team.

Absences can be reported by contacting the school office on 01740 651512, emailing school on deanbank@durhamlearning.net or sending a message to **School Office** on Class DOJO.

Where absences persist beyond 1 day, please keep in daily contact with the school.

For the purpose of Attendance, a "Parent" is defined as:

- Any natural parent, whether married or not
- Any parent who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility as defined in the Children Act (1989) for a child or young person
- Any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person

The Law

You need to make sure your child attends school regularly and on time. Because parents are responsible for this duty in law, you will be **breaking the law** if you do not do this and there are no good reasons for missing school.

Section 7 of the 1996 Education Act states that parents must ensure that children of compulsory school age receive efficient full-time education suitable to their age, ability and aptitude to any special educational needs they may have, either by regular attendance at school or otherwise. A child is of Compulsory School Age at the beginning of the term following their 5th birthday.

The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006, as amended by 2016 regulations, require schools to take an attendance register twice a day, once at the start of the morning session and then again during the afternoon session.

The School and Local Authority **want to help you if you have a problem.**

If attendance does not get better or you do not accept help and support offered, the Council may issue you with a warning notice, Penalty Notice or ask you to attend an interview to ask you questions about whether you have broken the law.

Under the Education Act 1996, the Local Authority has a statutory responsibility to ensure that parents secure education for children of compulsory school age and where necessary, use legal enforcement.

If you go to court and are found guilty of an offence, you could be fined up to £1,000 for a less serious offence or up to £2,500 if the law breaking is more serious.

In very serious cases, the court may involve the probation service or consider up to 3 months in prison. Once you have a criminal record, this will have serious implications when you apply for a permanent or temporary job.

September 2022	
Tuesday 13 th September 2022	Roald Dahl Day
Friday 30 th September 2022	Non-Uniform Day
October 2022	
Monday 10 th October 2022	Flu Immunisation
Tuesday 18 th October 2022	Year 6 visit to Newcastle Central Mosque
Friday 21 st October 2022	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 21 st October 2022	School Closes for Half Term Holidays
Monday 31 st October 2022	Children return to school
November 2022	
Friday 4 th November 2022	Individual Photographs – H Tempest
Friday 18 th November 2022	Children In Need
Friday 25 th November 2022	Non-Uniform Day
December 2022	
Friday 16 th December 2022	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 16 th December 2022	School Closes for the Christmas Holidays