



Newsletter

July 2019

We will shortly break for the summer holidays and we would like to thank you all for your support this year. By working together, we can help to ensure the best outcomes for your children and we value these partnerships. We would like to wish you all a lovely summer and look forward to seeing the children back safely on **Wednesday 4th September**.

School Uniform Reminder

In preparation for September, please see important reminders about school uniform below.

We expect all children to wear school uniform. We feel that our school uniform encourages a sense of pride and belonging and promotes a positive and unified image of the school. We ask parents to support us in ensuring children wear our uniform. When purchasing uniform for the new school year, please refer to our uniform policy below.

Our uniform consists of:

black or **grey** skirt/trousers/tailored shorts in summer

royal blue sweatshirt/jumper/cardigan

blue checked dress in summer

blue polo shirt

black sensible shoes – **NOT** trainers

*Please note, **navy** is **NOT** part of our main uniform, in skirts, trousers or sweatshirts/cardigans.*

PE Uniform:

Plain black/navy shorts

T shirt – colour of house team (preferably school badge – no brands)

black plimsolls for PE

Jewellery:

No jewellery is allowed in school except:

A plain watch (**no apple watches, fitbits etc**)

One small pair of studded earrings. Children **must** be able to remove these themselves for PE or they will not be allowed to take part. Staff cannot take out earrings.

Goodbye Mrs Shevills

As Mrs Shevills leaves this week, we wish her a very long and happy retirement. She has been a valued member of staff and her hard work and commitment has been much appreciated.

Durham Dash

A selection of our Key Stage 2 pupils took part in the Durham Dash at Beamish Museum on Tuesday 9th July 2019. It was a very successful evening for the school, competing against a host of schools from the Durham and Chester-Le-Street areas. Our hard work paid off with Felix Scott winning the Year 6 Boys race (for the fourth year running), Abbie Whitfield winning the Year 3 Girls race, Zora Dubre finishing second in the Year 6 Girls race, and Daniel Dobson qualifying for the final in the Year 4 Boys race. Well done to everyone involved!



Clothes Swap

We're planning to hold another 'Clothes Swap' event in October. If you're having a sort out over the summer, please save some clothes and especially winter coats for the Clothes Swap. We'd really appreciate it!

Breakfast/After School Club from September 2019

Breakfast Club will continue to run from 7:30am from September. However, there is a small increase and it is payable for 2 sessions instead of 3, as follows:

Entry between 7:30am-8:15am - £3.00 (Up until 8.55am)

Entry from 8.15am - £1.50

The times and costs for after school club will continue with no change in September.

ALL sessions for before and after school can be paid via ParentPay from September and we very much encourage this method of payment.

Year 6 – Goodbye and Good Luck!!

We would like to wish Year 6 the best of luck in their new adventures at Secondary School. We are so proud of their all of their great efforts and achievements. It has been a privilege to work with them!

School holidays 2019-2020

Holiday	Closing date	Date re-open for teaching purposes
Summer holidays	Friday 19 th July 2019	Wednesday 4th September 2019
Autumn half term	Friday 25 th October 2019	Monday 4 th November 2019
Staff Training Day (Friday 22 nd Nov)	Thursday 21 st November 2019	Monday 25 th November 2019
Christmas holidays	Friday 20 th December 2019	Monday 6 th January 2020
Spring half term	Friday 14 th February 2020	Monday 24 th February 2020
Easter holidays	Friday 3 rd April 2020	Monday 20 th April 2020
May Day Friday 8th May	Thursday 7 th May 2020	Monday 11 th May 2020
Summer half term	Friday 22 nd May 2020	Tuesday 2 nd June 2020
Summer holidays	Friday 17 th July	To be confirmed