



Newsletter

April 2022

Ford Castle Residential - Year 6 - Monday 16th – Friday 20th May



Our Year 6 class are soon off on a residential visit to Ford Castle, taking part in a range of adventurous activities. This is a great opportunity for them to embrace new challenges and build teams and friendships. We hope they have a great time and we are sure they will represent our school brilliantly.

Opportunity to see pupil books for parents

Following our parents' meetings online earlier this term, we would like to invite parents to drop into school to have a look at your child's books. Parents are asked to enter school via the hall door during the times below. We'll collect your child from classrooms so that you can look at and discuss their work together. Please note, teachers will be working with their classes at this time so will not be able to hold individual meetings.

You may look at the books at the following times:

Monday May 16th 2.30 – 3.30pm **Year 1 and Year 2 parents**

Tuesday May 17th 2.30-3.30pm **Rec parents**

Thursday 19th May 2.30-3.30pm **Year 4 and Year 5 parents**

Friday 20th May 2.30-3.30pm **Year 3 parents**

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



We are looking forward to celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in school during the week beginning 23rd May 2022. Each class will learn about a decade of the Queen's reign, researching key events during the decade, royal portraits, music of the decade etc. We'll then produce a display of whole school work.

The week will culminate with an afternoon tea for the children on Friday 27th May – hopefully outside if weather permits! We will be asking for donations of cakes closer to the time.

Community Jubilee Celebration – Sunday 22nd May

Cooper Hall are organising a Community Jubilee Event, which will be held across Cooper Hall and school hall and grounds. There will be stalls, refreshments and fun activities to look forward to!

More details to follow.

OASES Planting Project

Each class has continued our outdoor learning work this month. Our next date will be on 17th May. We have been planting Spring flowers and vegetables and look forward to seeing, smelling and tasting the results.

Visits to Gymnastics Centre, Deerness

Each class will be taking part in a gymnastics carousel at Deerness Gymnastics Centre. Children will be asked to bring a named water bottle and will need their PE kits on these days. It's an exciting opportunity for children to enjoy specialist gymnastics facilities.

Monday 9th May pm – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Monday 16th May pm – Year 3 & Year 4

Monday 23rd May pm – Year 5 & Year 6

Active Fun!

We're looking forward to some active fun next week! Years 1-6 will take part in Judo taster sessions on Tuesday 3rd May and Years 3, 5 and 6 will take part in 'Ultimate Frisbee' sessions on Friday 6th May. We hope they'll tell you all about it.

Sports Day – Friday 24th June

We are delighted to be able to plan a whole school Sports Day this year and look forward to inviting families to our competitive Sports Day session, beginning at 1.30pm on 24th June. All children, from Reception to Year 6 take part. Please note entrance will be via the car park field gates from 1.15pm.

Our children will also work together and enjoy a non-competitive sports carousel on the morning of 24th June, which will be led by our Year 6 Sports Leaders. This event will be for the children only. The children really enjoy leading and participating in a range of fun, sporting/ team-building activities in this session.

Should we need to postpone due to inclement weather, an alternative date has been made for Thursday 30th June from 1.30pm.





Supporting your child with Autism

Virtual Workshops for mams, dads, and carers

This series of 10 workshops will help you to:

- Get a better understanding of Autism.
- Communicate with your child.
- Have the information you need to understand your child's sensory needs.
- Understand how your child behaves and how to manage their behaviour.
- Find your way around Education Health Care Plan assessment and your rights.
- Find out what support is available for you and your family.
- Understand how you can keep your child safe, e.g. online safety.
- Look after yourself and develop coping skills.

Date: Monday 9 May – Monday 18 July 2022

Time: 9:30am – 12:30am

Location: Online – Microsoft Teams

Staff and guest speakers will be around for a chat at the start and end of each session.

For more information or to apply please contact Durham Learn

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Covid Update

For information, current public health guidance for schools states that if children test positive for Covid, they must not attend school for at least 3 days (for staff, 5 days). If your child tests positive for COVID but after 3 days feels well and does NOT have a temperature, they can return to school. The office can be contacted for further advice.

School holidays 2021-2022

Holiday	Closing date	Date re-open for teaching purposes
May Day 2022	Friday 29 th April 2022	Tuesday 3 rd May 2022
Summer half-term 2022	Friday 27 th May 2022	Tuesday 7 th June 2022
Summer 2022 (Additional bank holiday 21 st July)	Wednesday 20 th July 2022	Wednesday 7 th September 2022
Autumn half term	Friday 21 st October 2022	Monday 31 st October 2022
Staff Training Day Mon 28 th November	Friday 25 th November 2022	Tuesday 29 th November 2022
Christmas 2022	Tuesday 20 th December 2022	Thursday 5 th January 2023