



September 18th 2020

Flu Immunisation

The NHS Flu Immunisation Team will be in school on Monday 5th October to deliver their flu vaccination. If you would like your child to be immunised, please register your child. You should receive information today about how to register by visiting www.hdft.nhs.uk/electronic-consent Our school code is **114115**

Last year the flu programme was very successful in reducing absenteeism and hospital admissions for children with influenza like symptoms. Supporting the flu programme not only offers direct protection to pupils, it also protects the local community and staff.

Children from Reception to Year 6 inclusive are entitled to the immunisation which will take place in school on October 5th.

Local Lockdown

As you will be aware, County Durham is one of several Local Authorities to be given temporary restrictions. From today, regulations will lawfully ban the following:

- Residents must not socialise with other people outside of their own households or support bubble in private homes and gardens.
- Hospitality for food and drink will be restricted to table service only.
- Late night restriction of operating hours will be introduced, with leisure and entertainment venues required to close between 10.00pm to 5.00am.
- Residents are also advised to adhere to the following guidance to further reduce rates of infection:
- Residents should not socialise with other people outside of their own households in all public venues.
- Residents are advised to only use public transport for essential purposes, such as travelling to school or work.
- Holidays should be taken within your own household or support bubble.
- Residents are advised against attending amateur and semi-professional sporting events as spectators.

I have mentioned previously how pleased we are with the way parents/carers and children are sticking to timings and entering and exiting the site quickly, which will help to meet the fifth bullet point. More information can be found at <http://www.durham.gov.uk/localrestrictions>

Local History Walk

This week I accompanied Dr Greenwell and our Year 3 children on a local history walk, looking in particular at the riverside area for signs of former industries. Their work on the local area has really impressed me and they were very knowledgeable about the River Tees, the mills and conditions in Victorian times. Our whole school curriculum has many local elements weaved through it and we are fortunate to live in such a beautiful and interesting place. Well done Year 3s!

Forms to return

It is important that school data sheets are returned as soon as possible, even if there were no alterations from last year. This allows us to contact you in an emergency and contains other important information that we need.

Outdoor Learning

The children and staff have enjoyed the fact that the weather has been fine this week and have made the most of our fantastic outside spaces. We recognise the benefits this brings to physical and mental health and are keen to use the spaces all year round, whatever the weather. Please note Year 5 will do outdoor learning on Friday not Thursday, as mentioned last week. Thank you.

New Starters Photograph

The Teesdale Mercury visited school this week to take a photograph of our Nursery and Reception children. Look out for us in the newspaper! Both classes have settled remarkably well. Well done Early Years!

Reception Class Places 2021

Postcards have been handed out this week to nursery children regarding the application procedure for Reception Class in September 2021. The card has instructions on how to access the Parent's Guide (Primary & Secondary School Admissions Guide in County Durham 2021/22) and is available on the D.C.C website from 14th September 2020 or via the following link: www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Secondary School Places 2021

If your child is due to transfer to secondary school in September next year, the application process will open on 14 September 2020. The Parent's Guide "Primary and Secondary School Admission Guide in County Durham 2021/22" contains essential information that will help you in making your child's application and is available on the D.C.C. website www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you live in County Durham, you need to complete an application to tell the LA which school you want your child to attend. You should list up to 3 school preferences and applying for just 1 school Does Not improve your chances of gaining a place at that school. You can apply for any school/academy in County Durham or in another Local Authority area. When you apply you will receive an acknowledgement and be offered a school place for your child by email on 1 March 2021. Please save your log-in details to enable you to accept your child's place on-line.

Attendance

Attendance for w.b. 14.09.20

Reception	97.4%	Class 3	98.9%
Class 1	95.6%	Class 4	100%
Class 2	100%	Class 5	94.4%
		Class 6	85.1%

School overall attendance is: 95.4%

Dates for the Diary

October 5 th	Flu immunisation day for Rec- Y6
October 26 th -30 th	Half Term
November 2 nd	Teacher Training Day
November 3 rd	Children return to school

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