



September 25th 2020

Flu Immunisation – please register by 30th September

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 last week 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. We have been informed that parents/carers need to register their child by **before midnight on 30th September.**

Attendance procedures during Covid-19

Today you should have received attendance information sent to school from the Local Authority regarding absence procedures during this period. I am pleased to say that there are no changes to guidance we have given you and that parents/children and staff have followed it very well. Thank you.

School Gates

We received an update from the Director of Public Health regarding gatherings at school gates which is summarised below:-

‘As children and young people have been returning to schools over the past few weeks, I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents, grandparents and carers to be mindful of the importance of social distance when dropping off and collecting their children from the school gates.

Please keep your distance, please do not gather in groups and remember:

HANDS Wash your hands regularly and for 20 seconds.

FACE Wear a face covering in indoor settings where social distancing may be difficult, and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet.

SPACE Stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings or increasing ventilation indoors)

Together we can make a difference if we all play our part to keep each other safe.’

Professional Development

This week we received some excellent news that Miss Richardson and Mrs Newton have passed their senior and middle leadership qualifications. Miss Richardson leads on English and her project was on Reading in school and Mrs Newton leads on Maths and her project was on Maths Mastery. It is not easy to work and study and the changes made have had a positive impact on children’s progress and attainment-well done!

StoreHouse

StoreHouse is a foodbank project to help the people of Barnard Castle and the surrounding area. They are based at Influence Church on Galgate and their contact details are 01748823161 or storehouse@influencechurch.co.uk

Educational visits

We are still keen to try and use the locality as much as possible, while working within the latest guidance. We recognise that some subjects, such as Geography, really benefit from looking at geographical features, following maps and drawing field sketches. Next week sees two local visits: Year 3 are visiting the weir on the River Tees on Tuesday and Year 2 are visiting the Bowes Museum grounds on Wednesday.

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. 21.09.20

Reception	98.2%	Class 3	*** 100% ***
Class 1	98.9%	Class 4	*** 100% ***
Class 2	*** 100% ***	Class 5	98.3%
		Class 6	96.5%

School overall attendance is: 98.7 %

Dates for the Diary

September 29th	Year 3 to visit the weir
September 30th	Year 2 to visit the Bowes Museum grounds
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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