



September 24th 2021

Year 6

I am pleased that the Year 6 children who were affected by COVID-19 have fully recovered enabling us to go back to the previous arrangements at the start and end of school. The children's day returns to 8.30am-3pm unless they require wraparound care, which is in the school hall from 7.45am-5.15pm.

Reception School Places September 2022

The window for applying for Reception places opened on Monday and runs until January 15th 2022. If you would like to visit school, please contact the School Office who will arrange this with you. Parent/Carers of all children eligible to start Reception must submit an application. Further details on the process can be found [here](#).

Secondary School Places September 2022

The application for secondary places is also open for the parents/carers of children in Year 6. Further information about the process can be found [here](#).

Covid 19

It is really important that parents/carers do not send their child to school with any of the following symptoms. If you have COVID-19, you should not be bringing your child to school yourself and should arrange for others to bring and collect your child.

Please take a cautious approach at this time: -

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

The basic principles are if your child has COVID 19 or any of the COVID 19 symptoms they should not be attending school. A link for ordering PCR tests is [here](#) or you can also telephone 119. It is advisable to have the test as quickly as possible and report the outcome to school as soon as possible.

The guidance around close contacts and households has changed as have the rules around self-isolation. The link is [here](#) but it is advisable to contact the school as each case may be slightly different. Thank you.

Dogs on site

Please be aware that we **do not allow dogs on site** (apart from assistance dogs).

Curriculum Information

The Class Teachers have been busy updating the school website to give you an idea of what is covered in each subject of the curriculum in the Autumn term. Please click [here](#) to access the Learning Zone. From here, choose the relevant class from the right side of the screen e.g. Year 6 Autumn 2021

Year 6 visit to Babuls

To celebrate National Curry Week, the Year 6 children have been invited to Babuls in town to find out more about Indian cuisine. Perhaps I might be needed to help supervise this visit too! The visit is on the morning of October 4th and consent forms must be returned as soon as possible.

Nasal Influenza Vaccination:

Protecting Children Against Influenza (Flu) and Complications

This will take place on Thursday 7th October for pupils in Reception to Year 6

If you would like your child to receive this immunisation in school, please ensure your consent form has been submitted within one week of receiving the letter which has been handed out this week.

Please see below the details of how to consent for your child, as well as answers to common questions about the influenza vaccination programme.

How do I give my consent?

1. Go to <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent/>
2. Enter the School Code 114115 and click "Find School".
3. Complete the form with your child's information and parent/guardian contact information*.
4. Click the green "Submit" button.

School Meals Menu

New Autumn Term menus have been issued this week which start after half term holiday. Please indicate on the form your choice of main course for each day and return as soon as possible.

If any child currently on packed lunches wishes to have a school meal please contact the office for a menu, alternatively, if your child no longer wishes to have a school meal 2 weeks' notice is required by the school meals provider.

If you have had a change in circumstances and believe you may be eligible for Free School Meals please contact the school office for an application form. This applies to all pupils including those in Reception, Year 1 & 2 who are in receipt of Universal Free School meals.

Morrisons It's Good to Grow

We have registered with the Morrisons It's Good to Grow Scheme. From September, for every £10 spent in store or online, you'll get one Grow Token that your local school can then redeem for a wide range of gardening and growing equipment. Download the MyMorrisons app to donate tokens to our school, you can see how we are doing by visiting [here](#). Thank you to the families who have donated to date.

Music Tuition – Year 5 Pupils

Would you like to play a musical instrument?

Durham Music Service is looking for pupils to play the Clarinet. Lessons are lots of fun and happen in school time. The cost is subsidised for families with lower incomes.

If you are interested sign up here! <https://www.durhammusic.org.uk/sign-up>

Please watch this presentation for more information <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2a-lfg4X4A>

New school starters photo

The Teesdale Mercury will be printing its annual pull-out of new school starters in next week's edition (Wednesday, September 29) including Montalbo Nursery and Primary School children.

Diary dates

September 27 th	Fire Service and Police to visit school
September 30 th	Year 5 Swimming
October 4 th	Year 6 to Babuls
October 7 th	Nasal Influenza vaccination: Reception – Year 6
October 25 th -October 29 th	Half term

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