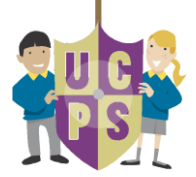


USWORTH COLLIERY

Weekly Newsletter



13th September 2024

WELCOME BACK!

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to school for our new academic year. The children all look so smart in their uniform. It has been great fun catching up with them all this week and finding out about their holidays. It has also been a pleasure chatting with some of you this week in the yard.



As always, we start the year with a number staffing changes. We would like to welcome: Mr Pearson (Year 4), Miss Coxon and Mrs Rodden (EYFS) and Miss Robson who is joining our Base team working alongside Mrs Justice, I am sure you will give them a warm welcome and I know they will be happy with us.

Unfortunately for us, Mrs Saggars will be leaving school at the end of September. She will be a great miss to us but the job she has been offered is a wonderful opportunity for her. I know you will join me in wishing her the very best in her new career. I am working hard to appoint

a new Family Liaison Officer as this is such an important role within our school. I will keep you updated on this situation.

You will notice that again over the summer holidays there has been building work. This time we have been adapting our Year One classrooms to enable the children who have recently moved from Reception to be able to access continuous provision both inside and outside the classroom supporting them to make a smooth transition into KS1.

I am always keen to hear your thoughts and ideas, so feel free to catch me any time or if you would prefer to make an appointment don't hesitate to contact me. You can also contact me via the school email address. You can also contact Mrs Saggars (our Family Liaison Officer) via the School Office. Please make sure that you keep the office up to date with your new contact details, especially email addresses and mobile telephone numbers so that you can keep abreast of what is happening. I know we will be able to work together to make your child's time at Usworth Colliery a happy one. Here's to an exciting year!

MEET THE TEACHERS!

Over the next fortnight, class teachers and TAs would like to catch up with you, explain more about some of the class routines and the things your children will be learning this year. These catch-up meetings will start at 9:15am in the main hall, however you are welcome to come in to the hall straight after school drop off for refreshments. After meeting the staff you will then be invited to visit the classroom to see your child in their lessons. Dates are as follows:

Mon 16th Sept- Year 1 (Miss Davison, Mrs Burrell and Mrs Dixon)

Tues 17th Sept- Year 2 (Mrs Prinn and Miss Brown)

Wed 18th Sept- Year 3 (Mrs Barella and Mrs Lowe)

Thurs 19th Sept- Year 4 (Mrs Henderson and Mr Pearson)

Fri 20th Sept- Year 6 (Mr Warner and Miss Skeen)

Tues 24th Sept- Year 6 (Mr Millett and Mrs Swinburn)

If your child is in any of the Base or Thrive provisions your child's class teacher will be in touch about meetings across the year.

It would be wonderful to see you all but we understand that the timings may not suit everyone. There will be other opportunities throughout the year which will give you more options of times and more notice of events. We also have official parent meetings planned for Wednesday 16th October from which run from 1pm -6pm.

JOIN US AT THE WASHINGTON CARNIVAL THIS WEEKEND

This year we have been invited to take part in the Washington Carnival Parade carrying our school banner. We would love to see as many of you as possible there. If any children would like to take part in carrying our banner then Miss Hilton, Miss Skeen, and Mrs Moore will be meeting at the Usworth Gardeners Club at 9:30. The parade will set off at 9:40 and arrive at Albany Park at 10:00 where there are lots of fun and free activities planned. Come along and join the fun!



YEAR 6 PARENTS

All year 6 parents should have received an email from school this week with information about how to apply for secondary school places for your child. Here is a brief outline of the information sent out.

Applying online is the simplest option. Go to www.sunderland.gov.uk/admissionsonline to complete your application. You can apply on a variety of devices including a phone, tablet and PC or alternatively you can visit City Hall where there are facilities to apply on line. The online facility is open during the preference period - 9 September to 31 October 2024. If it is not possible to access or submit an online application, a paper application form can be obtained by emailing school.admissions@sunderland.gov.uk or by telephoning **0191 520 5560**. If you apply on a paper application form, you will be informed of your child's school place by letter, which will be posted second class on 3 March 2025.

HSBC VISITS



This week, all children have taken part in assemblies and workshops with HSBC. Children learnt about the important jobs banks do to keep our money safe. Workshops included children in KS1 looking in imprinting coins and doing an interactive treasure hunt. In KS2, children learnt about the value of items they may want to buy, why it is good to save and the risk of fraud. HSBC also did a special session with our Problem-solving ambassadors which tasked them to work together to solve and complete tasks relating to the ways we spend money. It was great to see the children engage so well and ask so many interesting questions.

BUILDING BLOCK DAY CENTRE - LOCAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Building Block Day Centre is a community building, offering groups and courses which is based in what was Concord Day Nursery.

They are also home to Bee Bee's Coffee House which provides a range of hot and cold food and a wide drinks menu. They have groups which run each week for the whole family as well as many one-off activities which run throughout the year.

School Uniform

They are also currently offering a School Uniform Exchange which gives families the opportunity to access pre-loved school uniform. All are welcome at the School Uniform Exchange which operates on an optional donation basis, so feel free to contribute if you can. All uniform donations are also accepted and can be dropped off during the opening hours. School Uniform Exchange is open Monday to Friday 10am to 2pm.

Food Boxes

At the moment they have food boxes available for families – all you need to take with you is proof of your name and address, no referral is needed for you to be able to collect one of these food boxes.

They also have a number of volunteering opportunities for you to get involved in, so if this is something you can do to support your community get in touch with them through either <https://www.facebook.com/buildingblocksdaycentre> or buildingblocksdaycentre@gmail.com or pop in!
20 Victoria Rd, Washington NE37 2SS tel.07950 471331



UNIFORM RECYCLING THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to everyone who has brought in preloved uniform so far this term. Our station has been stacked high this week and I have seen lots of families using it. I am so proud of our uniform donation station and so pleased that as a community we are supporting each other and doing our bit for the environment!

Items we can recycle include:

Navy sweatshirt or cardigan

Gold or yellow 'polo' shirt

Navy, black or grey skirt or pinafore

Navy, black or grey trousers

School summer dresses/skirts in either blue or gold/yellow checks.



SCHOOL MEAL THEME DAY

We are excited to announce that our school meal provider Dolce has organised a 'Character Favorites' themed lunch on Thursday 3rd October for the children. If your child is in EYFS or KS1 and normally would bring in a pack lunch we will be providing them with a school meal of their choice, no extra charge.

If you would like your child to have a school meal and they are not currently on Dolce School Grid please contact the office or email school providing the following information so we can add them to the system:

Child Name:

Your Name:

Email address:

Contact Number:

For any children in KS2 who is not entitled to free school meals there will be a small charge of £2.74 if they would like a 'Character Favourite' meal.

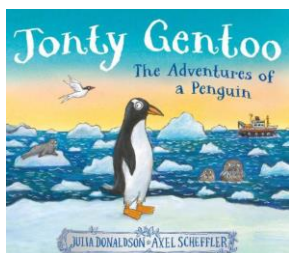
A flyer has been attached to the bottom of this newsletter with the menu information. If you require any further information, please contact the school office.

ACTIVE SUNDERLAND BIG WALK 2024

The Active Sunderland BIG Walk 2024 takes place at 10am, Sunday 22 September at Herrington Country Park. Whether you're taking your first steps to moving more, wanting a fun activity with the family or looking to step up to a personal challenge, we have a route that's right for you. There's a NEW 5.5 mile route especially for beginners, 7.5 mile and 9.5 mile routes for regular walkers and a NEW 13.5 mile route for more experienced walkers who are looking for a challenge and entry starts at just £5 per person. Please see the flyer at the bottom of this newsletter if you are interested in taking part or visit [Active Sunderland BIG Walk - MySunderland](#)

RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES

JONTY GENTOO - THE ADVENTURES OF A PENGUIN BY JULIA DONALDSON



Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler return with another irresistible rhyming picture book all about the titular penguin who escapes from the zoo on an adventure-packed bid to reach the South Pole. Join a plucky little penguin on the journey of a lifetime, in this fabulous new picture book from superstar author and illustrator Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.

Jonty the little gentoo penguin longs to find his true home at the South Pole. One night, he sneaks out of the zoo and sets off on an amazing adventure, all the way to Antarctica (with an accidental detour to the North Pole!)

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Your child will have brought home an after-school club letter. This needs to be handed in no later than Wednesday 16th September. After this date you will receive a text informing you which club your child has been allocated. Clubs will start week beginning 23rd September

Day	Club name	Staff	Year Groups	Max number	Location
Monday	KS1 Homework	Mrs Justice	1-2	20	Base Room (Blue)
Monday	Forest School	Mrs Walker/ Mrs Prinn	Reception – 2	20	Forest School
Monday	Choir	Mrs Barella	2-6	20	3CB classroom
Monday	Lego	Mrs Green/Mrs Edmonds	1-6	15	TBC
Tuesday	Games & Jigsaws	Mrs Dixon	1-2	20	1RD classroom
Tuesday	KS2 Homework	Mrs Swinburn	3-6	30	6CS classroom
Tuesday	STEM	Mr Warner	5-6	15	5JW classroom
Tuesday	Sensory session	Miss Raistrick	Base & siblings	10 inc siblings	Base room (red)
Tuesday	Just Dance	Mrs Robson	1-6	10	Thrive classroom
Thursday	Multi Sports	Mr Pearson	5-6	16	Hall/field

AUTUMN TERM DATES

Events next week

New dates added

Monday 16th September	Reception half days
Monday 16th September	Phoenix Programme (all week)
Monday 16th September	Year 1 Parents meet the teachers and visit the classroom (9:15am)
Tuesday 17th September	Year 2 Parents meet the teachers and visit the classroom (9:15am)
Wednesday 18th September	Year 3 Parents meet the teachers and visit the classroom (9:15am)
Thursday 19th September	Year 4 Parents meet the teachers and visit the classroom (9:15am)
Friday 20th September	Year 5 Parents meet the teachers and visit the classroom (9:15am)
Monday 23rd September	Reception classes in full days
Tuesday 24th September	Year 6 Parents meet the teachers and visit the classroom (9:15am)
Tuesday 24 th September	Year 3 Visit to the F Pit (am)
Wednesday 25th September	Science is my Superpower (Newcastle pm)
Monday 7th October	RAW Local area visit
Tuesday 8th October	Year 6 visit to Lindisfarne
Wednesday 9th October	Year 6 visit to Lindisfarne
Friday 11th October	Y5 Harvest Festival Performance pm
Saturday 12th October	Science is my Superpower - Newcastle
Monday 14th October	RLC Local area visit
Tuesday 15th October	4SP Vindolanda
Wednesday 16th October	Parent's Meetings NOTE: appointments are available from 1.30pm to 6pm
Friday 15th November RAW	Into-film festival
Thursday 17th October	4EH Vindolanda
Friday 25th October	Last day of this half term
Monday 28th October to Tuesday 5th November - HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Monday 4th November	Staff training Day (no pupils in school)
Tuesday 5th November	Children back to school
Wednesday 6th November	Year 5 Sunderland Empire Theatre War Horse
Monday 18th November	Whole School Flu Vaccination
Wednesday 13th November	Year 5 Sunderland Empire Theatre War Horse
Wednesday 20th November	Science is my Superpower (Newcastle pm)
Friday 22nd November	School Photos day
Monday 25th November	Start of Derwent Hill residential Week
Tuesday 26th November	RLC Intofilm festival
Monday 9th December	Phoenix Programme (Monday- Wednesday)
Friday 13th December	Autumn Term reports sent out to parents
Tuesday 17th December	Year 3&4 Christmas performance 9.15am (all welcome) & 2pm (no pre-school)
Wednesday 18th December	Reception Christmas performance 9.15am (all welcome) & 2pm (no pre-school)
Friday 20th December	Last day of Autumn Term
Children return to school on Monday 6th January	

DATES FOR THE YEAR

At the bottom of this newsletter I have attached our 2024/2025 term dates starting in September. Any dates that are circled are **Teacher Training Days** and children **will not** be attending school that day. You have also been sent an email with these dates on them.

Please do not book holidays within term time

If you require any further information, please contact the school office.

TWITTER STARS

Remember to check out this week's Twitter Stars! These are tweeted on: @TStarKS1_UCPS or @TStarKS2_UCPS. They also appear on @UCPrimary and on our website Twitter feed

HOUSE POINTS

Check out our house point counter at <https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/children/house-point-counter>. Children are awarded points throughout the week for following the Colliery Code.

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

These classes have the highest attendance this week. Well done everyone!

Whole school attendance – 94.66%

EYFS/KS1 2EP - 100% KS2 5Gs and 6CS -100%



NOTICES

CHARACTER FAVOURITES

Thursday 3rd October 2024

Mains

- Spongebob's Krabby Patty with Cheese (Cheeseburger)
- Lilo & Stitch's Hawaiian Pizza Adventure
- Sonic's Golden Coins (Vegetable Nuggets) (VG)
- Mr Jacket Potato Head (GF)

Sides

- Mickey's All American Fries
- Super Mario Slaw
- Barbie Beans
- Ken's Ketchup
- Spiderman Salad Bar

Desserts

- Willy Wonka's Ice Cream Factory (V)
- Gingerbread Man from Far Far Away (VG)
- Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)

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TERM DATES 2024/2025

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Active Sunderland BIG Walk 2024

10am, Sunday 22 September, Herrington Country Park

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There's a NEW 5.5 mile route especially for beginners, 7.5 mile and 9.5 mile routes for regular walkers and a NEW 13.5 mile route for more experienced walkers who are looking for a challenge.

Entry starts at just £5 per person for the 3 mile route and £7 per adult (without a t-shirt) for the longer routes.

For more information and to sign up visit:
mysunderland.co.uk/bigwalk
or scan the QR code

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Join our special guests as we head off on a 3 mile adventure around Herrington Country Park, with games and activities along the way.

Staying completely inside Herrington Country Park means it is the only BIG Walk route fully accessible to pushchairs and wheelchairs.

Entry is just £5 per person and includes an event t-shirt and medal.

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