



REMINDER - PARENTS/CARER MEETINGS -NEXT WEEK

Parent/carer meetings take place next Wednesday (7th February) If you haven't already signed up for an appointment you can still do so using the link below or by scanning the QR code.

<https://forms.office.com/e/PLT387yyFJ>



CELEBRATING MENTAL HEALTH WEEK NEXT WEEK

Next week, we will be celebrating Children's Mental Health Week (5-9th February 2024) in association with Washington Mind and Place2Be. Each class will spend time learning about good mental health and ways to combat and deal with overwhelming feelings and situations. We will be linking these with the NHS initiative '5 Ways to Wellbeing' - see the link below for more information. Look out for what we have been up on your class Twitter page! On Friday 9th February, we will be having a non-school uniform day for a small donation - dress in a colour that makes you smile! Donations will be split between our school and Washington Mind. Thank you for your support. Mrs Swinburn.

[5 steps to mental wellbeing - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

RESIDENTIALS FOR KS2

LONDON

Places on the Year 6 visit to London planned for the 4th and 5th July this year are now open to book. An email has been sent out with some basic information and the cost of this residential. Paper copies are also available from the office

DERWENT HILL

Places for the Derwent Hill trip for the current Year 4 & 5 pupils are also now open to book. Derwent Hill week next academic year will be the week beginning 25th November 2024. An email has been sent out with some basic information the cost of this residential. paper copies are also available from the office

We try to do everything in our power to keep the costs of these residentials down but due to the wonderful experiences we can offer though these trips we continue to offer them.

There are payment plan schemes available for both trips which can help spread the cost over a longer period. Please contact Mrs Hall in the office if you want any further information regarding anything about these residentials



YEAR 3/4 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday night we took a group of enthusiastic basketball players from Year 3 and Year 4 to play in a competition at Cardinal Hume School. This was part of the Gateshead Schools Sport Challenge. The team played four very competitive matches against some extremely experienced teams. I was so proud of every single player in the team. They listened to instruction, picked up some nifty skills, worked really well as team supporting each other and calling for passes. They put their all into every single game. Well done all of you!

SUBJECT IN THE SPOTLIGHT - ICT

It is officially Internet safer day on Tuesday 6th February. However, we feel that this topic is too important to cover in a single day! Follow the link below to a page on the school website to have a look at some of the work that we produced in school.

<https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/blog/2023-10-19-20-34-43-subjects-in-the-spotlight>



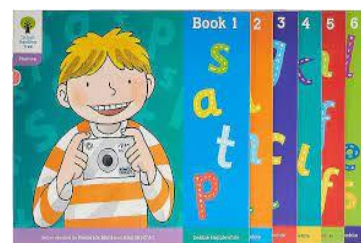
WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

On Wednesday **Thomas Base 2** came to see me to explain how hard he had worked and what good choices he had made that day. He was so proud of himself and called himself a superstar!

Today **Thomas 2CB** came to show me his maths. He has worked so hard and was able to complete all the tasks independently. His teacher was so proud of him. Well done Thomas!

PLEA FOR READING BOOKS

As part of our phonics teaching, we use Floppy's Phonics reading books. These books are sent home as reading books but are also used in class as part of the teaching. We have spent £4000 on these reading books and already we have sets of books that where there are no copies of certain titles. Please can you make sure all reading books are brought back into school daily to be re-used. We have limited funds and really want to be able to spend any funds we do have on resources to support your children rather than replacing lost books. If you do find any school books at home, please just drop them back into school in so we can replenish our stock.



RECOMMENDED READING NEW RELEASES

ARE YOU A SLEEPY MONSTER? BY GUILHERME KARSTEN



It's sleepover time for little monsters – and the monster in this book is very excited to welcome readers to their special monster den under the bed. They are a little confused to realise that readers may prefer to sleep on top of the bed, however, AND that they don't have special monster pyjamas. Most odd.

However, when the little monster climbs up onto the bed and snuggles down with a cuddly teddy, his eyes start to close... perhaps little monsters like normal bedtimes, too.

The second in the series that began with *Are You A Monster?* returns with another adorable picture book with a bedtime theme. The book's interactive question-asking means that there's plenty of fun to be had in asking little ones why the monster should do certain things, and lots of laughs at their amusing antics.

Finally, at the end of the book, there's a nice wind down routine, asking children to tuck the monster in under his blanket and settle down for bed themselves.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

By now you should have received a text offering your child a place on an afterschool club

All clubs will start the week beginning Monday 22nd January

Day	Club name	Staff	Year Groups	Max number	Location
Monday	KS1 Homework	Mrs Dixon	1-2	20	1RD classroom
Monday	Construction	Mrs Kaur	1-6	12	Base 3
Monday	Mindful colouring	Mrs Allen	3-6	20	3LC classroom
Monday	Book Club	Miss Bell	3-6	10	4SB classroom
Monday	Lego	Mrs Green/Mrs Edmonds	1-6	12	KS2 intervention room
Tuesday	Just dance	Mrs Lines	2-6	10	Base 2
Tuesday	KS2 Homework	Miss Skeen	3-6	30	5GS classroom
Tuesday	Gardening	Mrs Lowe	3-6	15	3RL classroom/Wild garden
Tuesday	Dodge Ball	Mr Warner	5-6	20	Hall
Thursday	Review crew	Mrs Bloomer	1-2	10	TBC
Thursday	Mindful colouring	Mrs Burrell	Rec-2	12	Reception class

SPRING TERM DATES

Monday 8th January - Children and staff return to school

Tuesday 9th January – EYFS/Y1 (5 year old) Dental Check

Thursday 11th January - Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visits

Thursday 11th January - 'Mastering Challenging Behaviour' Parents Course (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)

Friday 19th January - Reception Stay and Play (Gruffalos)

Friday 19th January - Year 3 Class Assembly (2:15pm) 3RL

Monday 22nd January - Reception trip to Discovery Museum.

Thursday 25th January - 'Mastering Challenging Behaviour' Parents Course (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)

Friday 26th January - Reception Reading and Phonics workshop

Monday 29th January - Reception Maths workshop

Friday 2nd February - Reception Stay and Play (Peter Rabbits)

Saturday 3rd February - Year 5 Science is my Superpower

W.C 5th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 5th February - Year 5 Bikeability

Wednesday 7th February - Spring Term Parents' Meetings (Please note, appointments are available from 1:00-6:00pm)

Thursday 8th February - Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visit

Thursday 8th February - Mastering Challenging Behaviour' Parents Course (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)

Monday 12th February - Reception trip to Chinatown

Friday 16th February - Reception Stay and Play (Elmers)

HALF TERM HOLIDAY Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd February -

Thursday 29th February – Mastering Challenging Behaviour' Parents Course (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)

Wednesday 6th March - Year 5 Science is my Superpower

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Thursday 7th March - Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visit

Friday 8th March- Reception Stay and Play (Cat in the Hats)

Thursday 14th March - Wednesday 20th March - Scholastic Book Fair

Friday 15th March - Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Friday 15th March- Reception Stay and Play (Paddington Bears)

Monday 18th March - Reception (RAW) trip to Hall Hill Farm

Wednesday 20th March - Reception & KS1 Art Coffee Morning (9:15am)

Thursday 21st March - KS2 Art Coffee Morning (9:15am)

Thursday 21st March - Reception (RBD) trip to Hall Hill Farm

Friday 22nd March - Spring Term Reports

Thursday 28th March - Break up for Easter Holidays

EASTER HOLIDAY Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April

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. This week's classes with the most house points are:

1st – 5GS 2nd – 3RL 3rd – 5JW

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

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

Whole school attendance – 92.97%

EYFS/KS1 – 1RD with 97.14% KS2 – 4VM with 96.67%

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