

25th October 2024

HALF TERM INFORMATION

Next week is the half term holiday. I hope you and your children have a wonderful break. Please take a look at the fliers at the bottom of the newsletter for support and events happening during the half term including a football camp, free packed lunches and a 'spookfest' event.

Remember school opens for the children on **TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER**. The Monday is a teacher training day and so children will not be in school on Monday.

Also please remember that **all children must to be collected from afterschool clubs after half term until the end of Spring Term** due to the darker nights.

SPOTLIGHT ON HISTORY – BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In school, we have been celebrating Black History Month throughout the month of October with each class finishing the celebrations by completing a piece of work on this topic. This year's theme is Reclaiming Narratives. In classes we have looked at the talents and achievements of a member of the black community and discussed the amazing things they have done alongside the difficulties they faced. To see our work, follow the link below



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

SCHOOL PHOTOS REMINDER

Please remember if you have not already done so and you are wanting your child to have their school photo taken on Friday 22nd November, a consent form will need to be handed into school no later than Friday 8th November. If you have more than one child in school, you will need to complete a separate form for each child. Forms can be collected from the school office. If we do not have a consent form for your child, their photo will not be taken.

FLU NASAL SPRAY VACCINATION ON MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

You will have been sent an email from school regarding your child receiving their flu nasal spray vaccination on Monday 18th November. You will need to fill in the form on line to give consent if you wish your child to have the nasal spray vaccine following the link below. If you have any queries with the link please contact 0333 358 3397 who will be able to assist you. Please complete the electronic consent form using the link below before insert date (one for each child) to ensure your child receives their vaccination.

<https://nhsImms.azurewebsites.net/session/010c4bc7>

YEAR 4 VINDOLANDA VISIT

This week and last, Year 4 visited Vindolanda. We explored the ruins of a Roman fort, used a map to locate historical clues to solve a mystery and had a lesson from a virtual Roman teacher, learning some Latin. Both classes had a brilliant time exploring and learning, showing excitement and amazement (especially when they saw the grooves of where a Roman guard had once sharpened his sword almost 2000 years ago!) As always, the children displayed exemplary behaviour and were a credit to our school. **Mrs Henderson and Mr Pearson**



FIRST WIN OF THE SEASON FOR OUR GIRLS' FOOTBALL TEAM!

In this week's fixtures, the girls team faced Lambton. The first half was end to end action with Zoe, Mya and Darcy making strong challenges and working together as a team to make it difficult for the opponents to get past our defence. Despite a number of chances from both teams, the first half ended 0-0. We kickstarted the second half with an early goal from our super sub, Jade who ran straight through their defence for a well-aimed shot into the back of the net. The second half was filled with lots of chances with Leela creating the space in midfield. After lots of hard work, Jessie managed to make a quick turn on her player and put away a shot in a tightly packed box making it 2-0. The opponents retaliated and kept Jasmine and Vicky on their toes at the back of the pitch but they reacted cleverly to their attempts and quickly stopped their attacks, meaning that we got our first win of the season. Jade was nominated player of the match and all the girls showed a huge improvement from last week's game. They are quite rightly very pleased with the result!

BOY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS

Last week, Colliery FC made our way to Rickleton for the next round of matches. First up were Rickleton themselves, somewhat of a bogey team for us over the last few years. A very tight match was largely fought in midfield with both teams creating very little in front of goal. As the second half wore on, Alistair, Leon and Jayden began to win the midfield battle, with Harrison eventually getting on the end of a lovely through ball and tucking a shot in to the bottom corner. A solid rearguard action from Joey, Seth, Jack and Jay saw the team hold firm and come out with a 1-0 victory. Next up were St Josephs. The match here was a little more open than the first, with chances for Thomas, Harrison and Blake all going close. Up the other end, Blake Pin goal had little action for large parts of the game but made some key saves to keep the score 0-0, but it was still a very enjoyable game to watch. The last match of the night saw us up against Barmston. This match was an altogether different prospect. Attack after attack was thwarted by a combination of the post, the Barmston keeper and some last ditch defending. It looked like being a very frustrating game until Mikolaj raced down the wing and lashed an unstoppable shot in past the keeper to break the deadlock. This opened the floodgates as Blake B helped himself to a goal, Harrison picked up his second of the night and Alistair dispatched a penalty expertly. The chances kept coming but the scoring was finally wrapped up when a bullet header from Joey saw out a 5-0 win.

This week, there was only one match with one of the schools unable to play. Blackfell were the opponents and the team picked up exactly where they left off the previous week. Midway through the first half, Harrison expertly slotted the ball between keeper and post to open the scoring before Alistair stuck a scorching shot to make it 2-0. Thomas then bundled the ball in via keeper and post for his first goal in blue and yellow. The second half followed the same pattern with chance after chance. Blake B added two more goals whilst Alistair helped himself to another two for his first Colliery hat-trick and a 7-0 victory. These were our last league matches before the winter break with 6 wins and a draw from seven matches and still no goals conceded. Certainly our best ever start to a campaign. There is no rest the wicked, however, as the Futsal league begins in November. **Mr Millett**



YEAR 6 PARENTS ONLY

All Secondary school applications need to be submitted no later than **Thursday 31st October**. You can apply for your child's Secondary School place through the Sunderland City Council website.

REQUEST FOR ITEMS FOR THE NEW RECEPTION COUNTING LIBRARY

EYFS are reaching out to ask for your help! They are creating a counting library to help the children practise those basic counting skills in a fun and interesting way. If you have any spare containers or jars at home, we would greatly appreciate it if you could bring them into school. We are also looking for loose parts such as coins, buttons, and other items that can be used for creative projects and counting in the classroom. Thank you for your support!



POPPY SELLING FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

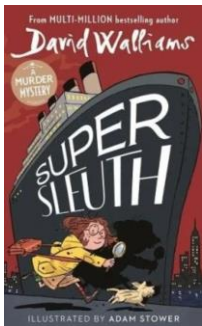
From 17th October until Remembrance Day, we will be selling poppies and other poppy merchandise from the school office before and after school to raise vital funds for the British Legion Poppy Appeal. As a school we feel that Remembrance is a very important occasion and always do all we can to commemorate the great contributions service men and women have made. The Royal British Legion held its first poppy appeal to help those returning from the First World War. Money from the appeal is used to provide support for bereaved families, help wounded service men and women, assist younger veterans with finding accommodation and other employment and to support older veterans needing age-related care.



WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Blake 6JM has been telling me about using technology at home to create a video that promotes our school. He used some information from the school website and images from gettyimages and put together the short video which he was able to show me this week. Well done Blake its lovely to see you applying technology skills at home.

RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES SUPER SLEUTH BY DAVID WALLIAMS



Dilly loved a good murder. Not a REAL murder. A made-up murder. One you would find in a murder mystery novel. Sherlock Holmes was her favourite detective, so much so that she had named her dog Watson after his faithful companion.

Dilly had trained her Watson to sniff out clues and follow scent trails. Something he would happily do for a dog biscuit. Or two. So far, Dilly and Watson hadn't had much luck cracking cases – beyond lost cats, or missing biscuits that turned out to have been eaten all along. But now the detective duo found themselves on a luxury ocean liner bound for London. A thousand passengers. A thousand nautical miles of ocean around them. It was the perfect place for a murder... Or two. Or three. Or four. Or MORE!

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AT THE TOP CLUB

Transform North East are hosting an Open Day at the Top Club next Friday, in partnership with Training in Care. The event will focus on helping local community members access paid work in the care sector through accredited, industry-standard training. Attendees will have the opportunity to sign up for courses on the day, with training sessions delivered by 'Training in Care' at the Top Club over the following six months. See te flyer at the bottom of this newsletter for more information

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

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 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
Monday 11th November	Senior Citizens Remembrance Tea 2pm
Wednesday 13th November	Year 5 Sunderland Empire Theatre War Horse
Friday 15th November	RAW Into-film festival
Friday 15 th November	Children In Need Raise Money Non- Uniform Day
Wednesday 20th November	Science is my Superpower (Newcastle pm)
Thursday 21 st November	Choir singing at Durham Cathedral
Friday 22 nd 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	Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch
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

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 – 3RL 2nd – 4EH 3rd – 3CB

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

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

Whole school attendance – 94.66%

EYFS/KS 2EP 98.42%KS2 3RL 98.55% Base Blue 96.36%

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**GOLD
active
Sunderland
School 2021-22**



**Artsmark
Silver Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

NOTICES



**KB Coaching - Crazy Ballers, in partnership with
Washington Athletic YFC brings to you**

THE HALLOWEEN FOOTBALL CAMP 2024

Usworth Colliery Primary School, Washington NE37 3BD

**Tuesday 29th October
Wednesday 30th October
Thursday 31st October**

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

For ages 6-12 year olds of all abilities.

Learn some TRICKS and win some TREATS

**For more information please contact 07979559681 /
kbcoaching.krazyballers@gmail.com**



**Training
inCare**

Wellbeing for Winter

**Boost your skills & your mental wellbeing and join us for our
awareness workshops running on
Friday 1st November at
Transform North East – Top Club, Manor Road,
Washington, NE37 3BD from 9:30am - 2:30pm**

The following skills stations will be available:

- ADHD & ASD Awareness
- Dementia Awareness
- Mental Health Awareness
- First Aid in the Workplace
- Level 1 & Level 2 Food Safety

**Join us to learn some new skills, gain some certificates, and find out about
the vast number of job opportunities available within the Care sector!**

Message for more information or email: oscarcmcfarlane@trainingincare.co.uk


OCTOBER HALF-TERM FREE LUNCHES FOR KIDS

This half-term, the **WCFP** will be offering their **SPOOKILY GOOD** packed lunches for free to all local nursery, primary and secondary school-aged children.


NO REFERRAL NECESSARY

Lunches may be collected* from our outlet in Unit O (opposite Virgin Money, in The Galleries) **every Tuesday-Friday between 12pm & 3pm** during October half-term.

***All children must be accompanied by an adult**



See our [Facebook](#) page for more details



MICKEY'S PLACE

@ ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH
MANOR ROAD, SULGRAVE

Open: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
from 9:30am-1pm

- Benefit Support
- Digital Hub / Free Printing Service
- Food Bank
- Fresh Food Stand
- Community Cafe

Fill a bag for £2


- Full English Breakfast - \$1
- Lunch with pudding - \$1.50
- Takeaways - \$1.50
- Children eat for free

Free craft and activities for children on Mondays during the 6 week Summer Holidays

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For more information please contact:
Rev Bethany McHenry

<https://mickeysplace.co.uk>
 mickeysplace123@gmail.com
 Mickey's Place 07521 784163



FESTIVE FRIENDS CHALLENGE

Please help the WCFP bring joy to children and teenagers in our community whose families find Christmas an especially difficult time.

To *sleigh* at our **Festive Friends Challenge**, work with your family, friends or colleagues to donate items from the list below. Then pop your new & unwrapped items in to us at Unit O, The Galleries, by 6th December. For large donations that require collection, please contact us via [Facebook](#). Cash donations can be made in-person at Unit O or via the [Paypal](#) link on our website.

MANY THANKS

 Pyjamas	 Slipper/ sports/novelty socks	 Doll/ action figure
 Teenager voucher	 Pens/ pencils/ crayons	 Toiletry set
 Football/ game	 Jewellery	 Baby toys



SPOOKFEST

AT LAMBTON COMMUNITY HUB, NE38 0QA
SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER 12-4PM

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE CRYSTAL CREW PROJECT CIC

ARABIAN FOOD BY HABIBI COME

CRYSTALS AND WITCHY GOODS BY SPELLBOUND BOUTIQUE

STACEY PAINTS YOUR FACEY

VARIOUS MARKET STALLS

SWEET STALL

HOT CHOCOLATE

POTION MAKING

HALLOWEEN GAMES & ACTIVITIES

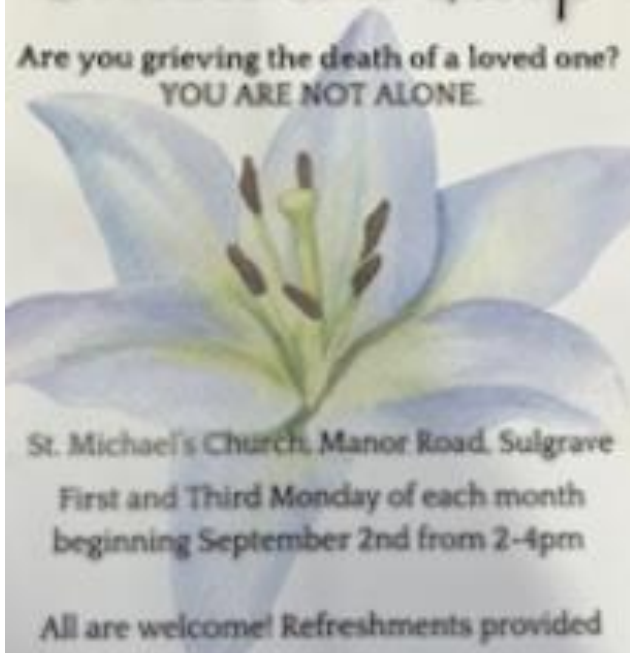
SCAVENGER HUNT AND MUCH MORE!

LET US KNOW YOU'RE ATTENDING




Bereavement Group

Are you grieving the death of a loved one?
YOU ARE NOT ALONE.



St. Michael's Church, Manor Road, Sulgrave

First and Third Monday of each month
beginning September 2nd from 2-4pm

All are welcome! Refreshments provided

For more information please contact: Rev Bethany McCreany

✉ revbethanymc@outlook.com ☎ 01525 194161

📍 Usworth Parish - Holy Trinity and St. Michael's and All Angels

Celebrating God's Creation

Wild Church

St. Michael and All Angels Church
Manor Road, Sulgrave

FREE

🔥 **BONFIRE** 🔥

🍕 **PIZZA MAKING** 🍕

🌳 **WOODLAND ACTIVITIES** 🌳

👨‍👩‍👧 **FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY** 👨‍👩‍👧

ALL WELCOME

Saturday August 10
From 2-4pm

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MICKEY'S PLACE

📍 ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH
MANOR ROAD, SULGRAVE



FREE BBQ

PLEASE JOIN US FOR FOOD & FUN

BOUNCY CASTLE / FACE PAINTING

SUNDAY AUGUST 18 / 2-6 PM

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