

27th September 2024

AUTUMN TERM PARENTS MEETINGS

We are holding parent/carer meetings on **Wednesday 16th October** and you are now able to sign up for appointments using our electronic form to arrange a time to meet your child's teacher, discuss how they are doing at school and also get the opportunity to see their work. You will need to complete a separate form for each child and tick all the time slots that you are available.

Please note: **Base/Thrive appointments are only available from 3.30pm onwards.**

The office will then get back to you with your allocated ten-minute meeting time. All instructions are on the form. Please use the link below to access the form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/i9fTGExgPh>

or scan this QR code



SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS

All year 6 parents received an email from school last 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.

YEAR 5 HARVEST FESTIVAL VISIT AND COLLECTIONS



Today, Year 5 visited Mickey's Place - a food bank and cafe, that is part of St Micheal and All Angels Church. During their visit they learnt about the project set up to help local members of the community that are struggling with the cost of living, need support or a delicious hot cooked meal.

The children split up and volunteered their time in different sections of Mickey's Place. One group acted as waiters and waitresses giving members of the public a hot cooked breakfast, whilst being very careful not to drop any plates, all with a smile on their face.

Another group helped stock the fresh food stall and served members of the community some donated produce in return for a voluntary donation. The last group sorted out donations, checked dates, organised items into categories and packed bags.

All the children thoroughly enjoyed their visit and are now even more motivated to fundraise to collect donations for Mickey's Place.

If you have anything you are able to donate, Year 5 and Mickey's Place would really appreciate your donations. Please send any donations to Year 5 before Friday 1th October.



YEAR 3 TRIP TO THE F PIT



On Tuesday, year 3 went on a trip to the F Pit which linked to their current history topic, 'From Coal to Cars'. We walked there from school and the children were very sensible on the roads. When we arrived, one class had a tour inside the F Pit museum whilst the other class looked at the wheel from outside (they even had some time to play in the park!) When inside the museum, the children learnt about how the steam engine worked and what it was used for (which was transporting the miners and the coal up and down a bit like a lift!). They got to see it working and were amazed that it would have run a lot faster when it was powered by steam. They then learnt about some of the difficulties and dangers the miners faced when they were working in the mine and were not impressed that children of their age used to work in the mines!



WE MAKE CULTURE FREE MUSIC SESSIONS

Starting from 24th September, the Lambton Street DJ Club became a space to try out all kinds of electronic music, including DJing and music production. Sessions are free to attend for **11-18 year olds** and will be happening on Tuesdays, from 5-6pm. The club will be led by the professional DJ and Producer, Jamal Graham, and you can work towards creating, recording and performing music. No previous experience or sign-up required, just turn up!

ECOFEST SUNDERLAND 2024

Ecofest Sunderland 2024 is being celebrated on Saturday October 5th and is a day of fun activities while families learn more about the environment and sustainable living. The free day will include arts and crafts activities with textiles and recycled materials. There will also be stalls and stands with information and activities on local growing, cycling and walking, recycling and waste and energy efficiency support. The event takes place at Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens, from 10am–3pm. For more information, visit: EcoFest Sunderland - MySunderland

<https://www.mysunderland.co.uk/article/28982/EcoFest-Sunderland>



WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Jessica 6JM has been listening carefully in our assemblies and in our lessons while we have been talking about our core values. This week she brought some work to show me that she had done at home around safety, care, resilience and aspirations. Well done Jessica!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS IN SCHOOL

From Thursday 26th September to Wednesday 2nd October, we have the Scholastic Book Fair in school. It will be open from 3:15pm-3:45 pm every day. A Book Fair is a great way to find exciting new genres and stories and earn FREE BOOKS for our school!

SPOTLIGHT ON MATHS

Counting and Times tables - This year, a lot of what we're focussing on in our curriculum is about improving children's ability to recall key facts. It is so important that children know the basics to allow them to solve more complex calculations later on in their school journey.

We also know how amazing it is to have support from parents, carers and families in helping children to learn these facts at home. Follow this link to see what we are doing in school and how you can help your child to recall these key facts and really fly with maths!



APPLICATIONS FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

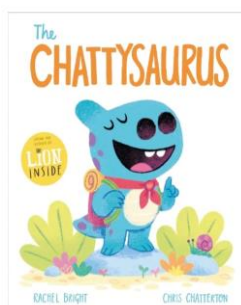
An email has been sent to all parents/carers about how to apply for free school meals. The key points are:

- If you have more than one child in school, you will need to apply for each child individually.
- Although children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 receive Universal Free School meals you may still be eligible which in turn would make you eligible to receive vouchers that are given out at certain times of the year.
- If your child has started Reception with us this year and they have siblings in our school who currently receive Free School Meals please remember you will need to apply for your reception child's Free School Meal as it is not automatically done when they start school.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES THE CHATTYSAURUS – BY RACHEL BRIGHT

A funny and reassuring story about the importance of listening and being a good friend. From the author of the bestselling *The Lion Inside*. Little Chattysaurus LOVES to chatter. He wants to tell EVERYONE how to build a den, how to play hide-and-seek AND his thoughts on having picnics. There is a LOT to say. But, when going on adventures into the woods, there is often a lot to listen to as well - and some of it is VERY helpful! The perfect picture book to help children learn the benefits of listening. For every Chattysaurus - large or small.



AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

You will now have received a text letting you know which club your child has a place on. Clubs will start on Monday 23rd September, please remember you must collect your child from their club at 4.15pm'

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 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
01Tuesday 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
Wednesday 23 rd October	4EH Vindolanda (date changed)
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)
Thursday 21 st November	Choir singing at Durham Cathedral
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	

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 – 3CB 2nd – 4SB 3rd – 3RL

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

These classes have the highest attendance this week. Well done everyone!
Whole school attendance – 94.66%
EYFS/KS1 2EP -100% KS2 6CS – 99.17%

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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 (GN)

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) (GN)

dolce

St. Michael and All Angels Church
Manor Road, Sulgrave

HALLOWEEN PARTY

FREE FIRE PIT

GAMES FOOD

27 October | 4-6pm

FANCY DRESS COMPETITION
PUMPKIN DECORATION COMPETITION
(BRING YOUR PUMPKIN ALREADY DECORATED)

For more information please contact: Rev Bethany McNeeley
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Monday & Friday 6.30-8.30pm
Top Club, Washington NE37 3BD

First 2 sessions FREE with this leaflet



St. Marks' Community Association, Millfield, SR4 7BN

Friday 11th October
9.00 a.m.

CONSULTATION EVENT FOR PARENTS FROM AN ETHNIC MINORITY BACKGROUND

If you are part of an ethnic minority background, we are interested in hearing your views on a range of services that are on offer to you and your family.

NHS
South Tyneside
and Sunderland
NHS Foundation Trust

Come and share your experiences of accessing maternity and neonatal care at South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust and suggest ways we can improve our services.

For some children and young people times of transition and change can be difficult. Do you have a child that's moved from nursery to reception or Y6 to Y7? What was the experience? Positive or negative we want to know your thoughts.

NHS
North East &
North Cumbria

**FAMILY
HUB**

The Sunderland Family Hubs provide a range of services for families and we want to hear from you about your experiences of using the services. What are we doing well? What do we need to look at? We want to hear from you.

Booking is essential.

To book your place, please text 07774131862 / email
volunteering@togetherforchildren.org.uk

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