



Autumn Term 1– 20th September 2019

**Breakfast Club**

Breakfast club is available to children from Reception class upwards free of charge daily. We unfortunately are unable to offer this service to nursery children due to staffing regulations. It is open from 8.00am and breakfast will finish serving at 8.30am. Any children coming into breakfast club after this time will not be able to receive breakfast.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 27th**



As well as it being our Macmillan Coffee Morning, it is also European Day of Languages. In celebration assembly, each class will perform a song in a different language. After our assembly, we will then host our coffee morning. We are asking for donations of cakes and would appreciate it if these could be brought in on Friday morning. Children will have the opportunity to buy a cake and a hot chocolate at break time for a donation.

**Aldi's Kit for Schools pack**

From now until 3<sup>rd</sup> November, whenever you spend £30 in any Aldi store you will be given Team GB stickers. We, as a school, need to collect 300 Team GB stickers to receive an exclusive school sports kit and the chance to win one of 20 prizes of £20,000 to build a healthy legacy at our school. Please send any stickers into school with your child as soon as you get them!

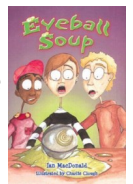


**School Uniform**

Please make sure your children's names are on all uniform clothes. We already have a number of cardigans and jumpers that have been left around school with no names on.

**Ian MacDonald - Monday and Wednesday**

On Monday and Wednesday we have the pleasure of having the amazing author, Ian MacDonald in school. He will be leading assemblies and workshops. He will be selling signed copies of his books after school. If you would like one please return the attached slip with £5 on Monday or Wednesday.



**World Clean Up Day**

On Thursday 26th the whole school will participate in a litter pick in celebration of World Clean Up Day (Saturday 21st September) and the whole school will be 'cleaning up'. EYFS will 'clean up' the school grounds and the rest of the class will litter pick in the village.

**Skipping Day**

Thursday, children of all ages (and staff) joined in with some skipping fun. Activities ranged from jumping without a rope to skipping in a pair. At the end of the day the whole school came together to share their skipping success with friends (including super speed skipper Mr Dent). Everyone had a fantastic time learning new skills and games that they can continue to use in school during break times.

**'Meet the Teacher' - Tuesday 1st October**

After school (3.15pm) on Tuesday 1st October, there will be an opportunity to have an informal discussion with your child's new teacher. Their books will also be available for you to browse.

**Durham Learning Music Service**

If your child is in Year 3, 4 5 or 6 and is interested in playing a musical instrument, please return slips by Thursday 26th September.



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### Attendance

16th September 2019 – 20th September 2019

R	84%
Y1	88%
Y2	94%
Y3	89%
Y4	89%
Y5	98%
Y6	86%

Happy Birthday to....



Well done to Year 5!

**The attendance this week is well below school and national expectation. This is very disappointing for our second full week back at school!!**

There are 190 days in a school year which leaves 175 days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.



### What can I do to ensure my child has good attendance?

- Establish good attendance habits - show your children that it is important.
- Only grant days at home for genuine illness, you will know!
- Arrange for a friend to take your child to school if a sibling is sick..... It's not fair to prevent a child from learning.
- Establish a good bedtime routine, so your child can sleep well, get enough sleep and make mornings less of a struggle!
- Talk to us - we maybe able to help and support you and your child. You are not alone, we can work together and find solutions so that little problems don't become **BIG** ones!

### Key Dates

#### SEPTEMBER

Monday 23rd	All day - Ian MacDonald (author) in school
Wednesday 25th	All day - Ian MacDonald (author) in school
Thursday 26th	All day - whole school 'clean up' day
Friday 27th	9.00 Macmillan Coffee Morning and children performing a song in a different language

#### OCTOBER

Tuesday 1st	1.15pm - 2.30pm Y6 children to attend Staindrop Comprehensive School 3.30pm - 'Meet the Teacher'
Wednesday 16th	am - school photographs
Friday 18th	pm - flu immunisations
Tuesday 22nd	am - Bowes Castle Class visiting Atley Hill Pick Your Own Pumpkin Farm, Northallerton
Friday 25th	pm - break up for Autumn Half Term Holiday