



## PE

Pupils will no longer be coming to school in their PE kits on PE Days. We will be asking all pupils to bring their PE kit bags into school on a Monday morning and the bag will stay in school until Friday home-time, when it should be taken to be washed. Thank you.

## Tuck Shop

This will be run by Year 6 pupils who will bring the tuck shop trolley into the KS2 yard at morning break time. Please send in change (not notes) with your child.  
Fresh fruit 30p  
Box of raisins 30p  
Other fruit based snacks 50p (fruit winders, soren etc)  
Sugar free Jelly pots 50p

## Breakfast Club!

Breakfast club is available for pupils in Reception Class up to Year 6. The club starts at 8am. The club will still be split into two groups, Years 4, 5 & 6 will be in the main hall and Reception, Years 1, 2 & 3 will be in the dining room. There is no charge for the club as it is sponsored by Greggs. The food that will be available will be cereal & milk and toast & butter.

## After school Clubs starting w/c 12 September

Monday - Football training FREE Year 5 & 6 pupils  
Thursday - Multisports £12 for 6 weeks KS1 pupils

## SWIMMING LESSONS THIS YEAR

Autumn Term—Year 4 - 2 alternating groups  
Spring Term—Year 3 - grouping to be advised  
Summer Term—Year 5 then year 6

**Thank you to all parents and pupils for adhering to our uniform and jewellery policies in school. For Health and Safety reasons pupils should not wear earrings or any other jewellery for school.**

- Please note, clear hole holders are allowed in school instead of earrings.
- A basic, time telling watch is permitted. Vtech & smart watches are not permitted in school.
- Nail varnish is not allowed in school.
- School shoes should be black. Trainers are not allowed to be worn in school.
- Please also ensure all items of your child's uniform are **clearly marked with their names** to avoid items getting lost or taken by accident. Thank you

## HEALTH & SAFETY REMINDERS

We all want your children to be safe, and ask for you co-operation on the following:

**DOGS** Please be aware that dogs are **NOT** permitted on school premises.

**SCOOTERS/BIKES** Bikes & scooters are **NOT** permitted to be ridden anywhere in the school grounds, including through the car park.

Please always ensure your child dismounts before all of our school gates

## Dinner Money / Free School Meals

School meals are £2.25 daily / £11.25 per week (for children in years 3-6). **Dinner money can be paid on the ParentPay system or via Paypoint at a local shop.** Paypoint cards can be purchased at a cost of £1.80 or codes are available from the school office. Accounts should be kept in credit for the week ahead, the office will prompt you if your child's account is low and we would appreciate prompt payment. **Two weeks notice** is also required when changing from school meals to packed lunches and visa versa.

**Due to a Government initiative all Reception, Year 1 & 2 pupils will be receiving a free hot meal.** As a school we still need to know if your family would be entitled to claim free school meals if this initiative wasn't in place. Please can parents produce supporting evidence by **Friday 16th September** if you have not already done so. If you do not have any evidence, please call into the school office to speak to staff.

## Starting School

Will your child turn 5 between 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024?

If so, you need to complete an application online to tell us which school you would like your child to attend from September 2023.

Visit [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) where you can access a useful guide to help with your application. We encourage you to apply online wherever possible. Although restrictions have been lifted, staff will sometimes be working from home. If you are unable to apply online, paper application forms are available on request.

You still need to apply even if your child attends the nursery unit attached to the school, or already has a sibling at the school. You will also need to apply for a place in Year 3 in a junior school for an older child.

**Applications open 5 September 2022 and close midnight 15 January 2023.**

For more information please contact

School Places and Admissions Team  
@ [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)  
☎ 03000 265 896

If you would like a copy of this newsletter in a different format, please contact the school office. Thank you

## Home time arrangements

Please can parents let the school office or class teacher know if your child is going to be collected by anyone else other than the regular person at home time. **This applies to all children throughout the school, Nursery to Year 6.** Children can be made aware of who is collecting them, but unfortunately, we cannot allow pupils to go with another parent/person or walk home (older pupils) unless we have had this confirmed by their own parent/carer. **Pupils can only be collected by an adult over 16y/o.**

**Year 5 & 6 pupils can walk home if their parent has sent in a consent letter to their class teacher beforehand.**

## Leave of Absence Forms

Please note that only in exceptional circumstances can requests for a leave of absence be authorised. Thank you to those parents/carers who have followed the correct procedures. Parents now need to complete a leave of absence form stating the dates of the requested period and the exceptional circumstances **why** you are taking your child out of school during term time. After consultation with Governors it has been agreed that the circumstances below are seen as exceptional and authorised leave of absence will be granted for the following only: **Wedding of a parent, Funeral of a close relative, National sporting activity. Any other request which does not fall into one of the above category's will be unauthorised.**