



St John's Chapel Primary School



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Newsletter 11th October

What's happening next week?

		Equipment needed
Monday	Lego club 3:15 - 4:00 Parent Consultation Evening	Dinner money Book bag & homework All welcome
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Parent Consultation Evening	
Thursday	Peripatetic Music Lessons Lunchtime football club Dance City Climate change consultation session with KS2	Instruments Football kit PE kit
Friday	Handball Last Swimming session until April	Swimming kit, including cap

Message from Mrs Hodgkinson

We've had another busy week, with two members of staff taking part in Forest Schools leader training. The children have worked hard as always and have enjoyed taking part in an exciting interactive experience using headsets to support their learning. Groups of children have used these headsets to help their learning of fractions and French greetings.

Miss Woods held the first meeting of the new Eco Schools council and each school will be completing an environmental review over the next couple of weeks.

Climate Change Consultation

Durham County Council councillors declared a 'Climate Emergency' on Wednesday 20th February at a cabinet meeting, highlighting the importance of local action to contribute to carbon emission reduction. On 17th July, Full Council immediately adopted a target of 60% carbon reduction by 2030.

As part of their drive to reduce carbon emissions, DCC have invited 24 schools to contribute their ideas on what should be done locally to tackle climate change. We are very excited that our 3 schools have been asked to take part in this consultation on behalf of the children of County Durham. We would really appreciate your help to

discuss this topic with your child before we meet with Alice Grieve from Oases to talk about ideas to help the environment.

This week's awards

This week's winning team was **Yellow with 175** house points. Well done Yellow team!

Pupils of the Week:

Pippa for listening carefully.

George for super presentation in all his books, especially his "Gold" report.

Phone Diversions

We are now diverting our telephone lines when we are at our partner schools, so that if you are trying to contact us when we're not on site, we can pick up your call.

Harvest Celebration

We are having our Harvest Festival on the 23rd of October at 2.00pm. The children have been getting prepared and are looking forward to sharing songs, poems and some "action" with you.

We are collecting for the local food bank. If you have any tins, dry food, toiletries or home-grown produce please bring them into school. Thank you.

Hello Yellow-World Mental Health Day

The school was filled with yellow on Thursday. The children enjoyed using Now Press Play, an interactive experience with Miss. Woods. Each Key Stage, dealt with a situation and then talked about their feelings and the best way to share how they are feeling.

Drama Club

Some children and parents have asked about when Drama Lama Club will begin

again. It will start after half term and will be held on Wednesday 3:15pm until 4:15 pm.

Toddler Group

Toddler Group will run every Wednesday from 9:30-10:45 during term time and takes place in the school hall. If you know anyone with a baby or toddler who would like to attend, please feel free to invite them.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is running every morning from 07:45. The cost is £2.50 per session. Please contact Miss Foot if you would like your child to attend. If after booking there are any changes, please contact the school office.

Christmas Craft Fair.

Friends of the School will be holding their Christmas Fair on the 9th November at St John's Chapel Town Hall. It is going to be an exciting event with the opportunity to purchase some early Christmas gifts. Any donations for our bumper Christmas Raffle would be greatly appreciated.

Dates for your diary

New dates added this week = red

Mon 14 th & Wed 16 th Oct	Parents' consultation evenings- Please arrange an appointment
Fri 18 th Oct	Handball Festival @ SJC
Tues 22 nd Oct	Flu immunisations
Wed 23 rd Oct 2pm	Harvest Festival
Fri Oct 25 th	Visit to Killhope – Mad Alice Theatre Company
Fri 25 th Oct	School closes for half term
Mon 4 th Nov	School reopens
Sat 9 th Nov	Christmas Craft Fair
Fri 15 th Nov	Children in Need day
Mon 2 nd Dec	Dance festival



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Tues 3 rd Dec	Christmas Panto @ Gala Theatre – Aladdin
Tue 10 th Dec	Christmas performance 2pm
Tues 17 th Dec	Christmas lunch
Thur 19 th Dec	Christmas party
Fri 20 th Dec	School closes for Christmas holidays