



# St John's Chapel Primary School



Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL13 1QH  
T 01388 537332 E [stjohnschapel@durhamlearning.net](mailto:stjohnschapel@durhamlearning.net)  
Acting Head teacher: Mrs Sarah Hodgkinson

## Newsletter 18<sup>th</sup> October

### What's happening next week?

		Equipment needed
<b>Monday</b>	Lego club 3:15 - 4:00	Dinner money Book bag & homework
<b>Tuesday</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	Harvest Festival @ church 2pm	
<b>Thursday</b>	Peripatetic Music Lessons  Lunchtime football club  Dance City	Instruments  Football kit  PE kit
<b>Friday</b>	Visit to Killhope Mad Alice- Rose and Robin	

### Message from Mrs Hodgkinson

It's been another busy week with children working really hard. I've read some super reports about Gold from our older children and the younger children have really been enjoying their topic about traditional stories. We've also had another great session with Dance City and a visit from

Oases to discuss the children's ideas around climate change. Alice from Oases was really impressed with the children's ideas about ways that we can help the environment. The children's feedback will now be shared with Durham County Council in preparation for their Climate Change conference.

We are currently working hard to promote our schools in the Upper Dales communities and showcase the fantastic opportunities that our children have in our small rural schools. We will be updating our website over the next few weeks. Thank you to those of you who have started to follow our Facebook page which we are using to help keep the community informed of events in school. Please follow our Facebook page if you haven't already done so.

### This week's awards

This week's winning team was **Red** team with **113** house points. Well done **Red** team!

**Yellow team** are still in the lead as the overall winners with **508** points but the gap is narrowing ...

### Pupils of the Week:

**Amy**- for super enthusiasm for all her learning.

**Michael James** for remembering to use finger spaces in his writing.

## Harvest Celebration

We are having our Harvest Festival on the **23<sup>rd</sup> of October at 2.00pm** in **St. John the Baptist Church**. **Everyone is welcome**. The children have been getting prepared and are looking forward to sharing songs, poems and some “action” with you. You can collect your children after the service or collect them at the normal time from school.

**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.

## Scholastic Book Club

Last week the children were given the Scholastic Book Club letter. Please return any orders to school with your payment in a named envelope by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of October.

## Drama Club

Drama Lama club will start after half term on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> of November 3:15pm until 4:15 pm.

## Halloween Party

The children and parents of Rookhope Primary School would like to invite you to join them for a Halloween craft afternoon at Rookhope Village Hall on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October. The proceeds from this event will be used to develop the village playground.

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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

Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Flu immunisations
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct 2pm	<b>Harvest Festival at St. John the Baptist Church</b>
Fri Oct 25 <sup>th</sup>	Visit to Killhope – Mad Alice Theatre Company
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School closes for half term
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	School reopens
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Christmas Craft Fair
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need day
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Dance festival
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Christmas Panto @ Gala Theatre – Aladdin
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas performance 2pm
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas lunch
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas party
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School closes for Christmas holidays