



Upper Durham Dales Federation

St John's Chapel & Forest of Teesdale Newsletter

Friday 24th September



Message from Mrs Hodgkinson:

Thank you to everyone who joined us this week to raise money for Macmillan cancer support. The children and staff have worked hard to make our fundraising events a success, and we really appreciate the support from parents and carers. It's been great to see some normality returning to our school routines.

Unfortunately, there does seem to have been a rise in Covid cases in Weardale recently and we have also had a number of pupils absent with colds and stomach bugs. We continue to reinforce the messages of good hand and respiratory hygiene in school. If your child/ren are unwell and show any Covid symptoms, please keep them at home and book a PCR test.

Thank you for your continued support and have a good weekend.

Don't forget to apply for a school place if your child is due to start primary school or move to secondary school in September 2022.

The deadline dates to apply for these school places are:

Secondary school admissions—15th October, 2021

Primary school admissions - 15th January, 2022

Apply online at www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Useful links for our Space themed Topic:

www.grassholmeobservatory.com - a new observatory near Barnard Castle

www.durhamcathedral.co.uk - Museum of the Moon installation



**Wearhead & St John's Chapel
Primary Schools**

From 8am Cost £2-25 per day

**Please book by the previous
Friday**

01388 537332

**Transport available to
Wearhead**



Messages from staff:

Water Bottles

Please don't forget to send a water bottle in for your child each day. They must be filled with water only.

Home School Records

Your child/ren has should have brought home their Home/School Record book. This is to be taken home each day and returned to school the following day. Weekly 'things to remember', homework and regular reading in school and at home can be recorded. **Please aim to hear you child read each night and leave a comment/signature in their reading record.** Key Stage 2 children will take an Accelerated Reader quiz on each book they read. They will record the score they receiver after each quiz they take.

Forest School session: Our next Forest School session will be Monday 27th September. Children should come to school in their outdoor clothing, please.

Dates for your diary:

Date	Event
Monday 4 th October	Key Stage 2 visit to Weardale House
Tuesday 5 th October	EYFS/Key Stage 1 visit to Weardale House
Rookhope Primary - Monday 18 th Oct St. John's Chapel - Wed 20 th Oct Wearhead Primary - Wed 20 th Oct	Harvest event Collection for Weardale foodbank
Thursday 21st October	Planetarium experience at St. John's Chapel Town Hall (further details to follow)
Friday 22 nd October	School closes for half term holiday
Monday 1 st November	Staff INSET day- all schools closed to pupils
Tuesday 2 nd November	Schools reopen for teaching purposes