



## Important Diary Dates

### Reception 2021 Admissions For children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017

You need to complete an application, stating which primary school you would like your child to attend. You still need to apply even if you have an older child attending the same school. Each year we have a number of children who miss out on a place in our Reception because parents have forgotten to apply for a place. The deadline for applications is midnight on Friday, 15 January 2021.

Applications must be made via <http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>.

If you are unable to apply online, please download the form from:

<http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2189/Apply-for-a-primary-place-deadline-15-January>.

Please note, we have been advised by Durham County Council that we cannot send in forms on behalf of parents.

### Applying for a Secondary School place 2021. For children born between 1 September 2009 and 31 August 2010

You need to complete an application, stating which secondary school you would like your child to attend. The application process opened on September 14th and you will have received a letter regarding this. The deadline for secondary school applications is midnight on Saturday 31 October 2020. Once again, it is very important to apply for a secondary school place by the deadline, as a late application greatly reduces your chances of getting a place at your preferred school. Applications must be made via <http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>. If you are unable to apply online, please download the form from the website address above. Please note, we have been advised by Durham County Council that we cannot send in forms on behalf of parents.

## School Photographs

Tempest are in school on Tuesday 6th October to take individual pupil photos. Due to COVID-19, we are unfortunately not able to offer full family photos and sibling photos together. Please could children come to school in full school uniform.

## Flu Vaccine - Thursday November 19th

If your child is in Reception to Year 6, you will have received an email/text via parent mail about the flu vaccine, which will be being carried out in our school on November 19th. If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine, please go to <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/services/childrens-services/immscdurham-darlington-teesside/> and click on the link for flu vaccination consent. You will need the school code which is 114005. Consent must be given at least two days before the vaccines take place. If you do not want your child to have the flu vaccine, you don't need to do anything - vaccines cannot be given to children without parental consent, via the link above. If you have any questions about the flu vaccine, please view the guidance quoted in the original NHS letter.

## Parents' Evenings

Our termly parents' evenings are always held during the first week of the second half term but this year, we will be spreading these evenings out over the first two weeks of the second half term. Obviously we are unable to meet with parents face to face so instead, all appointments will be over the telephone. Times will be sent out and your child's class teacher will ring you to discuss your child's progress. At this point in time you will not be able to see your child's work but we will look to organising something to allow this to happen.

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We are keeping additional dates and events to a minimum this term so have not included any diary dates in the newsletter. We are not organising anything too far ahead due to the current circumstances.

## Harvest Festival

Normally we would celebrate our Harvest Festival with parents in Church with Rev Caroline. This is not possible this year but we will share a video of the separate class bubbles sharing with you a Harvest Festival performance week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> October.

Important Dates for 2020 - 2021

**Key Stage 1 (Yr 2) Statutory Assessment Tests - Week Beginning 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**KS2 (Yr 6) Statutory Assessment Tests - Week Beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**Year 1 & Year 2 Phonics Screening Test - Week Beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Multiplication Tables Check for Year 4 - Week Beginning 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021**