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Dates for diary:



Please see holiday dates on our school website and the Weduc calendar.

Wednesday 30th June- Owls residential at the Hub.

Week Beginning 5th July- Sports Afternoons for children in school. See newsletter for further details

Tuesday 13th June- Reports sent home with the children.

Wednesday 14th July- Y6 Leaver's Assembly in school/ outdoors. Children only unfortunately.

Thursday 15th July- break up for Summer

Thursday 2nd September 2021- children back to school...

Durham Children's Book and Fun Day

Emma Curran our Chair of governors is involved in the following event, first Thursday after we break up and would like to share it with you... get yourself along!

<https://durhammarkets.co.uk/event/childrens-book-day/>

Congratulations to our Stars this week!

Robins: Matthew

Larks: Tommy

Swifts: Phoebe

Owls: Toby



St Mary's Sports Week



The children have all thoroughly enjoyed their sports afternoon this week and their picnic on the field. We have lots of photographs to share with you. I will put these on the website as soon as possible. It was lovely for the children to be able to still enjoy their afternoon, although we all can't wait for you all to be able to join us again!

Message from Mr Dougall:

PE challenge this week is throwing and catching.

Next week is 10: Personal best challenge: Balls in the Bin. Give it a go!!

[Summer Reading Challenge 2021 - YouTube](#)

Elaine from our local library here in Barny has shared a link for me to share with you all. The summer reading challenge is back... I would love to see lots of our children joining in with the fun over the holidays!

Click on the link above.

Happy birthday to Freddie and Kornel who both celebrate their birthday next week. Also, to the children who celebrate during the holiday: Phoebe, Amber Ethan, Japheth, Matthew, Maia, Layla Mae and Martha. Enjoy your day everyone!



Congratulations to Phoebe Grogan! Phoebe is quite a writer and entered a competition with one of her wonderful poems. She only went and won!! Her poem is proudly published in a fishing magazine this week. How fabulous is that! Well done Phoebe.

Year 6 Leavers Meal

A message to all Year 6 parents....

Hi all,

We are trying to organise a get together for our Yr 6 leavers. A provisional booking has been made at Capri in Barney for Friday the 16th July at 5pm.

If you'd like to come please contact **Louise** on **07792569018** and we'll get your name added to the list.

Thanks!



Mrs Sedgewick will be sending out information and booking forms ready for after school clubs in September.

I will also be sending out information for our September return next week. Thank you.



Staffing for September 2021

Classroom organisation and staffing for September 2021 is as follows:

- Wrens and Robins (EYFS) Miss Bartle
- Larks (Year 1 and Year 2) Mr Dougall
- Swifts (Year 3 and Year 4) Miss Callender
- Owls (Years 5 and 6) Mrs Porter
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As you are aware Mr Dougall and his wife are expecting their first child in July- not long now!! Mr Dougall is planning to take the first 2 weeks in September as his paternity leave and so I will be going into the Larks class to cover

Mrs Box

Don't forget parents are welcome to join us for our Friday Candle Time on Teams at 2.30pm.

It is lovely to see some of our parents and governors are logging on to join.

Thank you.



Come On England!

England V Italy
Sunday 8pm



Many people with coronavirus (COVID-19) have mild, or even no symptoms, but can still spread the virus. With regular self-testing we can slow the spread and help protect the most vulnerable in our families and communities.

Order your tests. Free if you've not already done so:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>



It was wonderful to welcome Father Thomas at his Induction Mass on Tuesday evening. Both Mrs Porter and I managed to book in and represent the whole our school community. It was a wonderful service and Father Thomas is very keen to get to know the children and their families. I hope we are able to invite him into school soon for you all to meet him, maybe have a cuppa and a biscuit.

Father Thomas has asked that we continue to pray for him as he begins his ministry here, and assures us all he too is praying for us.



Important Reminder!

Parents, please remember that the side gate at the top of the school field is closed at 9am. Any child arriving later than 9am **MUST** be handed over to a member of staff at the main office. Please do not open the gate yourself once it is closed.

A member of staff is on the drive until 9am so please try to arrive in good time. Thank you for your understanding with this.