



## Newsletter

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2nd October 2020



Guided by God, to be the best that we can be.



### Year 6 Steam Ahead

Year 6 have been learning about our local history and took a trip to Head of Steam this week. They learnt lots about how Darlington was instrumental in the development of the railways and even got to see Locomotion No.1, one of George Stephenson's earliest locomotives and the first steam locomotive to carry passengers. Year 6 were incensed to find out that Locomotion No.1 is due to leave Darlington to go to Shildon and are writing letters of appeal. Please join in with their petition to keep this wonderful locomotive where it belongs by logging in to the Darlington Borough Council website and sign the petition. If you look carefully, there is huge amount of evidence that our town was very different in the past. Ask your child, we're sure you will learn something!



We are delighted to introduce a new way for teachers and parents to communicate directly. If you have already signed up to Parent Pay, your email address has been entered into our Class Dojo system. This is a platform, which allows teachers and parents to communicate securely. You will shortly receive an email asking you to join. The main purpose of this interface is for teachers to communicate with parents in the event of a lockdown/isolation situation with regards to your child's work. However, your child's teacher may send you good news updates from time to time.

The messaging system is only active during school hours and we do ask that it used only to discuss your child's work. If you have an issue regarding any other matter, please continue to phone the school or see the teacher in the playground after school.



### HARVEST APPEAL

May we remind you that, as part of our Harvest Celebrations, we are collecting toiletries, tinned food, pasta, biscuits, cereal and any other long dated food items for the King's Church Food Bank. Many thanks to those who have already donated.

Don't forget a weekly newsletter is posted on our website under 'News'



Year 4 are taking part in a 6 week Mindfulness training programme, led by Mrs Baker. Mindfulness is a method of becoming more aware of the here and now and can help children develop emotional resilience, concentration and relaxation skills that can benefit children both at school and at home. So far they have enjoyed mindful eating, how our bodies are linked to our feelings and emotions, and understanding how to manage and respond to anxiety, stress and anger. The children have also been learning breathing exercises and to meditate.

Please keep an eye on our school website under the Mindfulness section as this will be updated regularly with photos of the children and some ideas and activities to try at home.



It is World Mental Health day on 10.10.20. This year's theme is "Time for Change" which is very apt, given all the changes we have all experienced this year!

We will be celebrating this in school on Friday 9th October and we are once again supporting the "Hello Yellow" campaign to promote positive mental health and wellbeing for all our children and staff. The children will all design a yellow bow tie in school and will be taking part in wellbeing activities in school. The children are welcome to wear something yellow but please do not go out and buy something especially.

# SUPER LEARNER

Week ending: **2nd October 2020**

Rec	Sonny Wilson—for joining in with our number songs.
	Ellis Burton—for working hard in number work.
Year 1	Gracie Broadbent—for wonderful <i>fast word</i> reading.
	Freddie McLaine—for using Tommy Tracker to point to the words in his reading book
Year 2	George Watson— super enthusiasm and thoughtful contributions to our writing lesson.
	Louie Todd—for excellent presentation in all of his written work.
Year 3	Amelia Hadland—for excellent listening skills and taking great care over the presentation of her work.
	Archie Maull—for excellent effort, enthusiasm and perseverance in recent assessments.
Year 4	Elijah Nimmo—for excellent focus in lessons and being a good role model to others.
	Jessica McMullan— always spreading positivity in class and showing determination to complete work to the best of her ability.
Year 5	Jacob Davies—a real improvement in learning behaviour (listening, answering questions and pace of work.
	Annabelle Melton—for being a diligent and conscientious learner of all aspects of the curriculum.
Year 6	Emmie Odling—Excellent contributions to science and completing extra homework about evolution.
	Jayden Stannard—Increased confidence in maths and participating better in lessons.

## ATTENDANCE

Our overall attendance is 96.79 %. Leave of Absence will only be granted in **exceptional** circumstances and definitely not to travel abroad as children can miss even more education if they need to self-isolate when they return. Please consider the effect on your child's education before requesting Leave of Absence - thank you.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Week 5	91%	98%	92%	97%	97%	98%	99%

DATES FOR DIARIES	
Friday 23.10.20	Half term holiday
Monday 2.11.20	Return to school
Friday 18.12.20	Break up for Christmas Celebrations
Tuesday 5.1.21	Return to school
Friday 12.2.21	Half term holiday
Monday 22.2.21	Return to school