

Hesleden Primary School – Newsletter [Nov/Dec 2019]



School website

Welcome back to school!

All of the information provided in whole school letters should also appear on our website which we try to update at least half-termly, visit us at www.hesleden.durham.sch.uk ; Up-to-date news and pictures are shared through our Twitter account, follow us at www.twitter.com/hesledenprimary

School website



Twitter.com

Autumn 2 - term dates for your diary

You will appreciate that we often get very busy in school and try to give as much notice of events as we can. The annual autumn events planned so far are listed below but others will come up and details will follow!

November	Student teachers in Classes 2 and 4
W 6 th -F 8 th	Y5/6 Residential visit to Moor House
Wed 13 th	Y5/6 (last year's C4) visit to Lumiere Press session (evening visit)
Thurs 14 th	Children in Need (<i>watch out for details from the School Council</i>) Y5/6 Girls football (pm)
Fri 15 th	School closed for staff training
Tues 19 th	PP Rights Respecting event – School Council (am)
Wed 20 th	30 th Anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
Thurs 21 st	Parent Consultations (<i>appointments to be sent within the next week</i>)
Mon 25 th	Y5/6 visit to Caterpillar (am)
Wed 27 th	Mini Police visit (to be confirmed)
Thurs 28 th	Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics (pm)
Fri 29 th	Whole school Science day
December	
Tues 3 rd	C2 visit to Durham Castle Village Christmas tree; 4pm
Thurs 5 th	Science ambassadors to Wellfield event (am) Last KS2 homework club
Fri 6 th	Class 1 – Family Friday Christmas Fair; 1.30pm
W 11 th /Th 12 th	Christmas Performances (times to be confirmed)
Mon 16 th	Christmas Service at St Andrew's, Blackhall
Tues 17 th	Christmas Parties
Wed 18 th	Christmas lunch
Thurs 19 th	Adam Bushnell workshops
Fri 20 th	Whole school cinema visit School Closes for Christmas break; 3pm

Christmas is coming... As usual, all of the details will follow shortly, including organisation, tickets and times for each event.

Happy Birthday to you...

Nov: Brody, Lillyanna, Isla, Ethan H, Connor W, Lily M, Kaitlin O, Lucie, Lily S, Nathan, Zachary, Effie, Tyler G

Dec: Tyler C, Amelia C, Ruby G, Ruby A, Betsy, Daisy, Laney

Peer Review – request for help from parents

Next week, our annual Peer Review will take place. Peer Review is a process whereby a team of three local Headteachers visit our school for a day to review aspects of our school which have been decided from an audit carried out by staff.

In previous years, Headteacher teams have reviewed our marking, our delivery of curriculum subjects, and children's well-being, to name but a few.

This year, one of the aspects under review will be our involvement and engagement with parents, governors and the wider community, and the Peer Review team would like to hear your views first hand. If you would be prepared to speak to the team (as part of a group) please let either your child's teacher know, or give us a call [01429 836376] to let us know.

The session will take place next Monday, 11th November, 9am. We'll provide refreshments, and look forward to seeing some of you in school. Thank you, as always, in anticipation of your support.

Other news

Foodbank Article 24; the right to nutritious food - we were able to send a good contribution to the Durham Foodbank following our collection during last half term. Thanks to everyone who donated. We are continuing to collect donations this term, ahead of Christmas, as we have signed up to **Feeding Families** - a North East registered charity which helps local families in food poverty at Christmas. We will tell you more about this as we receive the information.

Halloween The children enjoyed the end of term activities and pumpkin push – even the weather didn't stop the screams and laughter! Thanks to those of you who have already sent your sponsor money to school, and to those who will be sending it in soon. Any contributions will go towards our Christmas activities in school.

Homework club, for C3-5 will begin again this Thursday, 7th November, 3-4pm. The last session will be 5th December.

Remembrance- Poppies and other poppy related items from the Royal British Legion are now on sale in school. Poppies are available for a donation and other items range from 50p to £1.50 – we'll post a picture on Twitter for information.

On Sunday 10th November there will be a Remembrance Service at the war memorial. Please meet at 10.45am at the Methodist chapel, before walking to the memorial for the service where wreaths will be laid, including by the school. All are welcome to attend.

2019-20 School Holidays for the remainder of the year

Holiday	Closing Date	Re-open for Teaching Purposes	
Christmas 2019	Friday 20 December 2019	Monday 6 January 2020	
Spring half-term 2020	Friday 14 February 2020	Monday 24 February 2020	
Easter 2020	Friday 3 April 2020	Monday 20 April 2020	
Summer half-term 2020	Thursday 21 May 2020	Monday 1 June 2020	
Summer 2020	Friday 17 July 2020		
School will be closed for the following staff training days:			
1. Tue 3 Sept 2019	2. Fri 15 Nov 2019	3. Fri 22 May 2020	4. Mon 20 July 2020