



*Dear Parents / Carers,*

*Summer term* - we hope the weather for this final half term will be as wonderful as it was last week – we hope you had some time to relax and enjoy it!

We are still in a period of uncertainty around restrictions being eased and so we have returned to school with the same risk assessments for health & safety in place. It is important that you continue to maintain social distancing and to wear face coverings when speaking with staff at the school gate. Please be considerate of others. Children in school will continue to wash or sanitise hands regularly throughout the day.

*School visits* – The children had a fabulous time over the three days of visits at the end of last half term. The days were fun-filled and packed with activities. Behaviour was great and everyone tried something new!

*After-school clubs* – The clubs will continue to run as follows:

- Class 2 and Class 4 - 3-4pm Tuesdays: 8/15/22 June
- Class 3 and Class 5 - 3-4pm Wednesdays: 9/16/23 June

*The final clubs for all classes will run on Wednesday 30 June due to staff training on the Tuesday.*

*End of term reports / Parent consultations* – Teachers are currently preparing end of year reports to parents. We have not yet had full guidance on what is to be included, however, we expect to provide you with reports similar to previous years. You will appreciate the children's attainment and progress may not be as expected but we hope to be able to tell you about that during parent consultations. Attendance data will, more than likely, not be reported.

Parent Consultations will be by telephone again this term. We hope that these will take place during w/c 5 July but we will send more information closer to the time. Teachers will talk through each child's report, and answer any questions you may have. Reports will be sent home after all phone calls have been made.

*Events this term* - As mentioned in our earlier newsletters, we will not be hosting any big 'audience' events this term. However, although we're not yet sure how these will look, we do plan to hold some events internally, including a 'bubble-based' sports-carousel day and Awards day.

Brass players will take part in the 'Big Play' and the rest of the school will take part in the 'Big Sing' (21 & 22 June). Both of these events will be live in school, but virtually shared across the Durham Music Service and beyond. We'll share what we can via Twitter.

We do hope to be able to invite a small audience to a Class 5 Leavers' assembly. We are provisionally working towards Monday 19 July, 9.15am. We hope that KS2 will be a 'rehearsal audience' earlier in the term so that we have space to manage socially distanced invited guests. We will confirm this as soon as possible, but for C5 families, you might want to 'save the date'.

*Last day of term* – we have planned to have some fun on the final day of the year (Tues 20 July) and have already booked some surprises! We will be closing from 1.30pm on a staggered basis to give staff the opportunity to say goodbye to the children and families for the summer. Timings for pick-ups will be sent nearer the time, however will be by family to make things easier.

## 2021-22 School Holidays

Holiday	Closing Date	Re-open for Teaching Purposes
Summer 2021	Tuesday 20 July 2021	
Autumn 2021		Thursday 2 September 2021
Autumn half-term 2021	Friday 22 October 2021	Monday 1 November 2021
<b>Christmas 2021</b>	<b>Friday 17 December 2021</b>	Wednesday 5 January 2022
Spring half-term 2022	Friday 18 February 2022	Monday 28 February 2022
<b>Easter 2022</b>	<b>Friday 8 April 2022</b>	Monday 25 April 2022
Summer half-term 2022	Thursday 26 May 2022	Monday 6 June 2022
Summer 2022	<b>Thursday 21 July 2022</b>	

**School will be closed for the following staff training days:**

1. Wed 1 Sept 2021    2. Fri 26 Nov 2021    3. Tue 4 Jan 2022    4. Mon 21 Mar 2022    5. Fri 27 May 2022

As ever, we thank you for your ongoing support and hope that we have a final, successful half-term. We will keep you updated with events and activities as the term progresses. In the meantime, if you have any queries please contact us on 01429 836376 or [hesleden@durhamlearning.net](mailto:hesleden@durhamlearning.net).

Mrs Dunn

### Parent Governor Vacancy – 1 post

Parent governors play an important role as members of the governing body. This involves several main responsibilities:

- plan the school's future direction
- be accountable for the overall performance of the school
- ensure that the school makes appropriate provision for all its pupils
- ensure that the school actively promotes the pupils' spiritual, moral and cultural development
- have strategic oversight of the school's budget and staffing
- ensure financial probity

The term of office for parent governors as determined by the governing body is 4 years. The school has high expectations of the time and commitment required from its governors in order to effectively fulfil their roles.

If you are interested in becoming a Governor and would like to know more, please contact the school to speak to Mrs Dunn.

Successful appointees will be required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosing and Barring Service check prior to final appointment.

Our letters and information sent home are uploaded to our website at least half-termly, visit us at: [www.hesleden.durham.sch.uk](http://www.hesleden.durham.sch.uk);

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