



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now over half-way through this very long half-term and we wanted to share some further information about events for the end of this half-term. Diary dates still to come include:

Mon 9 Oct	Fr Kyle working with C2 & C4
Th 12 Oct	Y5/6 Netball tournament
<b>Fri 13 Oct; 9-9.30am (this week)</b>	<b>Family Friday for Classes 1 &amp; 3</b>
Th 19 Oct	Sports Partnership Colour run – all children (see below)
<b>Fri 20 Oct; 9-9.30am</b>	<b>Family Friday for Classes 2 &amp; 4</b>
Fri 27 Oct (new to the diary)	Halloween Activities (see over)

Dates already shared for your diaries for next half-term include:

Parent consultations (in school)	Wed 22 November; afternoon
Staff training day (school closed)	Mon 27 November

Dates for our Christmas events will be shared in our November newsletter.

### Colour run – Thursday 19 October

The run will be organised by Key Stage (C1 & C2 / C3 & C4) and you are invited to come and watch. Easington Sports Partnership will be organising/running the event for us but are happy for parents to watch from the side-lines.

- **C1 & C2 – 2pm / C3 & C4 – 2.20pm**

You are invited to watch the whole event, or just your child(ren)’s class. Any children not staying for an after-school club will be able to leave with parents after the event or be collected at 3pm as normal. Please follow instructions from school staff so that we can keep all children safely supervised.

### Clothing

- The run will take place on a PE day so sports kit will need to be worn, however, **children should wear inexpensive clothes and trainers**. The powder should wash out, but children are encouraged NOT to wear new or expensive clothing.
- There will be a range of powder colours, and 3 different colours will be used for our school event. A white or black t-shirt are ideal for showing the powder.
- *Please note: Class 4 will still be swimming on the morning, but should still wear clothing appropriate for the event.*

### On the day

- A course will be set-up for children to run around.
- SSP staff will give a briefing to all participants.
- A pre-run photo will be taken before children are put in position to start the run.
- Children run around the designated area for a given amount of time.
- There will be three colour stations around the course and powder will be thrown at children as they run past the station. Powder is not thrown at anyone’s face intentionally, but it can accidentally blow into eyes. The powder is not harmful but there is a small chance of it causing eye irritation.
- **Any child not wanting powder thrown at them can either wear a coloured bib or can run past a station with their hands in the air** (there is no guarantee that powder won’t hit them accidentally, although every effort will be made to avoid them).
- At the end of the run children will come together for a post-run photo. Each child will be given a handful of powder, and this is thrown in the air to create a colour ‘bomb’.
- As one group leaves, another should be ready to start.
- If the weather is too bad for the event, it will be rearranged.

## Halloween – Friday 27 October (last day of term)

- Children are invited to come to school for the day in Halloween costumes / fancy dress / non-uniform – children will still need to wear sensible shoes to play outside, and will need a coat depending on the weather. Jewellery is not allowed.
- During the morning/afternoon, activities will take place in classes or Houses.
- The school council have asked for a Halloween party / disco so we will be holding this on the afternoon
  - Classes 1 & 2 will have their turn in the hall from 2-2.45pm, and will leave school as usual at 3pm.
  - Classes 3 & 4 will have their turn from 3-4pm (when it is a bit darker!). We will be asking for your consent for them to stay in a separate note home.

## Other updates

- We have reviewed our Behaviour Policy and you will receive a copy of this, by email, for consultation. Any comments should be sent to us by email ([hesleden@durhamlearning.net](mailto:hesleden@durhamlearning.net)) by the end of the half-term break. Any comments will be considered, but we intend to fully implement this on our return in November.
- We will also be sending a couple of information leaflets home this week:
  - ‘Supporting Behaviour & Learning’ – this has been shared with children during assemblies – please ask them to tell you about the strategies we use in school
  - Loose parts play – please see what one of our lunchtime play zones looks like, and see if you can help out with additional resources and ‘parts’

## As a reminder, this year’s holiday dates (and staff training days) are:

Holiday	Closing Date	Re-open for Teaching Purposes
Autumn half-term 2023	Friday 27 October 2023	Monday 6 November 2023
Christmas 2023	Tuesday 19 December 2023	Thursday 4 January 2024
Spring half-term 2024	Friday 16 February 2024	Monday 26 February 2024
Easter 2024	Thursday 28 March 2024	Monday 15 April 2024
May Day 2024	Friday 3 May 2024	Tuesday 7 May 2024
Summer half-term 2024	Thursday 23 May 2024	Monday 3 June 2024
Summer 2024	Tuesday 23 July 2024	

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

<del>Mon 4 Sept 2023</del>	<del>Fri 6 Oct 2023</del>	<b>Mon 27 Nov 2023</b>	<b>Wed 3 Jan 2024</b>	<b>Fri 24 May 2024</b>
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