



End of Term – December 2024



Parent Support

Thank you to everyone who has been in to school to support our various activities this term. Family Fridays and Parent Consultations are the best way to find out how your child is getting on at school, and Christmas events are a treat for everyone in primary schools.

Thank you to the parents who have nominated themselves for the role of Parent Governor. We will work with Durham's Governance Services to progress this in the new year and fill the positions ready for our first Governors' meeting in February.

Events & Fundraising

Another huge thank you to everyone who has supported us throughout this autumn term, and especially at our Christmas events over the last few weeks. We appreciate the time you take out of your busy days to support the children, the school and the fundraising we do. Here's a brief summary of some of the things we've done this term:



- Strictly event [£821]
- Children in Need [£71]
- Christmas stalls & raffle [£1067]
- *Our **Friday coffee morning group** has raised £41 and is always looking for new members to help eat the waffles!*

Staff & Changes in 2024

This year we have said some goodbyes, and some welcomes...

In the summer we said goodbye to Mr Smith, Mrs Britcliffe and Mrs Allen. We say goodbye to Mr Sedgewick this term.

We have welcomed Mrs Garside and Mrs Carr from Hazel Dene to the Hesleden team; Miss Turnbull works in Early Years, and Miss Fox has joined us to teach in Class 4.

While staff absences, including my own, have affected the school this term, huge thanks go to both the substantive and supply staff who have worked hard to keep teaching and learning going, and have ensured children have enjoyed extra-curricular and Christmas activities.

Mrs Johnson took on responsibility for the school and, supported by external colleagues, has managed the difficult task very well, and this is much appreciated by all involved with the school. Hopefully we will return to normal within the first few weeks in January.

Throughout this term, changes have been across the school – including playtime and lunchtime routines, teaching timetables and support to children. You will also have noticed changes to some of our Christmas events. In the new year we will continue to make changes which will ensure a stable, secure and successful future for the school. Some changes will take place internally, others you will be informed about or consulted on where necessary.

School reopens in the new year on Monday 6th January.

Merry
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
New Year

From Mrs Dunn, Mrs Johnson,
Staff and Governors