

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all! Welcome back to the start of the Spring Term. We are looking forward to working with you and your children this term.

Road Safety

Thursday 8th and 15th January Year 3 will be undertaking their Pedestrian Training with the Local Authority Road Safety Team. This is part of our curriculum in making sure that children know how to keep themselves safe. The children will participate in activities that will reinforce key safety messages.

Bikeability

Today's training for Y3/Y4 was cancelled. The team came into school and carried out a risk assessment at 10a.m. The decision to cancel was made because of the high winds and the cold. We took into consideration the fact that a lot of parents had expressed concerns that their child wasn't confident about bike riding and we did not want this to be a negative experience for the children. The aim is for them to enjoy cycling and to know how to keep themselves safe. The session will be re-scheduled. We will inform you of the date.

The Year 5 Bikeability programme begins on Wednesday 14th January and lasts for 4 weeks. Please ensure that permission forms have been returned to school and your child's bicycle is safe/roadworthy. Children will also require a helmet and wear warm clothing e.g. waterproof coat, tracksuit bottoms, gloves etc. Please note that instructors will undertake risk assessments to ensure that it is safe to begin each session.

After School Clubs

All clubs start from Monday 12th January. There are still places available.

Reminder to Year 3 Swimming starts on Monday 12th January.

Discount for school holiday bookings

Save 10% off your next family holiday (during school holidays) in association with Durham County Council and Hays Travel— further information available in school or from the Durham County Council website.

Thank you for your continued support

Wendy Gill and Staff



Traffic/Parking News



It will come as no surprise that parking continues to be an issue! We've only been back a week and already I have received several complaints. The school bus (Garnetts) is finding it increasingly difficult to turn right at the junction due to cars parked along Halimond Road and near the Riding School. Cars are having to mount the kerbs to keep the traffic moving! This is dangerous! Cars are also blocking driveways: local residents are not happy as they cannot access their property. Please can all parents adopt safe parking practices and be respectful to others. The safety of our children is paramount!

School Dinner Menus

Taylor Shaw have introduced a new menu this term - The menus are on a three week basis and copies are available from the school office or via our website.

Telephone System and Office Hours

As you are aware we have had a new telephone system installed in school enabling you to either leave messages regarding your child's absence or speak to a member of staff. Please note that telephones are answered during office hours

(from 8.30 a.m.—4.30 p.m.)

Star of the Week Award

9th January 2015

Class Nominations

Reception	Danae H
Class 1	Oliver B
Class 2	George R
Class 3	Evi D
Class 4	Kelsi H
Class 5	Luke P
Class 6	Jacob H

Superstar of the Week!

*** Kelsi H ***

Well Done!