



Forest of Teesdale Primary School

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What's happening next week?

		Equipment needed
Monday Taxis to arrive at school for 8:30 am	Story Writing Workshop @ Ushaw College	Packed lunch Water bottle Small rucksack to carry own possessions Insect repellent
Tuesday		Dinner money Book bag & homework
Wednesday		
Thursday Joint day @ SJC	Lunchtime football club PE Dance City club for KS2 pupils @ Wearhead	Football kit PE kit
Friday Joint day @ SJC	swimming	Swimming kit

Message from Mrs Hodgkinson

It's been another really busy and exciting week for us all! The children have all worked really hard and are adapting really well to changes in routine this year. Kyle has returned to St John's Chapel for further lunchtime football coaching sessions and it was great to see some of the Forest children participating. Mrs Unwin has delivered a taster woodwind session to our older pupils. We have also elected our new School Council members and House Captains.

On a different note, please can I remind parents that if you have any concerns about your child's welfare or education, the first point of contact should be your child's teacher or myself. If you wish to see me and I'm not in school, please let a member of staff know so that we can arrange a suitable time.



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Story Writing Workshop

On Monday 16th September, the children will be taking part in a story writing workshop at Ushaw College. Over the course of the day, the children will be taking part in activities to plan for some fiction and non-fiction writing. As we will be outside for the majority of the day the children need to come suitably dressed in:

- school polo shirt,
- school jumper,
- tracksuit bottoms,
- walking shoes/boots or wellies,
- waterproof coat

Please send insect repellent with your child.

Children need to be at school for 8:30am so they may be collected a few minutes early by the taxis.

Please can you ensure that your child has a packed lunch and a named water bottle with them.

Dance City is coming to us!

From Thursday 19th September, for six weeks, we have a special guest teacher coming to us from Newcastle each Thursday to work with our pupils.

This experience has very kindly been arranged by Wearhead Primary School, who will be joining us for the sessions. Our Y2

pupil will take part in a session during the afternoon with the younger children from Wearhead, Rookhope and St John's Chapel.

An after-school club will run for KS2 pupils at Wearhead Primary (3.15 to 4.15). The aim is to explore lots of dance styles and gain some great experience as well as having lots of fun.

For the after-school club your child will need to sign up for the six sessions. (This is a commitment for each Thursday until half term.)

Please let us know if your child would like to take part. We hope to be able to provide transport to Wearhead but you will need to arrange to collect your child at 4:15pm from Wearhead.

Homework

In order to ensure that all our children make the best possible progress in school, your child will bring home a couple of tasks each week. Every child has a home/school diary and reading record book, which staff update with pupils on a regular basis. We would encourage you to add your comments as well, as this helps us to plan appropriately for all children.

Most weeks, your child will be expected to complete a Maths and an English task. We would also encourage children to read at least 3 times per week with an adult.



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Sometimes we may also send home activities linked to our current topic work and the *Picture News at Home* sheets. These sheets link to our Picture News assemblies and offer opportunities for you to discuss current events with your child.

Alchemy Island

Our current topic is *Alchemy Island*. Please find attached further information about what we are studying this half term.

Dates for your diary

New dates added this week = red

Mon 16 th Sept	Storytelling workshops @ Ushaw College, Durham
Tues 24 th Sept	Handball festival @ SJC
Wed 25 th Sept	Macmillan Coffee afternoon
Mon 7th Oct	School photos
Thurs 10 th Oct	World Mental Health Day – wear something yellow
Tues 22 nd Oct	Flu immunisations
Fri 25 th Oct	School closes for half term
Mon 4 th Nov	School reopens
Fri 15 th Nov	Children in Need day
Mon 2 nd Dec	Dance festival
Thurs 12 th Dec	Christmas performance @ Forest
Wed 18 th Dec	Christmas lunch @ Forest
Thurs 19 th Dec	Christmas party
Fri 20 th Dec	School closes for Christmas holidays