



Hi everyone,

What a month September proved to be in school and already October has been very busy!

We are grateful to everyone who supported our beautiful EYFS/KS1 and KS2 Harvest Festivals at St Mary's church last week.

The children showed excellent preparation with their individual class contributions to each service – singing in English & French, also delivering some thought provoking poems and stories.

We also give thanks to Rev Alison Richardson (Vicar of St Mary's) for her thought provoking story using the letters from the word 'Harvest' to encourage us to share more with others.

Your generosity in bringing food of many different types to support 'Durham Food Bank' was fantastic. These donations will help many families in need.

As you will see in the newsletter we anticipate some key events during the remainder of this term. To avoid disappointment please could I recommend you book places or buy tickets early for the various events and activities.

I look forward to meeting up with everyone at these events and as always if you would like to have a chat about a school matter or share a concern then please pop into the office and I'd be happy to arrange a suitable time for a meeting.

Kind regards
Stephen Jones
Head teacher

Cross Country Success

Well done to the Cross Country team for their excellent start to the new season.

They have reached a high standard with excellent individual and team performances in recent fixtures. This has resulted in qualification for the County Final in the New Year. An excellent result for your hard work.

Parent's /Carer's Night – October 16th & 18th

Class teachers

- Class 1: Reception – Miss Tibbott
- Class 2: Reception – Miss Britton
- Class 3: Year 1 – Mrs Elliott
- Class 4: Year 1 / 2 – Miss Haddick
- Class 5: Year 2 – Mrs Richardson & Mrs Jefferson
- Class 6: Year 3 – Mrs O'Sullivan & Mrs Skaife
- Class 7: Year 3 – Mr Ord
- Class 8: Year 4 – Mr Hopson
- Class 9: Year 4/5 – Mrs Smith
- Class 10: Year 5/6 – Mr Patterson
- Class 11: Year 6 – Mrs Caygill

School Attendance

Our school attendance for September is as follows:

Class 1:	98.64%
Class 2:	95.12%
Class 3:	98.71%
Class 4:	97.50%
Class 5:	99.62%
Class 6:	94.12%
Class 7:	92.95%
Class 8:	96.68%
Class 9:	98.12%
Class 10:	98.93%
Class 11:	98.29%

Well done to class 5 for their excellent attendance. Thank you for supporting our pupils in developing excellent attendance and recognising that – 'every day is a learning day.'

Reminder – holidays during time can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Unauthorised absences may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice from the Local Authority.

Football teams



Another set of sporting teams have also begun their new season well.

Once again we have Coxhoe A and Coxhoe B teams playing in the Sedgefield Sports Partnership league. Results so far have been excellent with 5 wins and 3 draws from 9 games played. Well done.

On Thursday 19th October our two teams are playing against each other in the league, good luck to all!

Interested in becoming a teacher?

Teaching is one of the most rewarding careers and always scores highly as a choice for both recent graduates and older graduates seeking a change of career.

As you are aware we are a Lead school for the Schools Direct route for attaining a PGCE with Sunderland University as our accredited provider.

We will shortly be offering places through UCAS for places in 2018-19, as Durham Schools Together. Currently, we have 3 students in training within our cluster of 5 schools, but we have an opportunity to offer 8 places in 2018-19!

If you are a recent graduate or a graduate contemplating a career change then pop into school for a chat, search for information about Durham Schools Together within UCAS, or check for further information about what we offer on our website. Further information about teaching can also be found on the 'Get into Teaching' DfE website at: <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk> or you can also find information about routes into teaching on the Teaching Training UCAS website.

Halloween Disco – 30th October

Tickets are on sale and must be purchased in advance to allow food to be ordered. Tickets cost £2 and include a sandwich/hotdog and a drink. There are also lots of fun activities that cost 50p each as well as a tuckshop. Prizes are also on offer for the best fancy dress costumes. It's SPOOKTACULR!

****Get Collecting Wish Tokens ****

We have been accepted to share a prize of £25,000 as part of the Gazette Wish. This money would go towards our revamp of the Early Years playground.

All we need to do is collect 'Wish' tokens from The Chronicle Newspaper – the more tokens we collect then the larger share we can be offered. Tokens should be brought to school and every class will have a chart to keep a total. Ask friends and family to help and 'Get Collecting Wishes'.

Easy Fundraising request to support our school!

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could collect a free donation for The Friends of Coxhoe Primary School, and help us to raise some funds towards the renovation of our Key Stage I Play Area?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, eBay, John Lewis, Booking.com and Sainsbury's – and it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's really simple, all you have to do is:

- 1. Join** - Head to [<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsocps/>] and sign up for free.
- 2. Shop** - Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping.
- 3. Raise** - After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to us for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Coxhoe Primary School will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.

Friends of Coxhoe Primary School (PTA)

Please remember we break up on Friday 20th October for the half term break and return to school on Monday 30th October for the 2nd half of the Autumn term.

On Monday 18th September, author and storyteller Tony Wilson visited our school to work with the children. All classes thoroughly enjoyed hearing his songs and stories around our class topics.

Christmas Shopping...



School Calendars – Coming Soon!

Calendars for 2018 will feature a photograph of all children who have their birthdays in each given month. These will be available to purchase at a cost of £5. Order forms will be coming soon.

Christmas Cards – back by popular demand. Children will be working in class on their unique design. The artwork is then sent off to Christmas Cards for Schools who produce a sample card for each and every child free of charge. A range of goods can then be ordered – showcasing your child's individual design – Christmas cards, coasters, mugs.... Order forms will accompany the sample card.

Xmas Shopping Night Nov 2nd 6- 9pm

Come along and view a wide range of stalls and pick up some Christmas Pressies. Enjoy coffee and a cake whilst listening to your favourite Christmas songs.

Book fair - November - Scholastic Books will have a display of books covering all ages. The book fair will be open after school and a percentage of all sales will go towards purchasing new books for school.

Xmas raffle – tickets will be on sale late November/December. Don't miss out on a chance of winning a cash prize! Drawn on 14th December – last Nativity performance.

Panto - we are excited to announce that the PTA have booked to take us all to see Aladdin at East Durham College in January.

Mini Police – we are extremely proud of our Mini Police who attended the welcome event for students and their families arriving at Durham University last week. Despite damp and miserable weather, our members of the Mini Police gave out key information and more importantly, a really cheery welcome to them all.

They will also be working hard next week – preparing for and presenting an assembly with an extremely important message. They will remind all of the children in school of the importance of Fireworks safety in preparations for November 5th!

Online Safety

Children in Year 5 have been offered the opportunity to apply to become an 'E-CADET'. They must write a letter of application and will be selected by Mrs Bartle and their class teachers.

Successful E-Cadets will then work alongside Mrs Bartle throughout the year to support the work we do in teaching children how to stay safe online. They will meet regularly and help staff to identify any worries or current online safety issues. They will also help to deliver important online safety messages in a variety of ways.

Look out for important messages from our E-Cadets in future newsletters and on the app!

Coming Soon...

- Parent's/Carer's Evenings Monday 16th & Wednesday 18th October
- Open Evening for new starters Thursday 19th October
- Halloween Disco Monday 30th October
- School Nurse drop in November 2nd 2.30 pm No appointments necessary.
- Restaurant Project – Year 6 Thursday 23rd November
- Village hall Carol Concert Monday 4th December
- Christingle
- Reception Nativity (Class 1 & 2) Tuesday 12th December 2.00pm
- Key Stage 1 Nativity (Classes 3, 4 & 5) Thursday 14th December 2.15pm & 5.30pm
- Christmas parties (pm)
Reception- Monday 18th December
Y1&Y2- Tuesday 19th December
Y3&Y4- Wednesday 20th December
Y5&Y6- Thursday 21st December