



Tuesday 13th November 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am very excited to share with you the arrangements for our first Golden Time Afternoon. You'll remember that the School Council voted to move to occasional full afternoons rather than 20-30 minutes each week which we have run over the last few years. This new arrangement has given us an opportunity to pursue new and exciting opportunities (listed below) for the children we can spread out over the year. The staff and I believe that pupils grow in confidence and have more to write about when they are given new experiences.

Please note that pupils in Class 1 will continue to take part in activities as a group with Miss. Rooke.

ACTIVITIES	DETAILS
Orienteering and Low Ropes Challenge at Gibside Estate (8 pupils from the Juniors)	Pupils will be driven in staff cars. They will leave school at around 11:30am and return between 3:30-3:45pm . They will require a packed lunch. <u>Pupils will require warm, outdoor clothing, a coat and solid trainers or walking shoes.</u>
Climbing at Durham Climbing Centre (20 pupils from the Juniors)	Pupils will have an early lunch in school and leave by coach at around 12pm. After an hour of climbing, the children will take part in other sports activities back in school. Normal 3:15pm pickup. <u>Pupils will require trainers.</u>
Sports activities with Simon Carson Sports School Session 1 (1 hour) - 20 pupils from the Juniors Session 2 (1 hour) - 17 pupils from Class 2	Pupils will have a normal lunch in school and begin their activities from 1pm. 2 groups will alternate between the Sports and Arts/Crafts. <u>Pupils will require trainers.</u>
Arts and Crafts Session 1 (1 hour) - 17 pupils from Class 2 Session 2 (1 hour) - 20 pupils from the Juniors	

We are offering all activities for free. However, we would welcome contributions of £2 from everyone who is able to help us cover the costs. We are already planning future activities including a technology visit, a football tournament, skiing. The School Council would also love to hear of any other suggestions.

If you have any questions, or require further information, please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mr. E.P. Jackson
Head Teacher