



## School Contact Information

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## Newsletter: 13th September 2019

*Achieving More Together as God's Children*

### Head Teacher's News

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to you all and know this will be another successful year for us all.

Do you have a child who will be 5 on or between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021? If so, you need to complete an application for a school place so that your child can start school in September. You can apply online at [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) or by contacting the School Admissions Team on 03000 265896 who will send you an application form.

Please note the deadline for applications is 15th January 2020 and you be notified by 16th April 2020.

### Important information on Leave of Absence during school term time

Government Regulations state that Head Teachers are **not allowed** to grant any leave of absence during school term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you are considering a holiday in term time and feel the circumstances are exceptional, please speak to me before you book the holiday so I can explain the procedure. Holiday request forms are available from the School Office.

### Mrs Bellas

Some of you may already be aware that Mrs Bellas retired at the end of last term after 49 years of dedicated service in 3 school buildings! Well known to so many of our families, she will be missed and we wish her well in her retirement.

### Changes to your personal details

If you have recently moved home, changed your mobile number or if any family circumstances have changed, you can now update your details on your ParentMail App. Otherwise call into the School Office so we can update our records.

We regularly send school messages via ParentMail, if you are experiencing any problems and are not receiving messages, please speak to the school office.

### Star of the Week - 13th September 2019

- Reception - Whole Class
- Year 1 - Whole Class
- Year 2 - Kai
- Year 3 - Imogen W
- Year 4 - Maisie
- Year 5 - Kiara
- Year 6 - Isabelle



### School Term Dates 2019/2020

- Mon 28th Oct to Fri 1st Nov 1 week
- Mon 23rd Dec to Fri 3rd Jan 2 weeks
- Mon 17th Feb to Fri 21st Feb 1 week
- Mon 6th April to Fri 17th April 2 weeks
- Mon 4th May 1 day
- Mon 25th May to Mon 1st June 1 week + 1 day
- School closes on Friday 17th July 2020 for Summer holidays

### Diary Dates:

- Mon 30th Sept - Yr 5 residential to Robinwood
- Thur 10th Oct - Yr 1 visit to Hardwick Park
- Thurs 17th Oct - School Photo Day
- Thurs 24th Oct - 9.30 am Eucharist at Church

### School closes on Friday 25th October Reopens Monday 4th November

- Wed 6th Nov - Flu Immunisations for Reception to Yr 6

### School closes on Friday 20th December 2019 Reopens Monday 6th January 2020