



## School Contact Information

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## Newsletter: 15th September 2017

*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 2018 and 31st August 2019? 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 2018.

### 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.

### Year 4 Swimming

Year 4 made a great start to their swimming lessons on Wednesday. Everyone tried their best and their attitude and behaviour was excellent! Well done!

### Year 6 visit to Durham University

A great start to Year 6. All of our children have settled in extremely well. We are already looking forward to our first visit of the year. We are going up to the Oriental Museum next week to learn all about Japan and Japanese culture as well as experience a Samuri demonstration.

### Rev. David's After School Club

This club is always very popular with our children. If your child had expressed an interest and is not in this term's group which finishes at Christmas, then they will begin their session in January. Letters for this new group will be sent in December to keep you informed.

### Changes to your personal details

If you have recently moved home, changed your mobile number or if any family circumstances have changed, could you please contact the School Office so we can update our records. **Thank you.**

### Diary Dates:

- Mon 18th Sept - Yr 6 London Trip Meeting
- Thur 21st Sept - Yr 6 visit to Durham Uni
- Mon 25th Sept - Yr 4 Residential to Blencathra
- Wed 27th Sept - Yr 4 return from Blencathra
- Wed 27th Sept - Rev David's After School Club
- Mon 2nd Oct - Yr 5 Residential to Robinwood
- Tues 3rd Oct - Yr 1 visit to Hardwick Park
- Wed 4th Oct - Yr 5 return from Robinwood
- Tues 10th Oct - SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY DAY
- Wed 11th Oct - Rev David's After School Club
- Fri 13th Oct - Yr 5 visit to Durham Cathedral

**School closes on Friday 20th October  
Reopens Tuesday 31st October**

### Star of the Week - 15th September 2017

- Reception - Heidi
- Year 1 - Ryan
- Year 2 - Alex
- Year 3 - Lexie
- Year 4 - Marc
- Year 5 - Jeff
- Year 6 - Jaedan

