

## Weekly Newsletter

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### School Website

[www.dunstonhillprimary.org.uk](http://www.dunstonhillprimary.org.uk)



### Beehive Club

The Beehive Club which provides quality affordable childcare provision before and after school is now situated in the Lifelong Learning Centre in front of the main gates on Market Lane. The Breakfast Club operates from 8.00-9.00am and the After School Club from 3.15-6.00pm. If you require further information, please call in to the Club or telephone either 07986673950 or 07979734312.



### School Photographer



The school photographer will be visiting on Tuesday 11 October and we have arranged once again for individual and family photographs to be taken. Due to the limited time available on the day, family photographs will only be of children who are currently in attendance at Dunston Hill. Further details will be sent home next week.

### Parking

A reminder that cars should not for obvious health and safety reasons be driven on to the site and parked in the staff / visitors' car park outside school to either drop children off in the morning or to pick them up at the end of the day. These are particularly busy times with a lot of pedestrian movement and the car park was never planned to be a dropping off or turning point.



### Special Awards

Our weekly year group, class and attendance awards will recommence next week.



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### Well Done Everyone!

Welcome to the first newsletter of this academic year. We hope as always that our weekly correspondence will keep you informed of important school achievements, events and developments.



We are delighted with the way the children have settled back into school life and adjusted to their new year groups. Our nursery children and two reception classes have made a super start and have impressed us all with their enthusiasm, independence and maturity.

If anyone has any old birthday cards please send them in to Miss Baud or Mrs Walton. Thank



### Term and Holiday Dates 2011/2012

Autumn Term 2011:	Tues 6 Sep – Fri 16 Dec
	Half term: 24 – 28 Oct
Spring Term 2012:	Tue 3 Jan – Fri 30 Mar
	Half term: 13 – 17 Feb
Summer Term 2012:	Mon 16 Apr – Thurs 19 Jul
	Half term: 4 – 8 Jun

School will also be closed on Monday 2 January 2012 and Monday 7 May 2012 (Bank Holidays). An occasional day has also still to be arranged for the last half of the summer term.



A list of this term's events will be included in curriculum overviews and future newsletters.

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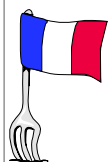
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## New Appointments

We have a number of new teaching staff who joined the school team this week ... Miss Wilson (Nursery), Miss Longstaff (year 1), Mrs Armstrong (year 3), Miss Ditchburn (year 4), Miss Rooney (year 5) and Mrs Sergison Boyes (year 5). We also have two new teaching assistants ... Mrs Gaulton (year 2) and Mrs Graham (year 4). We are sure that they will all quickly adapt to their new respective roles and will enjoy working as part of our school community.

Mrs Harm will provide additional teaching assistant support in year 1 every afternoon.

## Curriculum Enrichment



Our curriculum enrichment programme continues this term and children in years 3 to 6 will have the opportunity from next week to participate in a range of disciplines including: gymnastics, multi-sports and French. These activities are led by qualified coaches and teachers whom we employ to provide specialist tuition.

The children in year 3 will also learn to play the recorder this year and will have weekly lessons.

New Curriculum Overviews will be sent home the week after next for each respective year group to share the planned provision we will be offering the children this term.

## Year 2 Educational Visit

Classes 2AW and 2M are going out next Wednesday on their first educational visit of the new school year to Hartlepool Marina to support their topic and learning this term on 'Pirates'. The children will be visiting the Maritime Museum and also involved in a range of hands on interactive activities which we are sure they will enjoy and find interesting.



## Music Lessons



Peripatetic music lessons will begin once again next week for those children who took part last year and for those new starters who expressed an interest last term. Keyboard lessons with Mr Goodenough are on Monday afternoons and guitar with Mr McDermid will continue on Friday afternoons. The cost of the lessons are £3.00 each.

## Sport

**Swimming:** A reminder that our two year 6 classes will be attending swimming and keep-fit lessons on Wednesday afternoons at Dunston Leisure Centre.



**Football:** Trials for this year's football team have been arranged for the next two Thursdays after school. Thereafter, a squad of players will be selected to represent Dunston Hill in the first set of 7-a-side league fixtures against other neighbouring schools.

**Netball:** Mrs Cox and Miss Baud will be organising netball practice for year 6 children after school in the coming weeks.

**Gymnastics:** Our gymnastics club starts up again next week after school on Mondays. There are spaces for any interested boys from year 2 upwards. Any parent who would like their son to attend should see our coach, Julie Brydon, on Monday at the end of school in the hall.



**Karate:** Our karate club operates on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 5-6.30pm in the hall and is open to any of our children. If you are interested in joining do go along to see the instructor, Brian Taylor-Allen.

## Dinner Money / Packed Lunches



It is very important that dinner money is paid on time to ensure that we are able to balance our weekly accounts. The cost of a dinner is still £1.90 a day or £9.50 for the week. Each week the menu will be displayed in the window of each classroom and also on our website. Next week the menu is **Week 2**.

As part of our Healthy School programme, we ask that children do not bring chocolate or fizzy drinks in their packed lunches. Fresh fruit is on offer to all of our children during the morning breaktimes ... our younger children in the foundation stage and key stage 1 receive theirs as part of our involvement in the 'National School Fruit Scheme' and our older children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are able to buy apples, bananas etc for 15p from our daily tuck shop.

**Please remember to label all items of school uniform to ensure that the children don't get mixed up when getting changed for PE or when collecting coats etc from the cloakroom.**