



# Chester le Street CE Primary School Newsletter

## Issue 2

Friday 11th September 2020

*Our Core Christian Values: Thankfulness ~ Friendship ~ Compassion ~ Service ~ Endurance ~ Wisdom*

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What to do if your child presents with COVID symptoms

We have received further advice from Public Health England which we have been asked to share with all parents and carers.

**Please read this very carefully.**

If your child develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus (COVID-19), they should **STAY AT HOME**.

Call school at once and notify us. If they develop symptoms at school, they will be sent home.

Anyone with symptoms should stay at home and book a test. This can be done by calling 119 or through the NHS website: [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus).

All children attending school will have access to a test if they display symptoms of COVID-19 and are encouraged to get tested.

The symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell

Any pupil who develops any of the above symptoms should be tested. There is no need for their households to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic.

Children may feel unwell with a common cold, sore throat, headache or upset stomach. These are not symptoms and therefore a test is not required and self-isolation is not required.

Once the test has been taken, if the test is negative, all isolation ends and the child and the household can return to school and work.

If the test is positive, the child remains in isolation alongside their family and the latest government guidance will need to be followed. The social group for that child or staff member will be contacted following guidance and advice from Public Health Team and Test and Trace.



If you wish to change your child's lunch arrangements, from packed lunch to school meals, or vice versa, you **MUST** inform the school office. This is to ensure that you are not being continually charged for meals that have not been taken, and for us to avoid ordering meals that are not required causing waste.



If your child is ill or absent for any reason, parents or carers are asked to phone the School Office by 9am giving a reason for the child's absence. If we have not received a call, we will contact you to enquire why your child is absent. If we are unable to contact you, we will explore all available contacts until contact has been made.

Please note, Doctor, Dentist and other medical appointments should be made outside of school time, where possible. If this is not possible, we ask for a copy of your child's appointment card be given to the school office.

### Diary Dates

**Monday 5th October**

Flu Immunisations (YR–Y6)

**Monday 26th–Friday 30th October**

Autumn Half Term

**Thursday 12th November**

Individual Photographs

**Friday 18th December**

Inset Day School Closed

**Monday 21st Dec–Friday 1st Jan**

Christmas Holidays

**Monday 4th January**

Inset Day School Closed



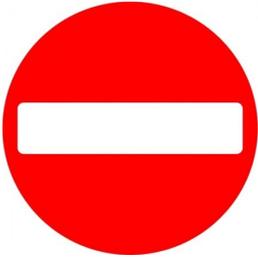
Does your child turn 5 between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022?

Primary school applications for September 2021 intake will open on Monday 14th September. The online guide and application form is available on: [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

**Please note, the closing date for applications is Friday 15th January 2021 at midnight.**

Secondary school applications for September 2021 intake will open on Monday 14th September. Children in Year 6 will receive a letter with details of how to apply. The online guide and application form is available on: [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

**Please note, the closing date for applications is 31st October 2020.**



We would kindly like to remind parents/carers that there is no access through the Hope building. All visitors must report to the main office.



Children in school have begun to use the Accelerated Reader (A.R.) program to support their reading fluency. It has proved to be a very effective system for motivating children and ensuring good progress in reading. From next week children will be having a daily accelerated reader session where they spend at least 20 minutes reading for pleasure from a selection of levelled books.

#### What is Accelerated Reader?

AR is a computer program that helps teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Your child is given a short test on computer to assess their current reading ability. Once the children have taken the test and the teacher has analysed the results, your child is given a range of books that they can choose to read. Your child picks a book at his/her own level and reads it at his/her own pace. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer - passing the quiz is an indication that your child has understood what has been read. The absolute key here is the understanding - your child may be able to physically read the words of almost any book out loud but the quizzes test the understanding/comprehension of the chosen text. AR will not take the place of Guided Reading. Specific skills for decoding and comprehension will be taught by your child's set teacher, but AR will help to ensure that the children's independent reading practice is appropriate and effective.

The AR book will stay at school so that the children always have access to it.

#### New and improved outdoor areas!



The children have been loving our new sandpit and water area in school which was built during the summer holidays. It has allowed development of co-operation between children, and helped with their fine motor skills. It also encourages independent play as well as teamwork amongst the children too!

It's been so lovely to see children of all ages enjoying our new additions to the playground, who needs the beach when we have C of E!



We are still on the lookout for more sand toys, drain pipes (for our water area) as well as water butts. We would also be grateful for any den building equipment such as old sheets, tarps, pegs etc. if you can help us with any of these, please leave them by the door at the main office.

We are extremely grateful!