



Chester le Street CE Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 9th October 2020

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

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I start this week's newsletter by thanking all of our amazing children. They're strength, courage and resilience during these tough times is something that fills me with pride each week.

No one could ever have imagined the world in which we live in today and the sacrifices that each of us make to protect our loved ones and communities.

We must make the most of each day and find pleasure in the small things whether it be jumping in puddles, long autumn walks or nights in with loved ones.

I would like to thank our parents and carers who continue to support the school and recognise the challenges we face dealing with staff absence, changes to routines and continually reinventing our teaching to meet the needs of the children in our care. Our aim is to be a safe space for your children and to instil a love of learning within them.

Take care and stay safe everyone!

Diary Dates

Monday 26th—Friday 30th October
Autumn Half Term

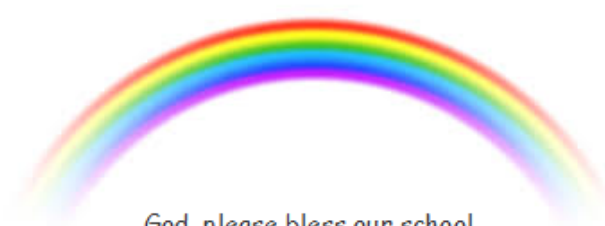
Thursday 12th November
Individual Photographs

Thursday 10th December
Christmas Lunch

Friday 18th December
Inset Day School Closed

Monday 21st Dec—Friday 1st Jan
Christmas Holidays

Prayer of the Week



God, please bless our school.

Thank You for all of the teachers that work so hard to help us learn.

Thank You for playtime and lunchtime, when we get to play with our friends.

Thank You for providing a place where we can learn more about the world You created for us to live in, and how it works.

Please keep my school safe.

Protect all of the grown ups and kids that come to school everyday.

Protect us from harm, and help us to be kind to each other.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.



We will be having a film crew in school on Monday 12th October. We will be filming a virtual tour of our school. Due to current Covid restrictions we're unable to offer new parents a tour in school. Please could all children come to school in their uniform, apart from children in Year 3 who may come in their PE kit. All children should bring their trainers for PE.



School opens for a staggered start between 8.45am and 8.55am (surnames A-L) and 8:55-9:05am (surnames M-Z) This is to allow parents to bring their children to school in a safe way whilst maintaining social distancing.

Pupil entry gates and doors will be locked at 9:05am. Any child arriving at school after this time must enter, and be signed in at the main office by an adult. If your child arrives after 9:30am, they will receive an unauthorised absence mark. A number of late marks or unauthorised absences can contribute to a referral to the Local Authority, which may lead to a fixed penalty notice being issued. It is so important for all children to be on time, as missing the first few minutes of any lesson can be disruptive and unsettling, both for children and for the rest of the class.



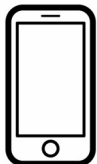
We're working on an exciting whole school project for Remembrance day this year. We are going to collect plastic bottles (end only) to give to every child (and parents!) one to decorate. We are also hoping to incorporate the different coloured poppies as shown below.

What do the different poppy colours mean?



- **Red** poppy: Memorial to World War One and following conflicts.
- **Purple** poppy: To remember animal victims of war.
- **Black** poppy: Remembering African, black and Caribbean communities' contribution.
- **White** poppy: Remembers people who died in conflict with a focus on an end to war, but focuses on achieving peace and challenging the way we look at war.

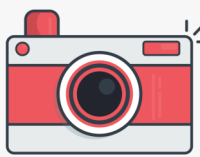
Once all of our plastic bottles have been transformed into wonderfully decorated poppies, we will feature them outside the front of school in a fantastic display for everyone to see. We've put some examples in to give parents an idea of what it will look like.



We would kindly like to remind parents that children should not bring mobile phones into school. We'd be grateful if parents could support us with this.



Children who usually bring a packed lunch are invited to have Christmas Lunch on Wednesday Thursday 10th December. A letter will be sent home with your child in the upcoming weeks. If your child would like to have Christmas dinner, simply sign the form and pay via Parent Pay. There will be no charge for children who receive free school meals.



Unfortunately Tempest are unable to take family/sibling group photos due to the current Government guidance. Tempest are following their own risk assessment as well as ours, and unfortunately it doesn't allow for this. All children will have their individual photo only as this is taken within their bubble. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



Autumn is here and with it brings some very changeable weather. Please ensure your child has their wellies and a warm coat for when they are exploring outside. We will be outdoors in all weathers!



Year 4 had a fantastic virtual session with author Harriet Muncaster this week. The children enjoyed hearing all about how to create characters and settings. They were shown how to create their very own character and I think you will agree we have some fantastic artists in our school. We'd like to say a huge thank you to [Seven Stories The National Centre for Children's Books](#) and [First Class Supply](#) for arranging these events.

We have a new email address for parents who may need to inform the School of any positive COVID cases.

If your child receives a positive test please use the email address: covidinform@clsdurham.co.uk

This will enable us to inform other close contacts as soon as possible.

Please note: Close contacts may be asked to remain at home at short notice.

Please ensure your contact details are up to date, as we will contact you via our text and email system.



Don't forget you can follow us on our social media platforms. We post lots of lovely photos and updates on our Facebook and Instagram pages. Please go and give us a like/follow/share and help us spread the good word about Chester le Street CE Primary School!



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