



# Chester le Street CE Primary School Newsletter

## Issue 21

Friday 10th September 2021

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

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Wow!

The children have had the most amazing week in School. We are all so proud of the level of learning we have seen this week.

The children have started their new 'Learning means the World' topics and have loved being able to share their knowledge and ideas. Hopefully more photographs will start appearing on the Facebook page over the coming days to keep you up to date with what your children are up to.

We have been fortunate to enjoy some fabulous weather this week which means that the children have been in the reading shed sharing new books as well as using some of the loose parts of tyres and tarp to make dens.

Please remember we are always looking for things to top up our loose parts area. We would be happy to accept tyres, tarps, pallets, logs, crates and buckets and spade donations are always helpful for the sandpit!

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday!

### Diary Dates

Friday 10th September  
Year 2 water afternoon

Friday 24th September  
Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Wednesday 29th September  
Playgroup Launch 9:30—11 am

Wednesday 6th October  
Playgroup 9:30—11 am

Wednesday 13th October  
Playgroup 9:30—11am

Tuesday 19th October  
Parents Evening

Wednesday 20th October  
Playgroup 9:30—11am  
Parents Evening

Friday 22nd October  
Sponsored Colour Run  
Half term

## WHY LOOSE PARTS PLAY?

Children spend 20% of their time at primary school in playtime. Maximise their learning and development opportunities.

- Heightened confidence, physical health, cognitive development, language development, problem solving, social development, cooperation, collaboration, improved mental health and well being.
- Relatively low cost way to stimulate physical activity, imaginations and play.
- There is an exponential increase in play value for every loose part available in the play environment.

what are  
large loose parts?

Anything found in a play environment that's not fixed and can be moved. Natural or man made.

E.g. sticks, logs, pebbles and branches, tyres, tubes even hoovers!



## Prayer of the Week



Creator God,  
you made us all in your  
image:  
may we discern you in  
all that we see,  
and serve you in all that  
we do;  
through Jesus Christ  
our Lord.  
Amen.

## Celebration Fridays

We will be resuming whole school worship on a Friday afternoon where we will celebrate all of the children's achievements.

If your child receive a certificate medal or award outside of school that you would like them to share please make sure this is bought in on a Friday morning. Hopefully we may see some Great North Run medals next week.



### School Drop Off and Pick Up

Please refrain from using staff car park when dropping off and or picking up pupils.



### Lunch Time Arrangements

If your child has any changes in lunch arrangements please remember to inform the school office via email or phone 24 hours prior the change.

### Nursery and 2 year old room

We already have a number of children ready to start our new Nursery and 2 year old room in January. If interested please email the office for an application form



### Reception Deadlines

If you know anyone thinking of applying for a place at our school, please could we remind you that the deadline to apply is January 15th 2022

Sign up at [durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

### Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We would like to invite you to our coffee afternoon to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Care.

We will be selling Tea, Coffee, Juice and our children will be baking for this event and we would love you to come in and share a cake and a cuppa with them for this amazing cause.

Reception, Pioneers, Years 1 and 2 will be in the lower hall and Years 3,4,5 and 6 will be in the top hall from 1:30—3:00pm

If you can't make it and wish to still purchase a cake or 2, please send your donation with your child and we will save you a tasty treat.

In addition we would also be very grateful for any cake, biscuit and scone donations should you wish to channel your inner Mary Berry (or store bought, we really don't mind) Could any donations be left at the School Office from Thursday 23rd September.

We look forward to seeing you.

### Toddler Launch

Our parent and toddler group will be starting from Wednesday 29th September at 9:30 am—11:00 am. This will be every Wednesday, term time only.

There will be lots of fun playtime activities to do including song time and a messy play session that will happen per term. Refreshments will also be available.

The pricing for this group will be £1 per child and 50p per additional sibling.

