

Dear Parents and Carers,

Website Updates – what has been uploaded this week?

All Friday letters and updates (not linked to specific areas: Safeguarding, Online Safety etc.), will be published in either: **Parents – Friday Letters – Autumn 1 2023 OR Parents – Letters and Flyers**

Friday Letter 10th November 2023

<https://www.thedriveprimary.co.uk/friday-letters/>

Year 4 Hancock Trip

On Monday, Year 4 had a fantastic time exploring the different types of habitats and animals across the world at the Hancock Museum. They found out a lot of information about prey/predator animals and how they adapt to their environment. Did you know that the largest mammal is a blue whale? Facts galore!

Year 1 Trip to Beamish

Year 1 have had a fantastic day at Beamish. They explored the 1900's Pit Village and Town, moving around on the trams and buses. They played with a variety of toys and games that children would have had in the past. The lady running the workshop commented on how lovely and well behaved all of Year 1 were! Well done everyone!

Odd Socks Day

Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage everyone to express themselves and celebrate individuality and what makes us all unique!

There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive costumes. All children have to do to take part, is wear odd socks to school, **Monday 13th November!**

If you would like to (absolutely no obligation), you can donate 50p. Any donations will go to the Anti-Bullying Alliance, but again, there is no pressure as it is Children in Need in the same week! Happy odd sock wearing everyone.



Children in Need - Friday 17th November - Look SPOTacular to raise money!

This year's theme is spots and to raise some money for Children in Need, we would love for the children to become SPOTacular. This could be through wearing something spotty, using face paints for your spotty makeover, wearing a spotty headband or a hat, or if you have already purchased a Children in Need outfit, wear that! It is also absolutely fine if children just want to come in non-uniform as we want everyone to be comfortable.

We would ask that a donation of £1.00 is made, with all contributions going to Children in Need so they can continue to support all the amazing charities and organisations who help so many children!

Donations can be made by bringing in £1.00 on the day, or there is an online link on Parent Pay (BBC Children in Need 2023). Thank you!



Attendance – The League and attendance update

0 points if attendance is below 96%

1 point awarded for weekly attendance figures between 96% - 97.5%

2 points awarded for weekly attendance figures between 97.6% - 98.9%

3 points awarded for weekly attendance figures between 99% - 100%

Still not an ideal week, but there were some slight improvements. Year 5 got their 1st point this week - well done. Fingers crossed again for better weeks to come.

Teams	Total Points	Overall Weekly Attendance
Nursery	0	84.29% -
Reception	3	86.47% +
Year 1	5	86.43% +
Year 2	2	86.96% +
Year 3	5	90.80% -
Year 4	1	92.80% +
Year 5	1	96% +
Year 6	4	89.23% -

Have a good weekend everyone!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Farren
Head Teacher



Every day, six children are killed or seriously injured on UK roads

25% of parents say traffic is too fast for their children to walk or cycle to school*

Whoever you are, however you travel, we need to talk about speed.

*Brake (2022) www.brake.org.uk/what-do-parents-think-about-their-childrens-journeys-to-school



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Dates for the Diary – dates will be added to and possibly changes made. Keep an eye on our website calendar also.

Just a reminder, a 'C' will feature next to an event that requires parent/carer consent.

PLEASE NOTE, CONSENT IS NOW GIVEN ON PARENT PAY www.parentpay.com

All letters can be found in Letters and Flyer on our school website.

<https://www.thedriveprimary.co.uk/letter-and-flyers/>

Autumn Term 2023 – 7 week half term	
Monday 13 th November	Odd Socks Day Flyer sent 07.11.23 and features in the Friday Letter - 10th November.
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need Flyer sent 08.11.23 and features in the Friday Letter - 10th November.
Week beginning 20 th November	Swedish Teacher's Visit
Thursday 23 rd November	Year 5/6 Athletics Final C Further details to follow.
Wednesday 29 th November	Year 2 Trip - Safety Works C Letter issued 09.11.23
Wednesday 6 th December	Parent/Carer Coffee Morning 9 – 10am in the hall
	Nursery Theatre Trip C Further details to follow.
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 8 th December	Christmas Fayre PM
Tuesday 12 th December	Reception Nativity (in school) AM
	Nursery Christmas Sing Along PM
	Attendance League Party
Wednesday 13 th December	KS1 Nativity (in school) PM
	Reception Panto Trip C Letter sent 25.10.23
Thursday 14 th December	KS2 Carol Service (St Mary's Church) PM
Monday 18 th December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Party
Tuesday 19 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 20 th December	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party
Thursday 21 st December	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party
Friday 22 nd December	Break up for Christmas
Monday 8 th January	Staff INSET – Children not in school
Tuesday 9 th January	Return to school after Christmas



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