

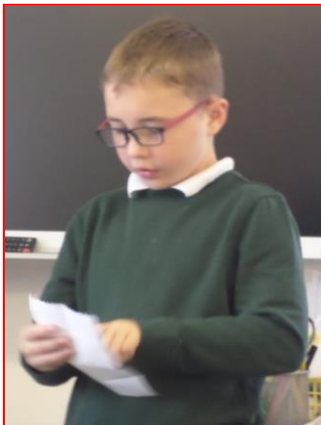
Newsletter

October 2015

Election Fever

During this half term we have been preparing for our School Council Elections.

Anyone who wanted to stand for election had to give a presentation speech to their class before the elections could be held on Wednesday 30th September. All the children that took part in the nominations were an absolute credit to themselves, the school and their classes. After an anxious wait, the results were finally announced. Councillor Patrick Conway told us about his own experiences of campaigning and being elected as a County Councillor and the kind of work his role involves before presenting our Councillors with their badges. Congratulations to the following children. We know that they will do a fantastic job.



Voting took place by secret ballot.

**YOUR VOTE
IS YOUR VOICE**



*Maisie Bowes, Tommy Scott, Zac Whittle,
Lilly-Mai Niles, Betsy Pretty, Brooke Swift,
Jasmine Rutherford, Kierin Thompson,
Kenzie Watkinson, Caitlin Bowes,
Keira Dinsley and Millie Petit.*



VOTE



2015



This year we based our Harvest Festival on the theme of Harvest colours. Thank you for all your kind donations for our Harvest Table.

Class 4 delivered the food within the local community.





We are really thrilled to announce that Mr and Mrs Hodgson had a beautiful baby boy in September called Seth Arlo Hodgson.



Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our Autumn Term Parents' Evenings. Teachers were able to discuss the progress of 88% of children in school. It is always a pleasure to talk to as many parents/carers as possible and extremely important that teachers have the opportunity to discuss both the academic and personal progress of all children. Thank you.



Katy McLean, England Women's Rugby Captain awarding us with Silver School Sports Award in July.

We have recently been awarded the School Games Silver Award for the second year running! The criteria for this award at silver level makes it difficult to achieve, especially for a small school like us, so we are thrilled and extremely proud of the sporting achievements of Laurel Avenue children.

JUST A NOTE TO SAY THANK YOU



Thank you to everyone who supported our
Macmillan coffee afternoon in September.
Your kind donations of cakes and money and support of the
raffle helped us to raise an amazing **£227.33.**
As always, it was a lovely atmosphere in school with many
parents, carers and children joining us.



THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING



BREAKFAST CLUB

 GREGGS

Breakfast Club continues to be a great success with over 40 children attending some mornings!

We would not be able to offer this free club without the sponsorship from Greggs and of course without the brilliant support from our dedicated volunteers!

A very warm and great big thank you to all our brilliant Breakfast Club volunteers...

Helen Blakey, Ellen Cottrell,
Nicola May, June Nichol,
Joe Pickering, Tracy Pickering,
Nicola Watkinson & Amy Winter.



Friends of Laurel Avenue Society

If you would like to become a member of FOLAS, we would love to have you join us.

Our next meeting is Monday 2nd November, 9.00 am.

Would you like to help? Come and have a chat and a cuppa!

Christmas Fayre

Christmas Fayre will be held on Monday 30th November, 1.30 pm.

We would be grateful for donations of toys, games, books and bric-a-brac. If you have any items that could be used as raffle prizes or bottles for the bottle tombola, they would also be gratefully received, thank you.



School Nutrition Action Group

SNAG

The Halloween themed meal organised by the SNAG will take place on Friday 23rd October.



If your child is usually on packed lunch and would like a Halloween themed meal, please call the office to arrange this... 0191 3868416
(The Witches Fingers are fish fingers.)



menu

We will be sending out the new three week menu after half term.

This menu now has three main meal options to choose from each day with the addition of a deli option – cold or hot sandwich or pizza.



We are happy to be able to invite you to Christmas Lunch again on Wednesday 9th December.
Details to come after half term.

The Golden Table: Every fortnight, six children are selected by lunchtime staff for excellent lunchtime behaviour and fabulous manners.

Congratulations to the following children.

Chloe Gibbs, Rebecca Dixon, Scarlett Pallister,
Travis Patterson and Matty Wild.

Leola Christopher, Tyler Crampton, Libby Bowes,
Matthew Brown, Jaydan Tuck and Nicole Gibbs.



Edward Williams, Macey Cummings, Ellie Storey,
Kane Costello, Stephen Appleby and Jay Bainbridge

WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT

swishy swashy



Nursery children have been going on a bear hunt this half term. They weren't scared!!



stumble trip

splash splosh

We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



IT'S A BEAR!



Have you applied for your child's place in Reception for 2016?

Please apply online... <http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

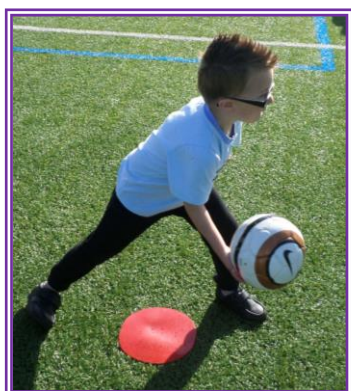
Children born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012 will be eligible to start Reception in September 2016.

You will need to apply even if your child is currently in Nursery.

The deadline for application to Primary School is 15th January 2016. All information can be found on the above web link and on school's website. If you are having any problems applying for a place, please come into school to see us and we can help.



Children in Reception and Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed attending a football skills festival with six other Primary Schools at Meadowfield Leisure Centre in September. They stayed motivated throughout and concentrated hard to develop their football skills.



Let's get cooking

The latest children to attend Let's Get Cooking have just graduated, receiving their certificates.

Congratulations to:

Jackson, Annie,

Teah, Kayden,

Caitlín, Keira,

Millie and Andrew.

School Fruit Shop

Children in Nursey, Classes 1 and 2 receive a piece of fresh fruit each day for free as part of the Government's fruit scheme.



Children in Classes 3 and 4 can buy a piece of fresh fruit each day for only 50p per week.

Please, please, please could you write your child's name inside all their clothing, PE kit and coat? Please keep checking to make sure that their name doesn't get washed out. It is really difficult to distinguish between identical items when there are no names written on labels. This will really help to make sure that uniform is not lost. **Thank you!!**



We have recently had another complaint from a local resident concerning litter being dropped on the back lane. Before the summer we stopped the younger children leaving school with milk cartons as a considerable number of empty milk cartons were found littered down the lane around this time. Our School Council are going to try and help with this matter and will write to the local resident. We would very much appreciate it if no rubbish is dropped down the lane whilst you are picking up and dropping off your children. Thank you.

Make a **NOISE** about bullying

Anti-Bullying Week for 2015 is
16th - 20th November. The theme is
'Make a Noise about bullying'.



The key aims of the week are...



For children to make a noise about bullying – whether it is happening to them or to someone else, face to face or online;
To help parents and carers have conversations with their children about bullying – both as a way of preventing bullying, and to help children who are worried about bullying;
To encourage 'talking schools' where all children are given a safe space to discuss and report bullying and other issues that affect their lives.

More information will follow after the holidays.

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

after school clubs

Tuesdays

3.00 – 4.00pm KS2 Dance Club.

Tea Club for children in Year 2 – Year 6.

Your child will go straight from school to Tea Club where they will have a hot meal before attending Youth Club at 4.00 pm. **All for £2!**

Wednesdays 3.00 – 4.00 pm

Homework Club: Everyone Welcome.

Bright Sparks: By invitation.

Thursdays

3.00 – 4.30 pm Let's Get Cooking starts for Year 5.

3.00 – 4.00 pm: KS1 Science Club. Science Club takes 8 children at one time on a first come first served basis.

Star Pupils These children have been selected this half term to be Stars by their teachers for many different reasons, including excellent work and effort during lessons, as well as being kind and considerate to others.

Nursery: Chloe Gibbs, Rebecca Dixon, Sophia Robson, Amber Wilson
Travis Patterson



Class 1: All of Reception, Kaiden Watkinson, Casey Maddison
Logan Dinsley, Maisie Bowes

Class 2: Ellie Williams, Brooke Swift, Tia Burrows, Lilly-Mai Niles, Libby Bowes
Kai Barrass



Class 3: Kane Costello, Oliver Dixon, Alan Bentham
Ellie Storey, Mac Emery, Macey Cummings

Class 4: Alex Petit, Luca Barrass, Teah Fearon, Geordie Patterson
Kayden Crampton, Caitlin Bowes

Ms Davison: Ben Fearon, Keira Dinsley, Millie Petit, Scarlett Pallister
Tayven Parker, Danny Mollon

Ms Kelly: Edward Williams, Paige Nichol, Ellie Storey
Macey Cummings, Aliyah Barker



The School Council have already been busy making changes in school. At their first meeting they discussed current attendance awards including Celebration Tea as a reward for 100% attendance for each term. They have suggested that we change this to those with 100% receiving a treat meal for their lunch from KFC, Pizza Hut or McDonalds. When they took the suggestion back to their classes, it was overwhelmingly agreed that this was a great idea so we will be trialling this this term. Let's see how many children can achieve 100% each term!!

If a child misses school due to a hospital appointment that cannot be rearranged for after school or holiday time, and they come into school before and after the appointment where appropriate and have 100% attendance otherwise for the term, they will still be able to receive the reward. We will need medical evidence for this hospital appointment.





Congratulations!



Well done to all the following who achieved 100% attendance for September 2015

*Stephen Appleby ♦ Casey Bainbridge ♦ Aliyah Barker ♦ Kai Barrass ♦ Luca Barrass
Jay Bentham ♦ Callum Blakey ♦ Luke Blakey ♦ Caitlin Bowes ♦ Maisie Bowes
Erin Brain ♦ Tia Burrows ♦ Leola Christopher ♦ Andrew Cooper ♦ Ray Cooper
Kane Costello ♦ Annie Cottrell ♦ Kayden Crampton ♦ Tyler Crampton
Macey Cummings ♦ Liam ♦ Keira Dinsley ♦ Logan Dinsley ♦ Oliver Dixon
Rebecca Dixon ♦ Jasmine Emery ♦ Ben Fearon ♦ Teah Fearon ♦ Devan France
Tegan France ♦ Jessica Garside ♦ Nicole Gibbs ♦ Daniel Grundy ♦ Lainey Jackson
Lee Jones ♦ Michael Kavanagh ♦ Billy Laverick ♦ Jackson Laverick ♦ Samuel Linfoot
Leon MacDonald ♦ Casey Maddison ♦ Paige Nichol ♦ Lilly-Mai Niles ♦ Scarlett Pallister
Lilly-Su Parker ♦ Tayven Parker ♦ Thomas Parker ♦ Geordie Patterson ♦ Alex Petit
Millie Petit ♦ Oliver Pickering ♦ Betsy Pretty ♦ Sophia Robson ♦ Alex Scott
Tommy Scott ♦ Connor Shepherd ♦ Nathan Shepherd ♦ Daisy Smith ♦ Ellie Storey
Tommy Swainston ♦ Brooke Swift ♦ Cameron Thompson ♦ Kierin Thompson
Kaiden Watkinson ♦ Kenzie Watkinson ♦ Zac Whittle ♦ Grace Wild
Edward Williams ♦ Ellie Williams ♦ Amber Wilson*

**Each week, children who achieve 100% attendance
have the opportunity to win a £3 Tesco Gift Voucher**

Congratulations to:

**Kenzie Watkinson, Cameron Thompson,
Leon MacDonald, Jackson Laverick,**

Grace Wild



Class 100% Attendance voucher winners:

**If an individual class has achieved 100% for one week, then an extra
draw is carried out for the children in that class.**

**Geordie Patterson, Nathan Shepherd,
Connor Shepherd, Oliver Dixon**

Laurel Avenue Community Centre

Tuesdays:

Tea Club 3.15 – 4.00 pm

Youth Club, 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm

(Ages 5 years & above) *Note change in age*

Karate 6.00 – 8.00 pm (All ages)



Wednesdays:



Senior Youth club (Ages 11 years and above)

4.00 – 6.00 pm

Thursdays:

Toddler session 9.00 – 11.00 am (Ages 0 - 5 years)

Karate 7.00 – 8.00 pm



Saturdays:

Foodbank from 9.30 - 11.30 am

Sundays:

Karate 6.00 - 7.30 pm



Halloween Disco - Friday 30th October 5.00 – 7.00 pm

£1.00 admission per person

Refreshments available and prize for the best fancy dress.

For any further info please contact Claire Linfoot:

Claire-laCa@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 0191 3845427 M: 07825956094

HAPPY
HALLOWEEN

Halloween Extravaganza

Thursday 29 October
11.00am - 2.00pm

Laurel Avenue Children's Centre

A fun play session for parents/carers and their children including:

- Zoolab creepy crawlies
- Meg and Mog
- Pumpkin carving
- African drumming

Broth and buns will be available for 50p and teas and coffees for 20p

Transport available on request for 50p donation

For more information please contact
Laurel Avenue Children's Centre on 03000 269 833

www.surestartcountydurham.org/laurelavenue
Facebook: One Point Durham



Take a look at
The Laurels' newsletters
on our website to see
what the children have
been doing this term.

<http://www.laurelavenue.durham.sch.uk/the-laurels-child-care>

Do you have a two
year old child or
know someone who
does? Are they
eligible for 15 hours
free at
The Laurels Child
Care Nursery?

Read the criteria
on this page and if
so, you can collect
an application form
from either school
or from
Jayne Kavanagh,
manager of
The Laurels
0191 3849795

What is 'free play and learn' for 2 year olds?

It's free childcare for 2 year olds, to 'play and learn' at a local nursery or with a childminder. If you are eligible, your child could receive 15 hours a week - term time only, or 11 hours a week, 50 weeks a year.

To find out about childcare options in your area,
please contact Families Information Service on **0800 917 2917**

Is my child eligible for a free place?

You can apply for a free place, if you receive one or more of the following:

- Income Support
- Job Seekers Allowance
- Support for a 'Looked After' child
- Child Tax Credit – income below £16,190
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Employment and Support Allowance - income related
- Disability Living Allowance [child]
- Working Tax Credits and earn no more than £16,190
- Current Statement of Special Educational Needs or an Education, Health and Care Plan [child]
- Left care through Special Guardianship, or an Adoption, or Residence Order

When could my child start?

If you qualify for free childcare, your child could take up their 'play and learn' sessions, the term after their 2nd birthday.

For further help or information, please contact Kelly or Linzi in the
Childcare Places Team on **03000 268 913**



Thursday 22nd October 1.30 – 2.30 pm: Oliver Twist Performance. Parents/Carers welcome. Please come to school entrance.

Friday 23rd October: Hoopstarz working with all classes including Nursery. Children will learn skills and tricks with hoops. PE kits needed. No Star Assembly.

Friday 23rd October: Halloween Themed Lunch

Monday 26th – Friday 30th October: Half Term



Monday 2nd November: Back to school

Monday 2nd November, 9.00 am: FOLAS Meeting

Thursday 12th November, pm: Classes 3 and 4 Sports Hall Athletics (Need PE kits)

Friday 13th November: Children in Need Day with Fun Lunch Menu and Pudsey Bear Biscuits

Monday 16th – Friday 20th November: Anti-Bullying Week

Thursday 19th November: Anti-Bullying Awareness Raising Day

Monday 23rd November: School closed for Teacher Training

Week beginning 24th November: Keep Kindness Going Week

Wednesday 25th November: Non Uniform Day for Chocolate Donation

Monday 30th November, 1.30 – 3.00pm: Christmas Fayre

Friday 4th December: Film Club straight after school

Wednesday 9th December: Christmas Lunch with Parents/Carers invited

Friday 11th December, 10.00 am: Nursery and Reception Christmas Production

Tuesday 15th December, 10.00 am: Christmas Production

Wednesday 16th December, am: Nursery Party for all Nursery children

Thursday 17th December, pm: Christmas Disco for Reception – Year 6

Friday 18th December, 9.15 am: Christmas Sing-a-long. No Star Assembly

Friday 18th December: End of Term

Spring Term starts Wednesday 6th January 2016

