



## Goodbye to our amazing Year 6!

*We know that the end of term hasn't been anything like you were expecting. That does not take anything away from the fact that you are an amazing Year 6 who we will never forget. We have been lucky enough to watch most of you grow from Nursery into the fabulous young people you are right now.*

*You have all worked extremely hard and deserved to be able to show the progress that you have made by taking your SATs and through end of Year 6 teacher assessments. We have spoken to all of your new teachers to let them know just how special you are, how hard you have worked and about everything that you have achieved. It is natural to feel nervous, but you are all absolutely ready for the next step. Good luck as you start the next part of your journey in life; make the most of every moment. We'll miss you!!*







Anas



Brooke



Ben

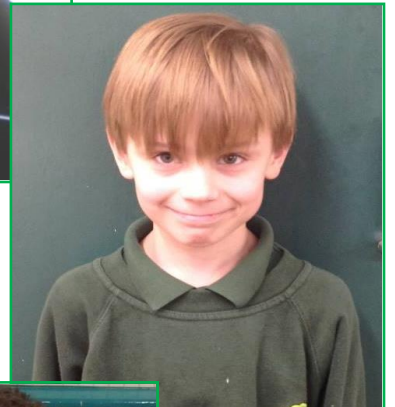


Casey

Betsy



Connar



Jay



Frankie







Kai



Leon

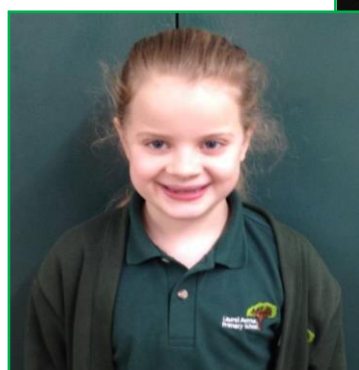


Tia

Lilly-Mai



Tyler



Nicole



Teagan-Leigh



*I wanted to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all parents and carers for your support over the last few months. It has been so wonderful to receive all the photographs and work, to share with us what you have been doing at home. You have been brilliant and settled into home learning routines so well; we know it will have been hard with so much to juggle. Weekly homework will be a breeze now!*

*I also wanted to say thank you to all the staff who have worked extremely hard over this period, both in school and from home. Even now, at the end of term, the team is working with energy and full of positivity to make sure that we have everything we need for all children coming back to school in September. Having more children in school over these last few weeks has certainly helped to keep our motivation going, as always!*

*The guidance and advice is extremely comprehensive and so it has taken quite some time to plan for all aspects of health and safety, routines and timetables as well as ensuring school can still be welcoming, caring, stimulating and an effective learning environment. Having such a positive and enthusiastic staff team really makes that job so much easier and we are just about ready and looking forward to getting back to the new normal with all of our children in school.*

*Have a very well-deserved break and a relaxing holiday with your family. As always, you can get in touch via email if you have any questions and I'll get back to you as soon as I can.*

*Kind regards,*

*Gaynor Davison*







Congratulations

Children in school took part in the DotheDash event organised by the School Sports Partnership in June. They completed many sporting challenges, submitting their results to compare with the performances of children in other primary schools. We were thrilled when the DotheDash final results came in.



Leo achieved gold for target throwing and Matthew was awarded gold for the speed bounce and bronze for the 400m run! Well done!!



Sophie achieved bronze for the speed bounce.



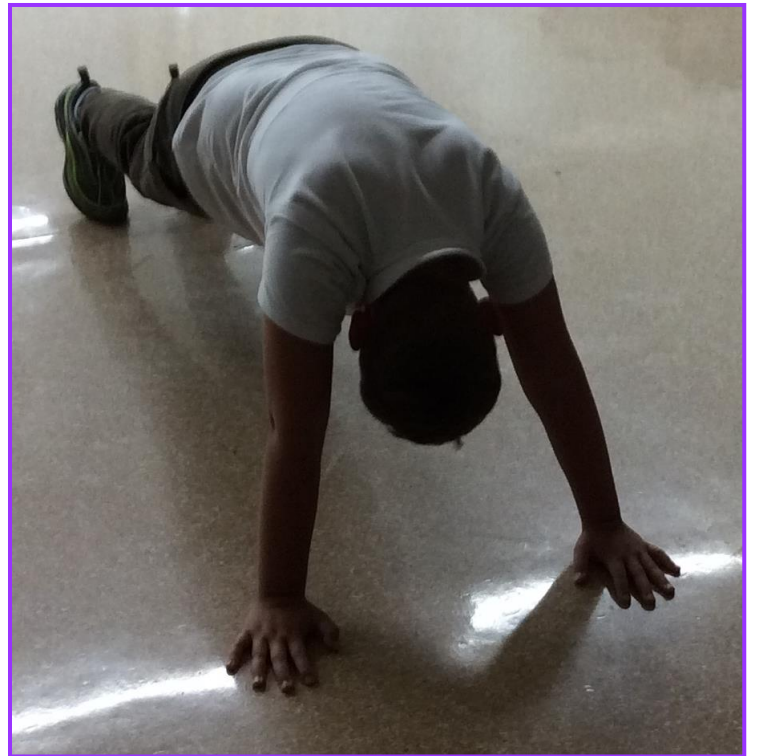
Ray and Matthew were very proud to receive their certificates for taking part in the Virtual School Games.







*Children in school have been keeping up their fitness levels with regular fun exercise activities and PE outside.*







*Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children enjoyed a mini sports day with running, welly throwing, skipping and balancing activities. They had a lot of fun and even the sun was shining! The children demonstrated excellent sporting attitudes, perseverance and a determination to succeed!*





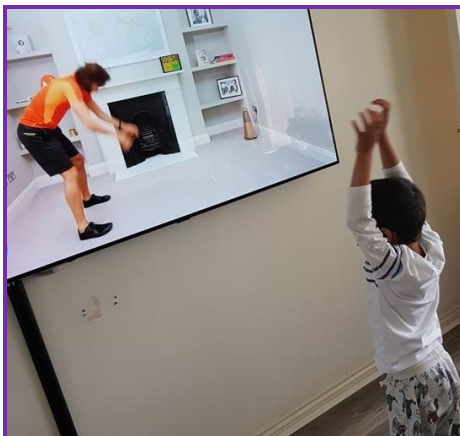
*The Year 3 and Year 4 Bubble Group enjoyed Sports Day activities on the field. Looks like they had lots of fun and really put their fitness and stamina levels to the test.*







*It's been great to see many of you keeping up your fitness levels at home and getting out into the fresh air.*



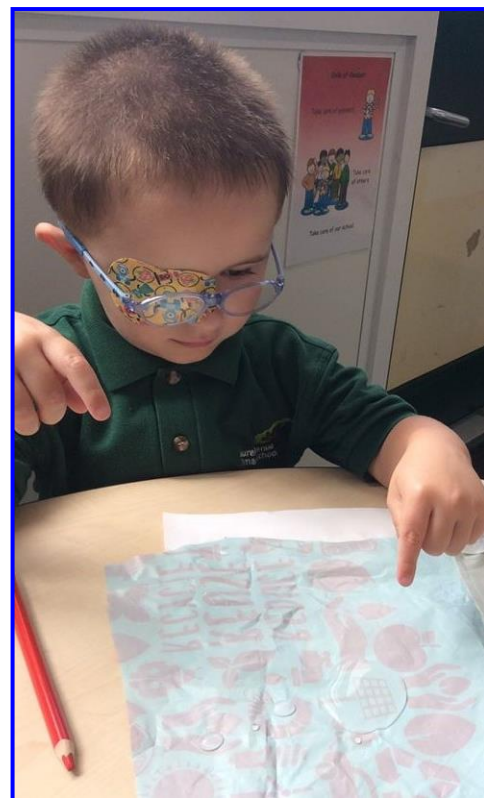
*Emma and Samuel took part in the Sports Day at Home challenge. Have a look back on Facebook and try out the fun activities over the summer.*







Nursery children have been testing materials to see which are waterproof, both in Nursery and at home. They are fabulous scientists!



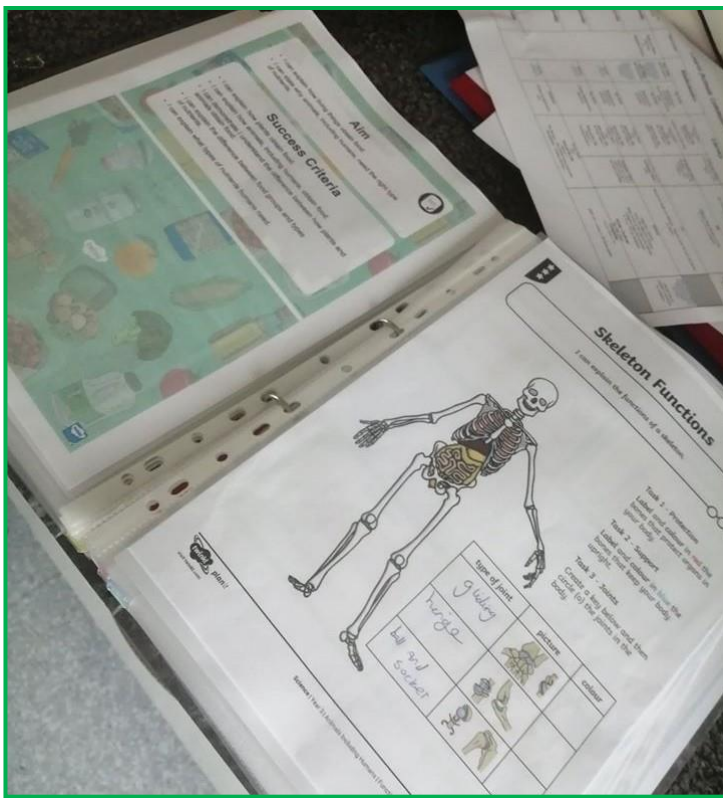




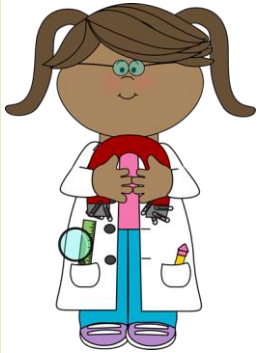
The Reception and Year 1 Bubble Group read the story book, *The Black Rabbit*, whilst investigating shadows. Do you know how to make a shadow larger or smaller?







Class 3 have been learning about the human skeleton, the digestive system and teeth. Daisy has been so organised and kept all her work in files. We are very impressed.



Kaiden created this model of a hand. What a great way to learn the names of the bones in the human hand and how tendons work to make them move.



Avika completed the Body Science activities in our Science Fun at Home series and found out lots of interesting facts.

Look back on Facebook if you would like to complete any of our Science Fun at Home activities over the summer holidays.





Nursery and Class 1 children enjoyed the story, Stick Man.

They collected sticks, made their own Stick Man character and built towers and rafts.

They counted sticks, ordered them by length and wrote with them.



Stick Man is written by Julia Donaldson and illustrated by Axel Scheffler.





**29 June – 19 July 2020**

**children's  
ART  
WEEK**

**Week 1: The Natural World**

**Week 2: Connecting across generations**

**Week 3: Literacy and creative writing**

*Children's Art Week 2020  
took place across 3 weeks  
from 29th June.*

*Each week had a  
different theme.*

*We completed art  
activities linked to Week 1,  
The Natural World.*

*Kaiden completed  
the natural paint  
brushes challenge.*

*He collected all of  
the items he used  
whilst on a walk  
and carefully  
crafted them to  
make natural paint  
brushes.*

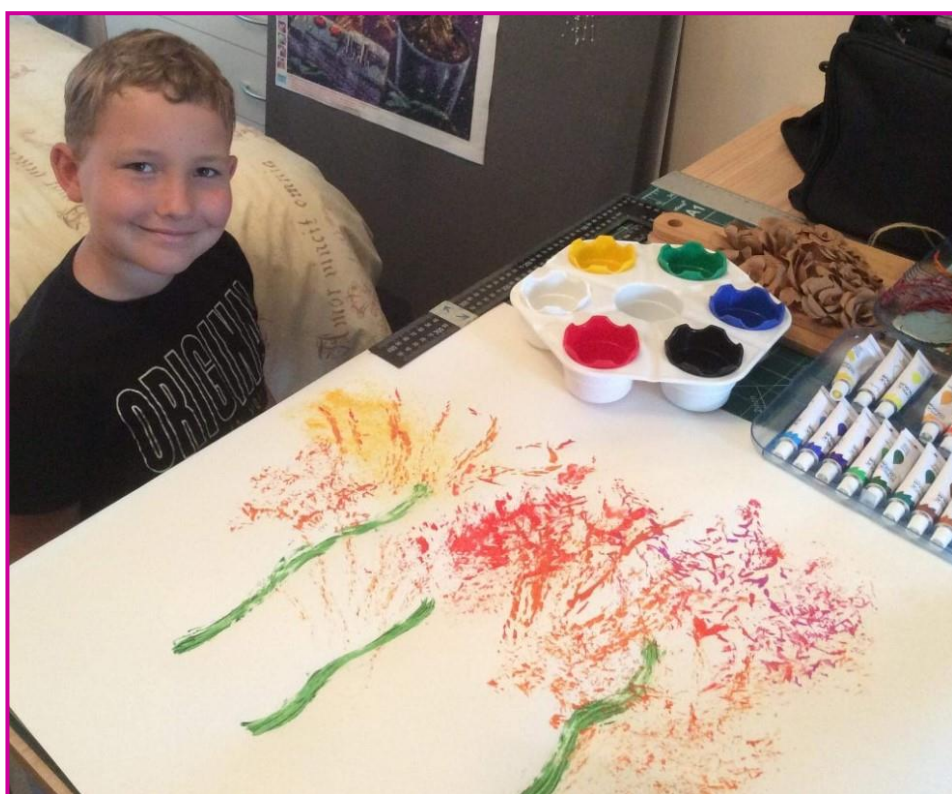


*He used these brushes  
to create this  
wonderful painting.*

*Have you created any  
art that we can add to  
our digital art gallery?*

*If you get creative over  
the summer holidays,  
please send pictures of  
your work to*

*[laurelavenue@durhamlearning.net](mailto:laurelavenue@durhamlearning.net)*







*Avika was inspired whilst working at home to create many pictures. We particularly loved this rainbow tree. Well done Avika.*



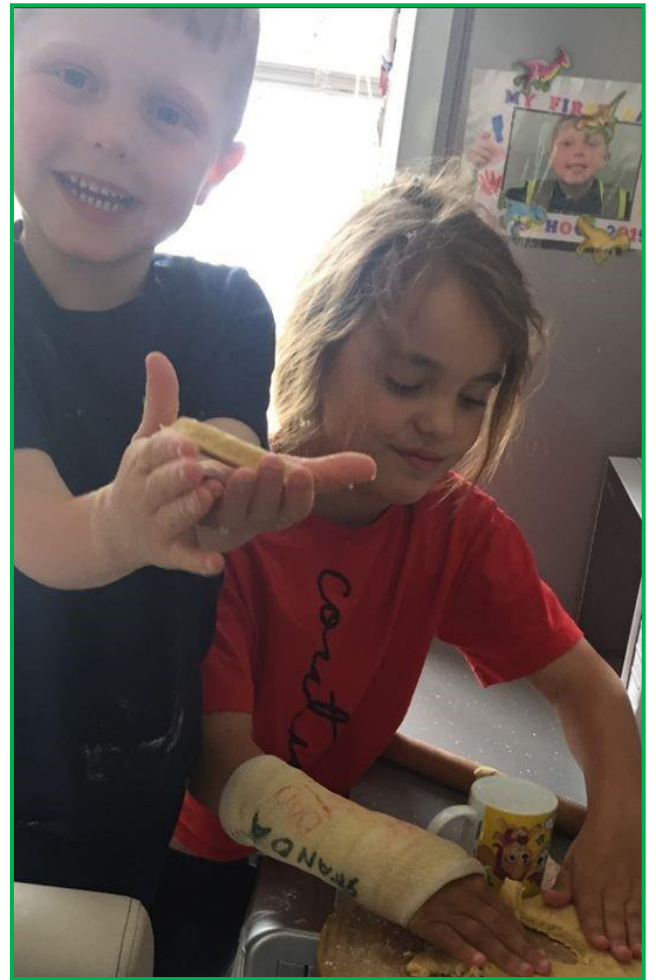
*Samual was also inspired by nature during a visit to the beach. He made a tiger face, carefully selecting the rocks and pebbles to resemble the colours of a tiger's stripes. He used these to create these amazing drawings.*







*Mrs Davison selected more  
Let's Get Cooking recipes  
for you all to try at home.*



*Ben, Casey and Tom  
have created many  
delicious dishes during  
their time at home and  
we've loved seeing what  
they have made.*

*You can find the recipes on our school website:  
<https://laurelprimaryschool.fluencycms.co.uk/LetsGetCooking>*



*Well done  
also to  
Cameron  
who made  
these  
fabulous  
creations.*



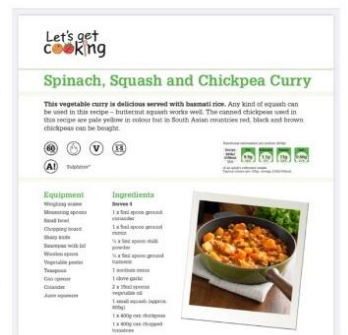
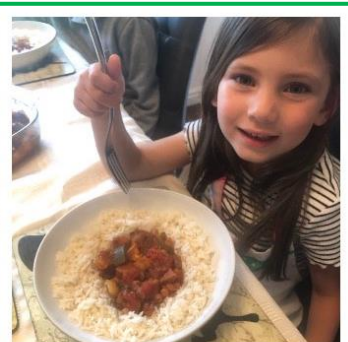


*Kaiden entered the Greggs Heart Biscuit competition and baked these delicious looking biscuits. Good luck!*

*Kai tempted us all with this fabulous chocolate cake he made for his Dad on Fathers' Day!*



*Emma has been very busy creating many of the Let's Get Cooking recipes. We are so glad you enjoyed cooking and of course, eating all your delicious creations!*







A great big thank you to  
Mrs Curry for making all her  
singing videos over the last term  
so that we could still enjoy our  
singing lessons.

We loved them and appreciate how  
long it must have taken you!

If you would like to look back over all of  
Mrs Curry's singing lessons, then please  
click here:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLq4OgJQvbdPt37fGKbNyGOMnwgU7fgNP4>



**Super Stars** These children have been selected last half term as being Super Stars by their teachers for their excellent, hardworking attitude to their home learning or whilst working in school.

**Nursery:** *Alicia, Fearne, Luna, Jude, Kris and TJ*



**Class 1:** *Jaxon R, Tom, Tyler, Emma, Jaxon I and Jack*



**Class 2:** *Riley, Simon, Rubie, Logan, Lilyan, Leo and Levi*



**Class 3:** *Kaiden W, Samual, Avika, Zac W, Matthew and Aliyah*

**Class 4:** *Tayven, Leon, Charlotte P, Kai, Alex, Jasmine and Daniel*



**Ms Davison:** *Brian, Ebony, Leah, Ben M, Ben H, Tyler C, Saliha, Jack, Catherine, Leo, Elisha, Callum, Daniel, Ray, Chloe, Anas and Bethany*



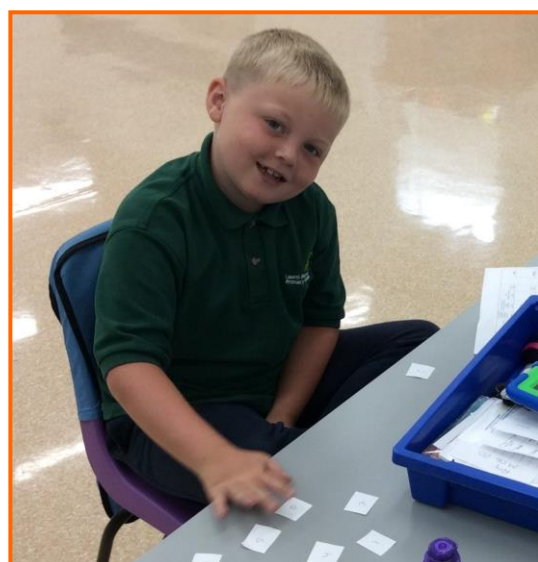
Thank you to Jack (aged 5) for hitting our driver training vehicle outside Durham ED! Much appreciated for our night drive tonight 🚒❤️



It has been lovely to hear about Jack's acts of kindness. He has given treats to members of the NHS and to other emergency workers. How kind and thoughtful. We're proud of you!



A huge well done and thank you to all of the children who have attended school over the last few months. School has been different in many ways but they have all been absolutely wonderful and adapted to the new rules and routines brilliantly. We have been so proud of them all and we know that they will be able to help in September when all of our children return to school.







By the end of the summer term we have had up to 51 children in school and nursery at one time. We are so happy that we got to see so many of you over these months and we can't wait until every single Laurel Avenue child is back in school in September! We have missed you all very much.





**School in September** All children are returning to school in September. This is mandatory for all and so we are currently working very hard to ensure arrangements are in place to welcome all children back. I understand that you may be worried as to how school will be organised and whether your child will find their work a challenge when they return to school in September. Please be assured that our staff are very aware of this. We have a 'recovery curriculum' in place which has mapped out the learning that has been missed in all subjects and how we can ensure there will be opportunities to address these gaps during the next academic year and the rest of your child's time at Laurel Avenue.

All of our children are unique and will return to school with their own individual needs. It has, however, been extremely reassuring to see the children who have returned to school already pick straight up on their learning so well and really enjoy being back in their class with their friends.

In September, children will stay in a class-sized bubble where they will work and eat together. They will all have their own individual pencil cases with equipment that is used regularly and they will not mix with other bubbles. We will have staggered starts to the day and staggered collection times. Playtimes will also be staggered with bubbles playing only with their own bubble. Children will have their own seats, sitting side by side and facing forward. Children will need to wear their school uniform as usual but they will not need to be washed every day.

We are currently updating the Behaviour Policy to make expectations really clear about how children should behave to ensure all routines laid out in the risk assessment are followed to ensure all staff and children are safe. The only change to our usual start of term organisation is for the first week, Reception children will need to be collected at 12 noon. From the 6<sup>th</sup> September, they will be able to stay for the full day, including lunch.

**You will receive a detailed guide very soon** but the basic principles with respect to hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene (sneezing into elbows and using the catch it, bin it, kill it approach with tissues), enhanced cleaning including frequently touched surfaces, will continue. We will let you know all the arrival and collection times well in advance so that you know when you will need to use the one-way system through school.

Thank you for your ongoing support and kind words. Please keep an eye out for texts linking you to any updates over the holidays.



# Classes for 2020 – 2021

Unfortunately, we have not been able to have the usual transition sessions for your child moving into the next class or year group.

All of our staff are familiar to your children which will help the transition in September greatly. This is how the classes will be organised from September.

## Nursery

Mrs Lawson and Mrs Fawcett with Mrs Thompson  
Miss Hughes, Miss Browbank and Mrs Chazot will work with the two-year olds.

## Reception children

Class 1 – Mrs Meehan and Mrs Lawson with Mrs Smith

## Year 1 and 2 children:

Class 2 – Miss Mills with Miss Hindhaugh and Miss Mortimer

## Year 3 and 4 children:

Mrs Hodgson, Mrs Satterthwaite (on Wednesdays) and  
Miss Tosney with Miss Wilson

## Year 5 and 6 children:

Mrs Walters with Mrs Thompson

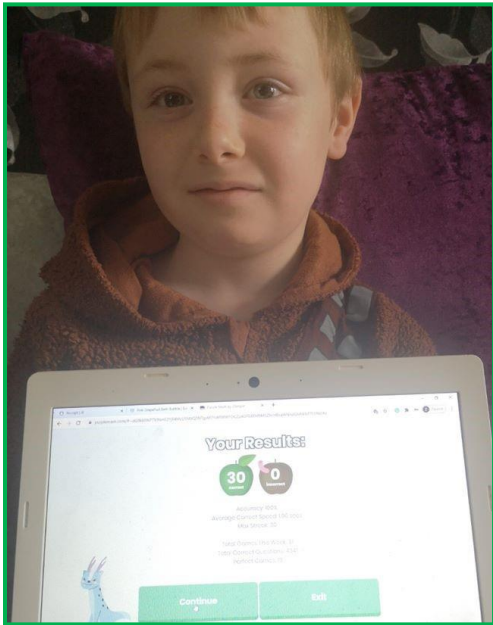
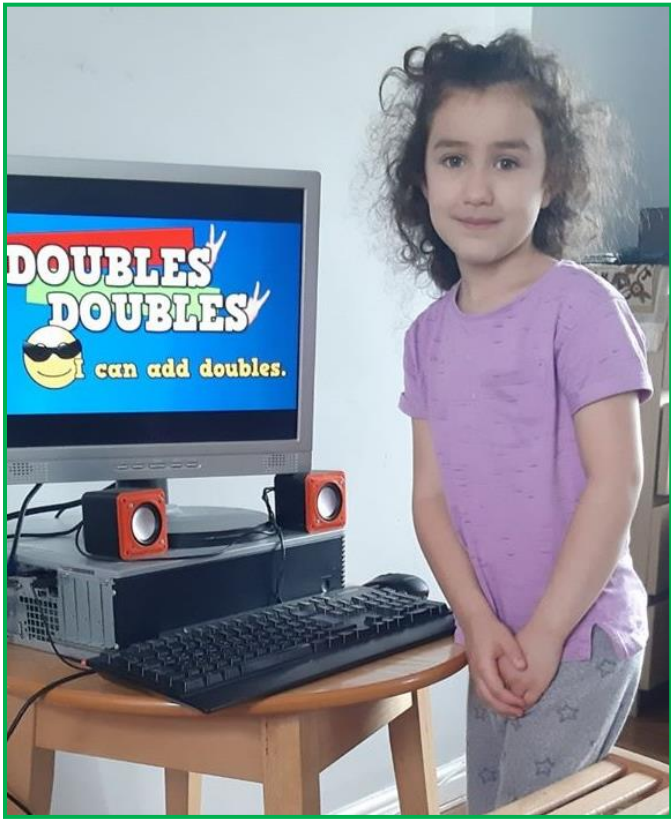


# HELLO

*It's time to celebrate the work and fun that you have had whilst working at home. Thank you so much for all your wonderful pictures during these last months.*







HELLO







*If you have a nursery aged child and you would like them to start in our fabulous nursery, you need to contact school directly to complete our application form.*

***This is the only way your child can start their learning journey in our school nursery.***

*If you are interested in any places for two, three or four-year olds, please call in at the office, call school on 0191 3868416 or e mail [laurelavenue@durhamlearning.net](mailto:laurelavenue@durhamlearning.net) to arrange a visit or to check your eligibility code for your two-year-old.*

***We'd love to hear from you.***

*We currently have spaces available in September for three and four-year olds at the start of the week (full days Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 9.00 – 12.00), end of the week (Wednesday afternoon 12.15 – 3.15, full days Thursday and Friday), five mornings (9.00 – 12.00) and five afternoons (12.15 – 3.15 pm). Every three and four-year-old is eligible for fifteen hours of free Nursery provision.*

*We take children in straight after their third birthday. Application forms are available from the school office.*



*Your two year old can get free play and learn sessions (15 hours) if you get one of the following benefits:*

*Income Support*

*Jobseeker's Allowance*

*Support for a 'Looked After' child*

*Child Tax credits - 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 Education, Health and Care*

*Plan (child)*

*Special Guardianship, or an*

*adoption, or Residence Order*



Your 2-year-old may be entitled to 15 hours per week of funded childcare and early education



### *How do you apply?*

*Bring your golden ticket into our school office and we will tell you when your child can start.*

*If you don't have a golden ticket, visit:*

*<https://education.durham.gov.uk/parentportal/> where you can check whether you are eligible.*

*If you are eligible you will then receive a letter which you should bring into school.*

*Places will be available at the start of the term after their second birthday.*

*Application forms are available from school.*

## **FREE childcare**



**From  
September  
2017**

**for working parents**

**of 3 and 4 year olds for up to 30 hours a week**

Find out if you are eligible at

**[www.durham.gov.uk/earlyyears](http://www.durham.gov.uk/earlyyears)**



# **30 HOURS**

## **FUNDED CHILDCARE**

*If you think that you are eligible, and you would like to extend your child's education in our nursery to 30 hours, please visit*

*[www.durham.gov.uk/earlyyears](http://www.durham.gov.uk/earlyyears) to find out or look here for more information <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>*

***Our School Nursery takes children for the full 30 hours so please make enquiries at the office or with Ms Davison or Mrs Lawson, to discuss this.***

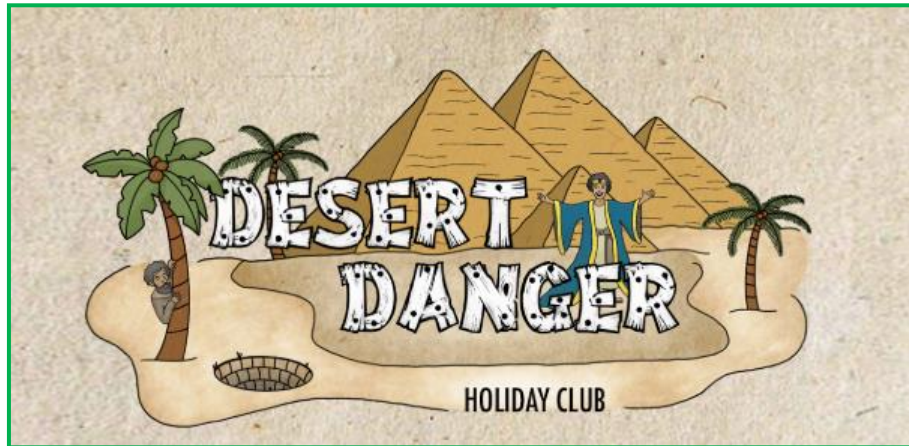
***Thank you.***





# King's Church Durham

You are invited to Desert Danger Holiday club coming to you every Wednesday in the summer holidays. It's free and for primary school children so make sure to sign up!



Desert Danger holiday club will be taking place online on each Wednesday of the six-week summer holidays for children in primary school.

Sign up to receive for free:

- A weekly video with songs, stories, fun and games to watch at home
- Craft resources delivered to your home for children to do their craft with a craft tutorial video
- Delivery of breakfast/snack bags (this is available for children in the Sherburn Road Estate area)

**Starting on 22 July**

Watch the trailer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YPF5EIKIiU>

and sign up at [www.kcd.org.uk/holidayclub](http://www.kcd.org.uk/holidayclub)



# Laurel Avenue Community Centre

Message from Claire Linfoot, Community Centre Manager:

We know that many of you are eager to get back to the wide range of activities that are offered at our Community Centre. The communal nature of community centres make them places that are vulnerable to the spread of Coronavirus (Covid-19). We want to assure you that we are working hard to re-open the centre. The safety of our staff and visitors is our main focus but we hope that we can reopen very soon. In the meantime....



We will deliver your summer holiday activities to your door. Everyone who is already registered with our Youth Group or has attended one of our holiday clubs in the past will receive an activity pack and a food parcel which will contain ingredients for you to make up your own packed lunch each day for 5 days each week.

Deliveries will take place every Monday between 9.00 am – 3.00 pm. Look out for the Youth Workers and give them a wave.

If you would like to be added to our Youth Group outreach list to receive an activity and food parcel please get in touch – email and telephone number on the next page.



We are delivering meals and activities to our Lunch Club members every Thursday.

We have space for more members to join.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from receiving a meal and seeing a friendly face each week, please get in touch.





We have teamed up with lots of other local organisations to create a free well-being table - a community 'take or exchange' event for all local residents held at Durham City Baptist Church every Saturday morning from 9:45 – 11:30 am. Pop along to get free things such as books, jigsaws, toys, stationary, DVDs, board games, craft materials, embroidery, sewing kits and much more.

To find out what is going on in the community and to chat with local residents you can join our 'Caff Gaff' **zoom** coffee mornings every Monday and Friday at 11.00 am.

To sign up and for information about how to join please email: [admin@laurelavenuecommunity.com](mailto:admin@laurelavenuecommunity.com)

For any other support please telephone or email.

Claire: 07825956094 [admin@laurelavenuecommunity.com](mailto:admin@laurelavenuecommunity.com)

Stay safe and have a fantastic summer!







All the staff at Laurel Avenue Community Primary School would like to wish you a very happy and relaxing summer holiday.

If you need to get in touch, please email [laurelavenue@durhamlearning.net](mailto:laurelavenue@durhamlearning.net)