



Newsletter

September 2019



Laurel Avenue
Community Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge welcome back to the school year of 2019-2020. It was fantastic to see the children back in school this week. They all looked so smart and ready for a year full of successes and achievements, which we are looking forward to sharing with you. I hope that you all had a wonderful time during the summer, making happy memories and spending some much-needed down time together.

We had another busy year last year, starting with our very successful Ofsted during the second week of the autumn term and ending with our best ever attendance of 97.1%! This year will no doubt be just as busy, as we relentlessly aim to do even better. We very much look forward to leading the children in their learning and seeing their development grow once again - both academically and socially. They did incredibly well last year and I am truly proud of their positive attitudes, excellent behaviour and wonderful manners.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new children and their families. We are looking forward to working with you every day and we promise to guide, nurture and teach your children to be the very best that they can be.

Thank you all in anticipation of your support during the forthcoming year. By hearing your child read regularly, supporting them with homework, attending parents' evenings and ensuring that they have their reading bag, PE kit and homework ready in school, you will really help your child to feel more confident and achieve the success they deserve. As always, please check our website, feel free to stop by my office, or contact me at any time via phone or e-mail if I can be of assistance. I always appreciate parents and carers taking the time to come and see me or call the office to discuss all issues, however big or small. I look forward to working with you all again this year.

Gaynor Davison
Headteacher

Important



If you have a nursery aged child and you would like them to start in our fabulous nursery, you need to come into school to complete our application form and arrange a visit.

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 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 some 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). **Some sessions are nearly full.** 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



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 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.

Be a Flu Fighter!

Over 1000 children were hospitalised with flu last season. Just under half required admission to intensive care.

Dear Parent/Guardian of children from Reception up to and including Year 6.

Please visit the link or scan the QR code below to consent for your child (one for each child) to receive their flu vaccine in the autumn term 2019. **This consent must be completed by 27th September** to ensure we can vaccinate your child when we are in school. Please note the consent form has been improved and simplified.

You will be asked to enter a secure school code:

School Name: Laurel Avenue

Code: 114140



www.hdft.nhs.uk/electronic-consent

This vaccination programme is in place to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be a very serious illness and sometimes causes major health complications particularly in children and the elderly. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu. Please ensure you read and understand all the information at the above link before you complete the consent form.

The vaccination is free and recommended for young children and is given via a quick and simple spray up the nose.

If you have any questions or do not have internet access to complete the form please do not hesitate to contact us on: 03000 032554

Yours sincerely,

Karen Guest-Humphries

Clinical Lead, Childhood Immunisation Team for Durham, Darlington & Teesside

We have been given the date of
21st November 2019 for the vaccination in school.



Great News!

*Laurel Avenue has
achieved GOLD in the
School Games Mark
for the **third year**
running!!!*

The Sainsbury's School Games Mark is a Government-led awards scheme which rewards schools for their commitment to the development of PE, sport and competition across their school.

We were assessed against the following criteria:

- Commitment to a minimum of 2 hours physical education per week*
- Participation in intra-school competitions (within school)*
- Participation in inter-school competitions (external competitions)*
- Leadership schemes*
- Extra-curricular clubs*
- Promotion of external providers*
- Provision in place to develop 'Gifted and Talented' children*
- Promotion of results and reports for newsletters/website*
- Continued Professional Development of school staff to support PE*

*We are very proud of this award and of our children's achievements
and look forward to another great year full of sport and fun!*

*This award is difficult to achieve due to the high level of commitment
needed, especially within a small school such as ours, so we are
extremely thrilled and proud! Well done everyone!*

Meet NED!

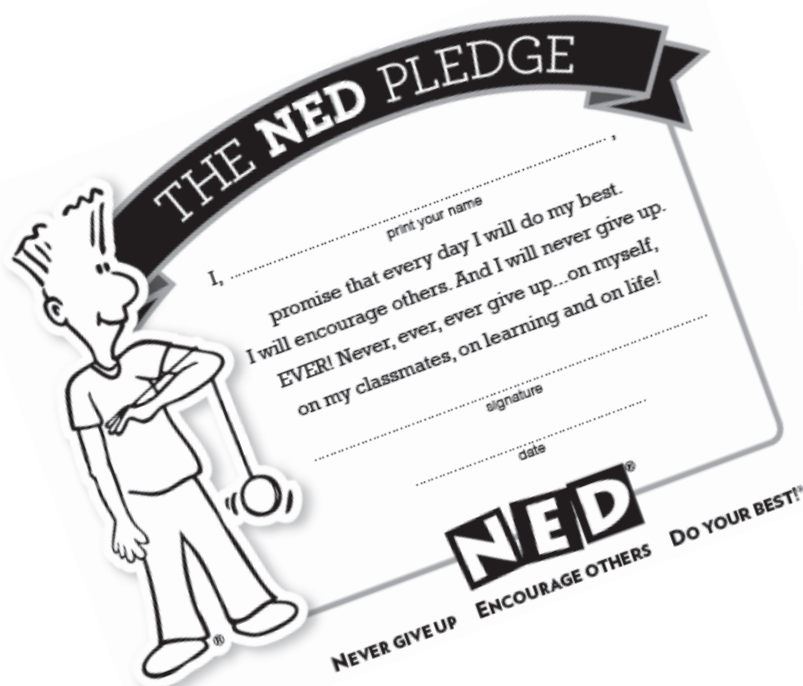
It's a good time to inform new families and remind everyone else that we are a NED School!
NED is a loveable cartoon character whose name is an acronym for

Never give up
Encourage others
Do your best



We use Ned's very important message throughout school to promote kindness and excellent progress for all children.

We hope that you will use this message at home too!



We will all be taking the NED pledge this week!



School Uniform *We have items of uniform and PE kits in school for you to buy if needed. Please see Mrs Ferguson or Mrs Angus in the school office if you would like to make any purchases.*

Reminder about our School uniform...

Plain black or plain grey skirt, pinafore or trousers

Bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan

White or bottle green polo shirt

Bottle green/white summer dress

Dark coloured shoes only. Please do not wear brightly coloured/white trainers or laces. This is not acceptable uniform. Thank you.

Hair bows. We really do like the smart hairstyles with bows. We would like to ask that these are limited to small and medium sized bows in school colours only. Thank you.

Please, please, please write your child's name in all their uniform, coat and PE kit. Thank you.

PE Kits

All children from Reception to Year 6 need a PE kit, including black plimsolls, in school.



PE kit consists of dark green, black or dark blue shorts, a white or dark green t-shirt and black plimsolls.

PE Days for September

Please keep a note of when your child will need their PE kit in school

Class 1: Monday and Tuesday

Class 2: Tuesday and Thursday

Class 3: Tuesday (PE kit) and Thursday (swimming kit)

Class 4: Monday and Tuesday

We recommend children bring their PE kits into school every Monday & leave them on their pegs for the week, bringing them home every Friday.



Each term, as well as receiving a topic sheet, parents/carers of children in Class 2, 3 and 4 will also receive a curriculum sheet which will show you how we are meeting the requirements of the curriculum as well as the needs and interests of your child. They are available on the website too. Please keep it safe and work through the plan with your child as they progress through their topic.

You received both the topic and curriculum information for this term's topics last term. Look on the website if you need a new copy or ask your child's teacher.

Class 1 – Celebrations

Class 2 – Toys

Class 3 – Romans Rock

Class 4 – Coasts to Castles

Our main drivers for our curriculum are - Ambition and Possibilities, Life-skills and Enterprise and Knowledge and Understanding of the World. These areas underpin the whole curriculum which we have developed and help to ensure that children leaving Laurel Avenue Community Primary School are well prepared for their continuing education and life as adults. A copy of the drivers is on the next page in this newsletter as a reminder so you can also help your child to achieve these at home.

If you have any questions regarding the curriculum, topics or the curriculum drivers please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or Ms Davison.

If you did not receive an overview or curriculum sheet in July, please ask your child's teacher for another copy or find them on the website:

<http://www.laurelavenue.durham.sch.uk/Curriculum>

Key Drivers for our Curriculum



Our curriculum is planned around a series of themes that maximise cross-curricular links whilst ensuring there is a clear development in the learning of key skills. As a school we believe that there are three 'curriculum drivers' that personalise our curriculum and develop the whole child in order to prepare them for life beyond Primary School. These have been chosen through consultation with staff and governors, identifying the needs and interests of all of our children.

Ambition and Possibilities



- To have a life-long love of learning that inspires them to look to the future
- To have high expectations of themselves and their future
- To recognise opportunities beyond the local community
- To increase knowledge of different career choices
- To develop self-confidence and a 'have a go' attitude

Process:

- Planning to ensure opportunities to raise children's self-belief and develop a positive attitude towards risk and challenge
- Focus on ambition, identifying different jobs and possibilities through topics, visits and visitors; role models for success
- Regular opportunities to work as a team, especially Key Stage 2

Life-Skills and Enterprise



- To develop questioning and research skills, applying to a range of hands-on learning experiences
- To work effectively as a team to organise themselves and create an end product
- To work independently and be organised and ready for learning
- To listen and communicate with others
- To complete set tasks in a given period and not give up
- To have excellent attendance
- To think 'creatively' to solve problems
- To be equipped for life beyond Primary School

Process:

- Opportunities for learning through each of the 5 learning skills – reflective, relationships, resilient, resourceful and risk taking will be provided
- Through each topic, children will have opportunities, through a wider range of skills based lessons, to take ownership of their learning and direct it more
- Wider opportunities for learning beyond the curriculum to equip children with relevant life skills; health and economic well-being, cooking, e-safety
- Encouraged expectation that children attend school and are ready to learn with appropriate equipment and kit and take responsibility to be ready and prepared

Knowledge and Understanding



of the World

- To experience opportunities that broaden their horizons
- To enhance their insight into the community and world by providing meaningful learning opportunities
- To celebrate/appreciate diversity and culture at national and international level
- To widen general knowledge
- To give opportunities to pursue their own lines of enquiry

Process:

- Using the 'news flash' feature of Espresso and First News newspapers to keep in touch with current issues
- Providing opportunities through visits, local exploration and the use of visitors to ask questions and explore the diversity of people, society, culture
- Discussing local and global issues and the impact that they have
- Asking questions and research historical events in the local and wider communities

Underpinning everything we do in school is a relentless focus on the acquisition of **basic skills**, for without the ability to read and write and apply basic mathematical concepts to problems, children will be unable to access any other form of learning.

School Council Election 2019

Elections for this year's School Councillors are on **Wednesday 25th September**. Two representatives from each year group, Reception to Year 6, will be voted onto the School Council for 2019 - 2020.

If your child wishes to stand for election, they need to have two nominations from either other pupils or adults and complete the nomination form by **Monday 16th September**. They will then be able to create campaign posters and speak to their classmates about why they would like to be a School Councillor.

To help your child prepare, we will send home a job description and a writing template to help them prepare a short speech - children in Years 3 - 6.

The School Council plays an important role in the pupil voice within the school and we strongly believe in the British Value of Democracy and hope you will discuss this opportunity with your child and support them if they wish to stand for election.

If you would like any further details, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Walters.



Attendance

We were thrilled with our whole school attendance for 2018 – 19 which was

97.1%!

This is the best ever achieved attendance for Laurel Avenue and above national average! Thank you for your support and cooperation. Arranging for appointments to be made outside of school hours, and bringing your children in to get their marks before and after any hospital appointments, that cannot be made outside of school time, really helps your child to achieve the best attendance that they can and so make the most progress. Every day in school increases their success and means that their experience in school is much more positive. This is something we are really passionate about and we look forward to seeing our attendance percentage even higher next year!



Here are some reminders about important attendance issues. We like to give you as much information as possible about such important issues as attendance so that you are well informed. School follows Government Policy and works very closely with all the local Primary Schools to ensure that we are all following these policies consistently.

Holidays in Term Time

Family holidays should not be booked during school time.

If parents/carers decide to take a holiday or extended leave in term time, the school will request that Children's Services issue a Penalty Notice under section 444 of the Education Act 1996. The penalty notice is £60 per parent per child if paid within 28 days and £120 per parent per child if paid after 28 days but within 42 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in prosecution in the Magistrates Court.

When a child has more than 14 sessions (7 days as each day = 2 sessions) of unauthorised absence in a twelve week period, this will result in a warning being given and the issue of a fixed penalty notice and referral to the Attendance Intervention Team.



Medical Issues

Medical and dental appointments should be made **out of school time** except those children who we know have a medical care plan.



If hospital appointments have to be made in school time, appointment cards/letters must be submitted to school one week prior to the appointment and copies will be kept on your child's file. If the appointment is later in the morning, or afternoon, please bring your child into school first and then collect them to take to the appointment.



If your child has a lot of short absences due to minor illnesses, school will ask the school nurse to offer support to your family. If there are a number of regular incidences of absences due to illness, then we will request that you provide medical evidence for every absence. Without this evidence, your child's attendance will be marked as unauthorised. Children don't tend to be ill consistently unless there is a reason and in such cases where there is a reason, there will be no problems giving school medical evidence so that the absences will not be recorded as unauthorised.



Persistent Absentees

As you know, The Department for Education deems the threshold for Persistent Absence to be 10%. This means that if your child's attendance falls below 90%, they will be classified as a persistent absentee. So if they are absent from school for around 19 days or more across the year, they will meet this classification.



Only 95% and above is acceptable as an absolute minimum.

Let's go for at least 97.5% this year!

Punctuality

All children should be on the playground for the bell ringing at 9.00 am. Children coming into school via the front door (after the bell has rung) will be logged daily and attendance procedures will be triggered if this is a frequent event. We will arrange meetings to establish why punctuality is an issue and what we can do to help you to get your child to school on time.

Our lessons start right at the beginning of the day, so children late in are missing the start of their lesson. Ten minutes late a day is 50 minutes of maths lost a week which really mounts up over the year.



Whilst these sanctions may sound quite harsh, it is in line with most schools in the country. Our consistent message to you, as parents/carers, is that “Every Day Counts” and that high attendance is essential in order to ensure that all our children achieve their full potential.



Let's work hard together to achieve at least 97.5% attendance for 2019 – 20!

I hope that you will support the school in this matter, as we are all concerned to see children fulfil their potential at school. I am sure you will agree that this can best be achieved by avoiding unnecessary absence. Our door is always open if you would like to discuss any issues including attendance and we will always do our best to help you and your family.

If you need any support with attendance or punctuality please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you.

OUTSTANDING	100% – 99%	
GOOD	98% – 97%	
SATISFACTORY	96% – 95%	2 SCHOOL WEEKS OF LOST LEARNING
UNSATISFACTORY	94% – 90%	4 SCHOOL WEEKS OF LOST LEARNING
TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE	89% – 76%	8 SCHOOL WEEKS OF LOST LEARNING
NEGLECT	75% – 70%	12 SCHOOL WEEKS OF LOST LEARNING

School Admissions

The Durham County Council online admission site at <https://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions> will open on September 12th 2019. Applications for admission to Reception for September 2020 and Secondary School for September 2020 must be received by the deadlines shown in the tables below. There is also an online brochure if you would like further information about the process and available schools, which is found on the Durham County Website, as well as our own.

<http://www.laurelavenue.durham.sch.uk/Admission-Arrangements>

If you do not have internet access please come into school and we can either help you to use a school computer to make your application or print you a paper copy of the application form.

Timetable for applying for Primary School places for September 2020

Children born between the 1st September 2015 and the 31st August 2016 will be eligible for admission to the Reception class in September 2020.

Everybody has to apply for a place in Reception, even if your child is currently in Nursery.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Stage in application process</i>
<i>12 September 2019</i>	<i>Applications open</i>
<i>15 January 2020</i>	<i>Closing date for applications</i>
<i>16 April 2020</i>	<i>Offers made</i>
<i>30 April 2020</i>	<i>Deadline for parents to accept the offer of a school place</i>
<i>From 7 May 2020</i>	<i>You can ask for your child's name to be added to a school waiting list for 2020/2021</i>

Timetable for applying for Secondary School places for September 2020

Date	Stage in application process
12 September 2019	Applications open
31 October 2019	Closing date for applications
2 March 2020	Offers made
16 March 2020	Deadline for parents to accept the offer of a school place
From 24 March 2020	You can ask for your child's name to be added to a school waiting list for 2020/2021

Durham School Place and Admissions: 03000 265896

Phone Numbers If you have a new mobile phone and changed your number, please ensure you send any new numbers into school so we can update our records. This is essential, both for receiving texts and notifications and for contacting you should any emergencies arise within school. Thanks!



School Meals 2019 – 2020

*Meals for Infant children (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) are free again this year. Meals for all other children will be **£2.05** per day.*

*Please send all money in a named and sealed envelope or money bag.
Thank you.*



Keeping Safe Online

'Internet Matters' is an app designed to help parents/carers talk about online safety issues with their children, and to ensure that they make smart choices to stay safe online. It is aimed at children aged between 8 and 10 years.

Split-screen collaborative app helps children to think about what they would do if they were faced with different situations online; from cyberbullying to sharing content with someone they don't know.

Quizzes and games encourage parents/carers and children to collaborate and talk about 9 different e-safety subjects.

Download the tablet-only app for free:



Stop, Speak, Support is a great tool to help your child make smart choices online.

You can use it as a talking point to better understand how they interact in their digital world.

<https://www.stopspeaksupport.com/>

How can I protect my children?

Children use the internet in different ways depending on their age. Have a look at these checklists for parents/carers that give you top tips on how to help them stay safe. Whatever their age, there is practical advice on the steps you can take to keep them safe in their digital world.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/>



Information about Laurel Learners Homework Club coming out soon.

We are changing the way this is organised this year.



Facebook

Just a reminder that we will only put your child's picture on Facebook if you have completed a permission letter. If you never see your child on Facebook, it is highly likely that is because we do not have permission to use their picture. Please contact the office if you would like a new permission letter.

Thank you.



We would be very appreciative if you could please take some time to make sure that all uniform, PE kit and coats have your child's name in. Staff try very hard to make sure that children return home with the correct uniform every day but it is very difficult when so many items have no names and children are not sure which is theirs.



Names can wash out easily so it would be fantastic if you could check after every wash.

Thank you!



If you would like to join **Friends of Laurel Avenue School** and get involved in the life of the school, please come and see Ms Davison, Claire Linfoot or Ellen Cottrell.

We would love to have you join us!

Friends of Laurel Avenue Society is a mixture of parents and staff that work together for the benefit of our School. Some are full-time parents and others work part or full time. **So why should you become involved?**

It's totally flexible!

- * There are a variety of ways you can help and be involved – from helping at an event or sharing skills and advice.
- * You don't need to attend meetings. Contact us and volunteer for events by email or telephone.

Be more connected

- * There's no better way to know what events are being planned, have your say or make new fundraising suggestions, than by offering your help and support.
- * You will get to know staff and volunteers on a more familiar basis.

You will be part of a great network

- * Every Friends of Laurel Avenue event is an opportunity to meet new parents/carers
- * You will be part of a like-minded network of people who all share a common goal of helping to improve the school for all children.

It's fun!

- * Help plan events, socials and get-togethers.
- * Suggest NEW fun ways to raise funds.
- * Get your whole family involved!

We really would love to recruit some more Breakfast Club volunteers. Do you have even one hour per week spare to help out between 8 and 9 am?

Let us know, we'd love to welcome you! Thank you.

Laurel Avenue Community Centre

Laurel United Youth Groups

Senior 11+ years – Mondays 5.00 – 7.00 pm, 50p entry

Junior 5-11 years – Tuesdays 4.00 – 5.30 pm, 50p entry

Tea Club

Tuesdays 3:15 – 4.00 pm (straight after school), £2.00 per child which includes entry to youth club. Please remember to send money into school or Community Centre clearly marked with child's name by no later than Tuesday morning. Any additional spending money for the tuck shop can also be included.

Toddler Group

Thursdays, 9.00 – 11.00 am. Sessions are for children aged 0 – 5 years.

Breakfast and activities are FREE.

Credit Union savings club is also held during this time; school children may also bring their savings books into school on Thursdays. To find out how to join please contact school office or Claire at Community Centre office.

LA Rising Stars – Tuesdays 6.00 – 8.00 pm, all children welcome.

This session is FREE. Activities include cheerleading, drama, musical classes, singing and dancing.

Lunch Club – Thursdays 12.00 – 2.00 pm, everyone welcome.

£3.00 includes a 2 course hot meal and activities.

Caff Gaff

Coffee morning, every Friday between 9.00 – 11.00 am.

FREE - everyone welcome.

Light Exercise class

All ages. Come along and meet new friends and get fit!

Every Friday 9.30 – 10.30 am. Sessions are FREE.

Pie and Pea Supper, Bingo Evening

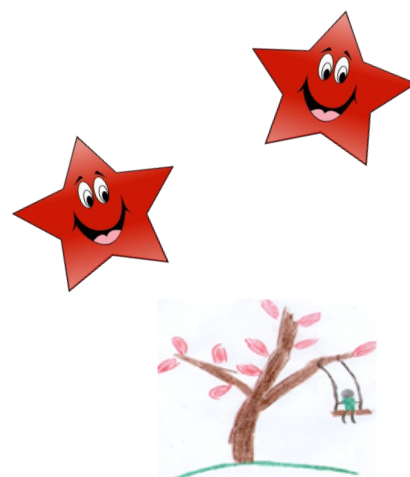
Thursday 3rd October 6.00 – 8.00 pm. Tickets £5.00 per adult, £2.50 per child.

We are a distribution point for Durham Food Bank.

Opening times are between 9.30 – 11.30 am every Saturday. For further information about referrals or other distribution point opening times, please contact Durham Food Bank: 0191 3037559.

Tel: 0191-3845427 Mobile: 07825956094

Email: Claire-laca@hotmail.co.uk



Laurel Avenue Community Centre

LA All Stars – Here We Go Again



What a fantastic show put on by the talented LA All Stars in July. They amazed us with their fantastic singing and dance routines.

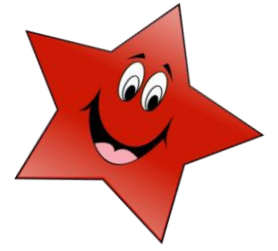


Why not join in with the LA Rising Stars from September?

Tuesdays 6.00 – 8.00 pm,
all children welcome.

This session is FREE.
Activities include:
cheerleading, drama,
musical classes, singing
and dancing.





Diary Dates



Wednesday 4th September: Back to School

Thursday 5th September: Let's Get Cooking starts

Monday 16th September: Nominations for School Council

Wednesday 25th September: Election Day for School Council

Friday 27th September, 3.15pm: Macmillan Coffee Afternoon (No Star Assembly)

Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th October, 3.30 – 6.00 pm: Parents' Evening

Reception – Year 6

Wednesday 9th October: Open Day for Nursery

Friday 18th October, 9.30 am: Harvest Festival

Friday 25th October: Break up for Half Term

Monday 28th – Friday 1st November: Half Term Holiday



Monday 4th November: Back to school

Monday 11th – Friday 15th November: Anti-Bullying Week

Wednesday 13th November: Anti-Bullying Awareness Raising Day

Friday 15th November: Children in Need Day. More information to follow.

Friday 15th November: Children in Need Day themed lunch.

Friday 29th November: School closed for Teacher Training

Wednesday 27th November: Non-Uniform Day for Chocolate Donation

Monday 2nd December, 1.30 – 3.00 pm: Christmas Fayre

Friday 6th December, 10.00 am: Nursery and Reception Christmas Production

Wednesday 11th December: Christmas Lunch with Parents/Carers invited.

More details will be sent home next term

Friday 13th December, 10.00 am: Class 2 Christmas Production

Wednesday 18th December, 10.00 am: Classes 3 and 4 Christmas Production

Thursday 19th December, pm: Nursery and Reception Party. All Nursery children welcome. If their session is not usually a Thursday afternoon, please bring to Nursery for 1.00 pm and collect at 3.15 pm.

Friday 20th December, 9.15 am: Christmas Sing-a-long (No Star Assembly)

Friday 20th December, pm: Christmas Disco for Year 1 – Year 6

Friday 20th December: End of Term

Spring Term starts Tuesday 7th January 2020



School Holidays 2019/2020

Please keep this information for future reference

Holiday	Closing Date	Date Re-open for Teaching Purposes
Summer 2019 (6 weeks 2 days) 	Friday 19 th July 2019	Wednesday 4 th September 2019
Autumn Half-Term 2019 (1 week)	Friday 25 th October 2019	Monday 4 th November 2019
Teacher Training Day (1 day) 	Thursday 28 th November 2019	Monday 2 nd December 2019
Christmas 2019 (2 weeks 1 day) 	Friday 20 th December 2019	Tuesday 7 th January 2020
Spring Half-Term 2020 (1 week)  	Friday 14 th February 2020	Monday 24 th February 2020
Easter 2020 (2 weeks) 	Friday 3 rd April 2020	Monday 20 th April 2020
May Day 2020 (1 day) 	Thursday 7 th May 2020	Monday 11 th May 2020
Summer Half-Term 2020 (1 week)	Friday 22 nd May 2020	Monday 1 st June 2020
Summer 2020 	Friday 17 th July 2020	To be determined

These dates only relate to Laurel Avenue Community Primary School. Each school in the area may have slightly different closing and re-opening dates.

IMPORTANT

Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATS: 11th May – 14th May 2020

Year 2 Key stage 1 Assessment Period: Month of May 2020

Year 1 Phonics Tests will take place during the week beginning June 8th 2020

Year 4 Multiplication-Tables Check will take place within the three-week period from Monday 8th June 2020



We hope that you received the letter this week discussing how we are now a nut free school.

Due to some of our children suffering with significant nut allergies, we have been advised by the School Nurse to become a NUT FREE SCHOOL. An allergic reaction (anaphylactic shock) can occur through the touching and ingestion of nut products, which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties. Staff in school are trained to use Epi-pens (an injection of adrenalin) which is required immediately if this happens.

Since this condition can be life threatening, we are asking all members of the school community for their help in minimising the risk by:

a) Avoiding giving children nuts or nut products in their packed lunches (Taylor Shaw Catering is a nut free business). So please can we ask that you have no nut products in the lunch boxes, for example:

Peanut butter sandwiches

Chocolate spreads

Cereal bars

Cakes that contain nuts

Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts

Sauces that contain nuts

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely.



b) Avoiding supplying the school or Friends of Laurel Avenue Society with cakes, chocolate donations or food items containing nuts for birthday celebrations, sales or events

*We do realise that many foods are labelled as 'may have been produced in a factory handling nuts and cannot be guaranteed to be nut free'. Such items **will** be allowed in school as it would be unreasonable to expect these to be kept out of school.*

We thank you in advance for your co-operation and support regarding this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to a member of staff in school or the School Nurse, Hayley Agnew, telephone: 03000 264247.