

What's gone... 7th - 11th September Star of the Week

Year 1	Ruby Desmond
Year 2	Elliott Templeton
Year 3	Chloe Johnson
Year 4	Kate Blakie
Year 5	Paige Sutherland
Year 6	Dionne Chapman



Head Teacher's Award
Rebecca Carter



Remember, our whole school target is above 95%.



House Group Winners!	Best Class Attendance	Whole School Attendance
RED	Year 3 99.3%	97.7%
		

REMINDERS TO PARENTS:

Term time holidays cannot be authorised by school and should be avoided. In certain cases fines may and can be issued.

Dinner money needs to be paid each Monday for the coming week. It can also be paid online, see link on school website.

Our school sports council elections last Friday were made extra special by receiving a visit from the Mayor and Mayoress of Sunderland. We are very fortunate that not only is the Mayor a councillor for the St Peter's ward but he is also a long standing governor and supporter of Dame Dorothy Primary school. The Mayor (Barry Curran) spoke with our children all about the process of democracy, rule of law and the Magna Carta to explain how special and important it is that we are able to vote and choose in a free society. After which began the process of the children casting their votes before having the results announced. The newly elected school councillors then had their lunch with Barry and his wife Carol to celebrate their success. Congratulations to all of our new councillors and many thanks to Barry and Carol.



Year 3 Broom House Farm
On Wednesday 9th September 2015, Year Three went on their first of three visits to Broom House Farm. We started the day with a scavenger hunt looking for autumnal items, such as conkers and blackberries. We were also invited into the Chicken coop to pick fresh eggs. Next we visited the pig pen, where the mammy pigs were looking after their babies! We were allowed to feed the Mammy pigs some of the apples we found in the orchard. The pigs seemed to enjoy our visit! We also saw sheep being marked with blue dye, for the farmer to spot the pregnant sheep more easily. After lunch, we went to the farm shop to spend our money. Eggs were a popular choice (even if some didn't quite manage the bus journey home!) Then we played on the play park before going on a forest hunt for Wind in the Willows characters. This was a tricky task as we had to follow a map in our groups and find small doors with the characters hiding in them. Mrs Dodds' team found the most characters and they were given a prize! We are all excited about our next trip in the spring term.



INSET Days: New Inset days for the 2015/16 academic year as follows:
Monday 28th September 2015 ;
Monday 25th January; Monday 20th June 2016.



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It may only be week 2 of the new term but there is still so much going on. Our PE curriculum is well under way and for years 1 and 2 they are beginning tennis coaching with Steph Eadon and her sister Sarah. The children have really enjoyed these sessions and hopefully will want to continue playing outside of school. If they do wish to, Steph is head coach at Boldon LTA and would warmly welcome any children wishing to go for coaching there. If you are interested check out the information at <http://boldonlawntennisclub.co.uk/coaching/>



E-Safety for parents. Keeping children safe in the virtual world is one of the biggest challenges school and parents face today. In many cases our children know far more than we do about the very latest form of social media. In order to help you understand better about ways in which we can keep our children safe we have published a guide on our school website with some useful tips and advice. Please take a moment or two to have a look and consider just how safe your own children are. Please click on the QR code to link to the website.

Dame Dorothy's football team got their season under way with a friendly match against Hill View B and C teams. Katie Mapstone, James Graham, Thomas Taylor and William Ntoka made their debuts in this fixture. The first game saw DD dominant with 3 early goals from Connor (1) and Jonathan (2) with their keeper preventing a cricket score. Some changes were made for the second game with William coming on for Katie at the back and impressing with some well timed tackles. The second game again saw victory for us again with a score of 2-1- their goal coming against the run of play. All in all, a great start to our season.



Year 5 and 6 will begin after swimming can only be swimming this half term, Year 3 and 4 half term. Please note continue with the support of parents/carers walking with the children to and from the Aquatic centre. Please contact the office if you can help.

What's on... 14th - 18th September

Year 6 will be visiting the Lambton Estate on Wednesday 16th September, to see what goes on there and to hear about the history of the Estate. Please wear warm clothing and sensible footwear.

The Fire Service will be visiting Year 2 and Year 5 on Thursday 24th September to deliver their Fire Safety Programme.

Reminders:

- 16.09 Lambton Visit Year 6
- 24.09 Fire Brigade in school—Y2& Y5
- 28.09 INSET Day—School closed, Day care open

The Safeguarding designated people are; Mr Williamson, Mrs Maughan and Mrs Burdon.

The Anti-Bullying Coordinators for the school are; Mrs Burdon and Mrs Maughan. Please view the Anti-bullying policy on the school website.

- 26.10 Half Term holiday
- 02.11 Children return to school
- 09.11 Parent Evening by appointment



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