

## 4th - 6th September

### Star of the Week

Year 1	Rory & Neave
Year 2	Fiona
Year 3	Balkaran
Year 4	Charlotte
Year 5	Leon
Year 6	Olivia


 Head Teachers Award  
 Ekam
 

**Welcome Back!:** It is lovely to be able to welcome everyone to a new academic year at Dame Dorothy. It's also wonderful to be able to welcome some new faces who have moved schools over the summer and we will shortly be joined by our new nursery intake. If you have travelled past the school over the holiday period you will have noticed a lot of scaffolding in place. We have had the remaining original part of the school roof replaced and unlike the previous year when two classrooms were flooded and damaged, this year it was only my office! So apart from that we are all ready and excited to begin the new term. We will be doing our best to build on our excellent SAT results from last year as well as providing exciting educational trips with sporting and musical opportunities for all. I would like to welcome our new PE apprentice Joshua Brown to our staff, I am certain he will be an excellent addition to our school and follow on the great work made by Mr McDougall.

**The Hub:** The revamped caretaker house has now become our Community Hub and we are thrilled that over the summer holidays so many children and families were able to access the fantastic provision offered by SCAG. We hope the 'Hub' will be used by other groups to serve the community both during and after school hours. We will be holding a formal opening on Friday 13th September with Lady Cowie performing the ribbon cutting honours to recognise the funding we received from her late husband's charitable trust. We will bring more news and updates over the year of how the 'Hub' is serving our community.

**Kidz Klub:** Kidz Klub will be delivering a wide range of **after school** fun activities during term time Monday to Friday excluding bank holidays and teacher training days. This will be delivered from the new Dame Dorothy Youth and Community Hub right next to the main school building. Activities are designed to improve confidence, self-esteem, general health and wellbeing while having fun. The daily sessions will begin at 3.20 pm and finish at 5.30 pm. Each session will cost **£1.00 per child**. If your child attends another after-school club at Dame Dorothy School, you can also book your child into the Kidz Klub after their session has finished again for the cost of £1.

If your child is attending the session from 3.20pm they will be escorted from Dame Dorothy School reception to the Kidz Klub at the Hub.

If your child is attending another after-school provision at Dame Dorothy School and would like to attend the Kidz Klub afterwards a nominated member of staff will transfer the child/ren over to the hub into our care. We will provide drinks and a small snack during your child's stay.

For more information or to make a booking please contact Judith Britton direct:  
[judebrit\\_scag@hotmail.com](mailto:judebrit_scag@hotmail.com)

**Please be aware that spaces are limited.**

#### Swimming:

Year 5 & Y6 are swimming this term beginning next week. Year 5 will go Monday and Year 6 Friday. The cost will be £10.00 for this half term.



**Attendance:** Good attendance in school is vital for your child's academic progress. School strongly urges parents to avoid taking term time holidays and for parents to ensure that children arrive in school on time at 8:45 each morning.

#### Packed lunches:

As there are limited places available, please do not send children into school with a packed lunch without speaking to the office first.

Remember to check out our Facebook page

**Nathan at the Ashes!** During the holidays I went to the first Ashes Test Match in Birmingham. The Ashes is a famous cricket competition between England and Australia. I was selected to be a mascot for the first Test Match and I met the England Captain, Joe Root, and Cricket World Cup heroes Ben Stokes and Jonny Bairstow. I was pictured in the newspaper and was on TV with Joe Root when the Australian Captain and England Captains did the coin toss to see who would bat first. I got a cricket bat signed by the whole England team and a team sheet signed by the Australian Captain along with a free England team shirt.



PE Time Table	9.15am	1.15pm	2.15pm
<b>MONDAY</b>		<b>Reception</b>	<b>Year 4</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>		<b>Year 1</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>		<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 5</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Nursery</b>		

There has been an increase in the number of children wearing earrings for school. If your child is unable to remove their earrings then they **must not** be worn on PE days. PE is a curriculum subject and all children need to be taking part. This also applies to After School Clubs. Please contact the office to sign an earring form if you have not already done so. Thank you for your continued support.

**Diary Dates:**  
 17.09 & 18.09 Lambton Estate Y6  
 19.09 Beamish Y4  
 26.09 Wetlands Trust Y1  
 27.09 Gibside Y5  
 07.10 INSET day  
 Y3 Broom House Farm—date to be confirmed

**Road Safety :** I would like to ask parents to take extra care when dropping off and collecting children in cars around the school entrance and car park. Like most schools, the situation can become very busy and overcrowded and drivers need to be mindful of pupils and parents walking into school in order that we can keep everyone safe.

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




**The Anti-Bullying Coordinators for the school are; Mrs Burdon and Mrs**



**Safeguarding Governor —Mrs Roberts.**



**Mental Health and Well-Being Champion - Miss Baker.**

