



Upper Durham Dales Federation

Rookhope Newsletter

Friday 10th September



Message from Mrs Hodgkinson:

The weeks seem to be flying by very quickly this term! It's been great to see all the children settled back into school routines after the summer holidays. All the children have been working incredibly hard this week completing baseline assessments to help teachers plan learning activities that meet each child's needs.

As I've visited the schools this week, I've enjoyed seeing the children so engaged with their learning about Space and the planets and been impressed by how well they remember the order and facts about each one. It's also been a pleasure to see the children from all the schools learning together on Teams.

Enjoy your weekend!

Don't forget to apply for a school place if your child is due to start primary school or move to secondary school in September 2022.

The deadline dates to apply for these school places are:

Secondary school admissions—15th October, 2021

Primary school admissions - 15th January, 2022

Apply online at www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions



Outdoor Activity Days – October 4th & 5th

We're delighted to have been able to book an additional 2 days of outdoor activities at Wearhead Adventure Centre with funding from the Wearhead Action Partnership.



St John's Chapel and Wearhead Primary Schools

From 8am Cost £2-25 per day

Please book by the previous Friday

01388 537332

Transport to Wearhead provided



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Parents/Carers are invited to join us from 2pm on Thursday, 23rd September for refreshments. The children will be baking in the morning and their cake(s) can be shared with family or taken home. A donation would be gratefully received on behalf of the charity.

A message from your teachers:

Water bottles

Please don't forget to send a water bottle in for your child each day. They must be filled with water only, please.

Home School Records

Your child/ren has should have brought home their Home/School Record book. This is to be taken home each day and returned to school the following day. Weekly 'things to remember', homework and regular reading in School and at home can be recorded.

Useful links for our Space themed Topic

www.grassholmeobservatory.com - a new observatory near Barnard Castle

www.durhamcathedral.co.uk - Museum of the Moon installation

KS2 Lockerbie Residential visit

Please see the letter in your child's green folder about the KS2 Lockerbie Manor residential visit in June 2022. If you would like your child(ren) to go, please complete the attached slip and return to school by Friday 24th September, so that we can begin to make further arrangements and pay the deposit.

Dates for your diary:

Date	Event
Wearhead Primary -Thursday 23 rd Sept pm Rookhope Primary - Friday 24 th am St. John's Chapel Primary -Friday 24 th pm	Macmillan fundraiser
Monday 4 th October	Key Stage 2 visit to Weardale House
Tuesday 5 th October	EYFS/Key Stage 1 visit to Weardale House
Rookhope Primary - Monday 18 th Oct St. John's Chapel - Wed 20 th Oct Wearhead Primary - Wed 20 th Oct	Harvest event Collection for Weardale foodbank
Thursday 21st October	Planetarium experience at St. John's Chapel Town Hall (further details to follow)
Friday 22 nd October	School closes for half term holiday
Monday 1 st November	Staff INSET day- all schools closed to pupils
Tuesday 2 nd November	Schools reopen for teaching purposes