



Black History Month—October

Over the month, children across the school will be learning about various black people of particular significance and their effect on the world.

Anti Bullying—Inclusion Week—19th—23rd Oct

Each week this month, children will be covering various themes for anti-bullying. Next week is 'Inclusion'.

Communication

Parents who have any questions or concerns can e-mail the school on bishopmiddleham@durhamlearning.net and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Please don't send messages via Class Dojo or Facebook as we can miss them.

Staggered Start and Finish Times

Year Group	Drop off time	Pick up time
Nursery and Reception	9.00am	3.00pm
Year 1	9.00am	3.00pm
Year 2	8.55am	3.05pm
Year 3/4	8.50am	3.10pm
Year 5/6	8.45am	3.15pm

The above times are the staggered start and finish times for the school day.

Please ensure you adhere to the one way system when dropping off and picking up.

We will send the children out in order of the parents in the queue. Once a parent has their child, they must leave the front of the queue and cross over the drive (in front of the gates).

To support us with the smooth running of transition periods and avoid congestion at the gates when dropping off and picking up, adults with siblings need to drop off at the earliest time and pick up at the latest time for the oldest sibling.

Harvest Festival—Wednesday 21st October

All classes are working hard to produce content for our virtual Harvest Festival. This will be recorded and shared with the community via our social media platforms.

Book Donations

We would like to say thank you to GET Free Books in Bishop Auckland for their kind donation of books for the children. We would also like to thank those parents who have also donated books for our library after the flood. However, we now have replenished our stocks and are unable to store any more.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who helped raise £146.30

Tempest Photographs

Due to the current climate we will not be doing photographs this year.

Cornforth Partnership Freaky Fun

Packs will be provided during the October half term to families living in Bishop Middleham and West Cornforth. Booking is essential – Contact 01740 652000

Packed Lunch

Please ensure you check the packed lunch policy for what packed lunches are allowed to contain. Please can you keep to a sensible limit on the amount of food the packed lunches contain, especially desserts. We would like to ask parents to ensure that there are no chocolate coated cakes / biscuits or chocolate yoghurts.

Remembrance Day Poppy in Your Window - Wednesday 11th November

On November 11th, the nation stops and unites for a minute to make sure that no-one is forgotten and to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom. As a community, alongside St Michael's Church, we would like to symbolise this upcoming event with a simple poppy in as many windows as possible. We will be decorating ours. It would be great to see yours.

Read a Story to our Early Years Children

To support our Early Years children with their development in 'Reading' and 'People and Communities', we would like to invite Early Years' parents and grandparents to read a children's book to the class. Due to the current climate, any readings would need to be pre-recorded and sent in or a live stream into school can be organised at a convenient time for both. If you are interested, please complete the form linked: [Google Form to complete](#)

Early Years Tapestry Update—Every Friday

Every Friday, Miss Hammond will be updating Tapestry to inform parents of the following week's learning focus in order to support parents to engage in similar activities and discussions at home. We would love to see what you and your child(ren) have been doing, so please keep sharing your photos and comments on Tapestry.

Attendance

12th October 2020 – 16th October 2020

R	100%
Y1	97%
Y3	97%
Y4	98%
Y5	98%
Y6	98%

Birthdays

Adam J

Ryan

School closes on Friday 23rd October and reopens Monday 2nd November

