# Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

# Friday, 8th April 2022 This day in history

#### Celebration of the Buddha's birth

On this day most practitioners of <u>Buddhism</u> in <u>Japan</u> celebrate the birth of the <u>Buddha</u>, who lived in <u>India</u> sometime between the 6th and the 4th century *bce* and founded Buddhism.

**<u>1820</u>** The famous ancient Greek statue, Venus de Milo is discovered on the Aegean island of Milos

**<u>1973</u>** <u>Pablo Picasso</u>, perhaps the most influential artist of the 20th century, died at age 91.





## Whole School Attendance

Reception = 94.6% Year 1 = 86.5 % Year 2 = 90.6 % Year 3 = 95.4 % Year 4 = 97.3 % Year 5 = 96.9 % Year 6 = 90.7 %



### Congratulations

Well Done Year R for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 4 for the best attendance in Upper School.

Our school target is 97%.

# A short End of Term Message

A huge thank you and well done to everyone for reaching the end of this Spring Term.

A special thank you to the whole school staff who have worked so hard to keep the whole school open through this term despite the impact of heavy levels of staff absence. They have gone above and beyond at short notice to cover all aspect of running the school and keeping the doors open to everyone.

A huge thank you to all our families for their continued support and especially the children in engaging so well with the new curriculum and new opportunities including visits and visitors.

I hope the Summer Term will see the return of so much more activity around the school including new visits for every class, specialist visitors and increasing opportunities to move forward and work towards transition into the new academic year.

Finally, may I wish everyone a very safe and enjoyable Easter Holiday with fingers crossed for some lovely spring weather.

Take care and see you all again on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April.



### **School Dates**

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School Closed for Easter today and reopens on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022



School	Dates								
Dance Lessons will now move to Upper school on Tuesday afternoons for Years 5 and 6 and Wednesday afternoons for Year 3 and 4.									
Taekwondo Lessons will move from Upper School to Lower School every Wednesday									
Every Wednesday until the end of the Year - Year 3 and Year 4 will continue Ukulele Instrument Tuition									
Summer Term starts with school reopening on Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April and close on Friday 27rth May for Half Term									
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May – school closed for May Bank Holiday									
Year 6 SATS tests Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May									
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May – Outdoor athletics competition for years 5/6									
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May – Lower School Non-Curriculum Day									
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Upper School Non-Curriculum Day									
Week commencing 4 <sup>th</sup> July – Parent/Carer Evenings – details to be confirmed									
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School reopens on Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June after half term and closes at the end of the Summer term on Tuesday									
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STEAM Ahead Education	Parent / Carer Contact details								
STEAM Ahead Education is offering free Easter activities	If you have recently changed your contact details,								
on 21st and 22nd April at Consett Academy. The activities	addresses, emails and mobile numbers please be sure								
are free for all children aged 8 – 14	to update the school office so that we have an								
	emergency contact for your child.								
STEAM Ahead Easter	I.,								
Open to: Children living across the Derwentside area. Children eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals	County Durham and Darlington, Child and Adolescent								
will receive preference, should we be oversubscribed for	Mental Health Services (CAMHS) are running FREE								
places.	parent courses via MS TEAMS.								
Book one or two days below.	Tuesday 24th May 2022, 9.30 am – 11.00 am,								
Children can be booked onto one or both days, but a new	Supporting children who are anxious.								
form needs to be completed for each child, per day.	Wednesday 22nd June 2022, 9.30 am – 11.00 am,								
	Emotional Well-Being.								
The link is <u>www.STEAMAheadEducation.co.uk/book</u>	What is it and how can we improve it for ourselves and								
Timings Operato 2nm	our children?								
Timings: 9am to 3pm Lunch: Included (free)	Wednesday 6th July 2022, 9.30 am – 11.00 am,								
Cost: Free	Supporting children who are anxious.								
CONTINCE	Please email enquiries to								
	tewv.countydurhamcamhstraining@nhs.net								



### **Easter Egg Competition**



Congratulations to all the winners, runners up and participants of this years Easter Egg Competition

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1 <sup>st</sup>	Easter	Mermaid -	А	The Easter	The Egg	Under the	Fairytale	Cat in the
Place	Chick –	Emily	strawberr	Bunny -	cup final –	Sea –	Castle –	hat – Isla
	Jessica S		y - Lacey-	Blanka	Harrison	Amelia-	Lexi	
			Jo			Mae		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Princess	Rainbow	Tie Dye	Ice Cream	Caterpillar	Lobster	Mindcraft	Farm –
Place	Egg – Georgia Abbey	Egg - Elliott	Egg - James	- Ella	– Alexis	and Turtle – Kaiden	– Jaxon	Anya
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Moustach e Egg – Archer	Rabbit - Seb	The Easter Bunny - Willow	Bunny Drawing - Sienna	McDonald s Burger – Frankie	Vikings Rule – Ryan	The School Staff – Kody	Wonka Bar — Kaitlyn





## A selection of entries



Lower School Parents 1<sup>st</sup> Eggstra-terrestrial 2<sup>nd</sup> Avengers Egg Game 3<sup>rd</sup> Easter Basket – Oliver's mum

**Upper School Parents** 1<sup>st</sup> Superheroes – Ethan's Mam 2<sup>nd</sup> Humpty Dumpty – Kody's Mam 3<sup>rd</sup> Gilbert Rugby ball – Olivia's Dad







#### Letter to schools from the NHS on COVID vaccinations

The COVID-19 vaccination programme in schools in partnership with the School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS) is ending as we begin to administer the last of the vaccines ahead of the Easter holidays. 12 to 15-year-olds can also get their first or second dose outside of school by using the National Booking Service or one of the walk-in vaccination sites open to this age group.

Those who are more at risk from the virus or who live with someone who has a severely weakened immune system can get their second dose earlier, eight weeks after their first, and a further 'booster' dose from three months (91 days) after their second.

On 11 March, the National Booking Service opened to allow those at greatest risk from COVID, including those who are severely immunosuppressed and with underlying health conditions, to book their booster online.

Children in this age group who have had a severely weakened immune system can get a third primary dose from eight weeks after their second dose, then receive a booster from three months (91 days) later. These third primary doses for those eligible can make an appointment through local booking systems or get vaccinated through their local GP or hospital or home visit team as well as at some vaccination walk-in sites.

#### Vaccinating 5-11-year olds

On 16 February, the Government accepted advice from the JCVI to make a non-urgent offer of Covid-19 vaccines to all children aged five to 11, to increase protection against potential future waves of COVID-19.

The National Booking Service has opened and bookings for children aged 5 to 11 can now be made.

This will not be an in-school offer, except where SAIS providers are used to provide vaccinations in special educational needs (SEN) schools.

The number of clinics will increase towards Easter to support vaccination during school holidays when parents have more time.

The NHS is already vaccinating children aged 5 to 11 who are most at risk of Covid-19 or who are a household contact of someone who is immunosuppressed.

How to get an appointment The National Booking Service (NBS) shows available appointments and there is also a site finder to locate vaccine walk-in centres which is updated regularly. This finder shows which doses are offered at each location and to which age groups.

### The National Booking Service visit :

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/

### walk in site finder:

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/find-a-walk-in-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-site/