

## Newsletter: 11th September 2015

*Achieving More Together as God's Children*

### Head Teacher's News

*We would like to extend a very warm welcome to you all and know this will be another successful year for us all.*

Do you have a child who will be 5 on or between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017? If so, you need to complete an application for a school place so that your child can start school in September. You can apply online at [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) or by contacting the School Admissions Team on 03000 265896 who will send you an application form.

Please note the deadline for applications is midnight on 15th January 2016.

### Important information on Leave of Absence during school term time

Government Regulations state that Head Teachers are **not allowed** to grant any leave of absence during school term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you are considering a holiday in term time and feel the circumstances are exceptional, please speak to me before you book the holiday so I can explain the procedure.

Also, from 1st September 2015, legislation has altered. Any pupil who has unauthorised absences that are of 7 days or more will be considered as persistently absent and the consequences of this may be a referral to the Education Welfare Service.

**URGENT REMINDER: DINNER MONEY MUST BE PAID EVERY MONDAY MORNING EACH WEEK. THANK YOU.**

### Early Years

Well done to all our new starters. Starting school can be a very daunting time for not only the children, but parents too. All the children have settled in really well and are enjoying busy days playing, exploring and learning new things.

### School News

#### Martin Gray's Academy

Well done to the Year 2 children for their first session with Martin Gray Football Academy.



### Diary Dates:

Mon 14th Sept - Yr 6 visit to the Oriental Museum

Wed 16th Sept - Yr 4 residential trip to Blencathra  
Return Thursday 17th Sept approx. 2.45pm

Wed 16th Sept - Yr 6 Robinwood Parents Meeting  
3.00pm

Mon 28th Sept - Yr 6 residential to Robinwood  
Return Wed 30th Sept 2.30pm

Tues 13th Oct - School Photograph Day

Fri 23rd Oct - Harvest Festival at Church 9.30pm

### Star of the Week - 11th September 2015

**Reception** - Max  
**Year 1** - Harry  
**Year 2** - Eva  
**Year 3** - Anthony  
**Year 4** - Eva  
**Year 5** - Bobby  
**Year 6** - Francesca

