



## Frosterley News 15.09.17

### New Classes

The children are settling well into their new classes and have had a good first full week back. Our older children have taken on new responsibilities in school and are working well together in their new jobs.

Our new classes are:

Marble - Nursery and Reception  
Galena - Y1/2/3  
Amethyst – Y4/5/6

### September Clubs

We have simplified our pricing for clubs this year. The first hour will be £2.50 and the second hour will be £2.50. This still only costs £5.00 if a child stays for two hours. Monday Sports Club will be free. Thursday Film Club will be £2.50 for the session up to the 5:15 finish time.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
PE Club - No Charge	Homework Club Mrs Goodliffe £2.50	Computer Club Mrs Calvert	Bug Club 3.30-4.30 £2.50
Craft Club Mrs Telfer £2.50	Games Club Ms Simons £2.50	Lego Club Mrs Suddes £2.50	Film Club Mr and Mrs Gowland 3.30-5.15 £2.50

### Treasure Boxes

Thank you to everyone who filled their treasure boxes over the summer. The children really enjoyed sharing their collections and are producing some lovely work using them.

### Frosterley Helping Hands

Frosterley Helping Hands met last Friday morning to discuss some upcoming events. It was great to see so many people at the meeting – everyone is always welcome. Even if you are not able to attend

meetings, if you would like to help at events please let us know.

The next event is a Coffee Morning at the village hall on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 10-12. As well as refreshments there will be stalls and games and activities for the children.

### **Retirement**

Just as we broke up for the holiday, Mrs. Coates let us know that she had decided to retire. We would like to thank her for all her work with the school and wish her a very happy retirement! The children made a lovely card and have presented this to her along with a beautiful bouquet of flowers which we hope she will enjoy.

### **MacMillan Coffee Afternoon**

The school is holding a coffee afternoon to raise money for MacMillan on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September at 2.15. Please come and join us for tea/coffee and cake and help us to support this worthwhile cause. Friends and family are all welcome.

**Please could you bring any donations of cakes on the morning. Thank you.**

### **Food Bank**

We are still collecting for the Food Bank. Mrs. Gowland kindly takes our donations along every week. If you would like to make a donation, please send your contribution to school. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far.

### **County Durham Families Information Service**

The County Durham Families Information website has lots of information and links to services in County Durham for families, especially those with children with special needs. The website is available at the address below:

<http://www.countydurhamfamilies.info/kb5/durham/fsd/home.page>

### **Neighbourhood Watch – Seatbelt Campaign**

We have been asked to share the following information about wearing seatbelts and using safe children's car seats:

Legislation states that drivers are responsible for ensuring that suitable safety restraints are worn by all passengers under 14 years old. Children must use an appropriate child car restraint for their weight until they are 135cm tall or their 12th birthday, whichever is first.

As seatbelts do not fit children correctly, an appropriate child car restraint is needed to offer the same level of protection as a seatbelt does for adults. Passengers over 14 years are responsible for wearing their own seatbelt and can therefore face prosecution.

A recent amendment to current legislation around child car restraints now means that backless booster seats will only be approved for older children. The new regulations only apply to new models, meaning parents can legally continue to use backless booster seats they already own.

Under the new rules, backless booster seats or booster cushions will only be approved for use by children taller than 125cm and weighing more than 22kg. Currently children as young as three, or 15kg, are able to use a backless booster seat.

Inspector Mark Pitt from the Cleveland and Durham Specialist Operations Unit, said: "Those who do not wear a seatbelt take an immeasurable risk with their own lives and the lives of others travelling in the vehicle. The important thing to remember is that seatbelts do save lives."

