



Dates for your diary

Fri 25 Oct	Break up for half term, 3.15 pm
Mon 4 Nov	Staff and pupils return to school
Tue 5 Nov	Y5 Ready Steady Cook at CVHS, pm
Thu 7 Nov	Y5/6 Basketball at CVHS, 4.15 pm
Wed 13 Nov	Peace Festival at St John's Church pm
Thu 14 Nov	Learning Festival
22-24 Nov	Y6 residential visit to Robinwood
Thu 12 Dec	FOSS Christmas Fair, 5 pm
Fri 20 Dec	Break up for Christmas, 3.15 pm
Mon 6 Jan	Staff and pupils return to school

You will be informed of other dates as soon as they are finalised (dates are also available from the school website and can be synced from the Google school diary).

School meals

Our new winter menu is being introduced after half term, and copies have already been sent out with children. The new menus should soon be on the Kirklees website - when they are there will be a link from our school website, but if you would like another paper copy please ask Mrs Holden.

We would like to remind parents that we need two weeks' notice to change from school meals to packed lunches, and vice versa - thank you.

Names in uniform

Please can you make sure all items of clothing, including coats and PE kit, are clearly named so that they can be returned to the correct person if found.

Federation news

Half term already! It has been great to see all the children back in school, and we would like to extend a warm welcome to our new reception and nursery children and their families.

As Headteacher across our Federation, it is exciting to work alongside my Senior Leadership team - Miss Shackleton, Assistant Headteacher based at Scapegoat Hill, Mrs Alison Barker, Assistant Headteacher based at Linthwaite Clough and Miss Wood, our Inclusion Manager for the Federation. We work closely with all staff, meeting weekly across the Federation to share best practice and celebrate the children's achievements.

Our first achievement was the writing of a new vision statement. We believe this vision is ambitious but achievable with the support of the whole Federation community.

Scapegoat Hill and Linthwaite Clough Federation is a community of confident, creative learners thriving together in a rich, inclusive environment that raises the aspirations of each unique child.

Our doors are open! As a Federation, and in each school, we are constantly looking to improve communication between ourselves, parents and the local community; we would welcome any ideas or feedback to support this.

Federation events



A big thank you to Gail Newton, who generously donated book vouchers on her retirement. We visited the bookshop in Lindley, where the school council had the opportunity to browse the shelves, discover new authors and purchase requested books from children across the year groups.

The children are enjoying the new books and arrangements are being

made for a local author to visit children in Class 1 and Key Stage 1.



School Council



Our School Council is a group of children elected each year, who meet regularly to discuss ideas raised by all children in school. This year our council members are Brook, Eva, Francesca, Laana, Liam, Molly, Nathaniel and William.

They will be meeting soon to decide which charity to raise money for this year, and will be organising various fundraising events in school - watch out for further details.

Eva explained what a school councillor did: *"We listen to everybody else and come up with ideas to help the school and then tell the teachers, who can decide if things happen. I like being in the School Council because I like being helpful."*

Changes/additions to website

The following items (listed by the page you will find them on) have recently been added or updated on our new school website (www.scapegoat-hill.kirklees.sch.uk). If you are ever unsure where to find something on the website, there is a ['Search for'](#) facility.

OUR SCHOOL  **FOSS:** minutes of the AGM held on 19 September 2019, plus new committee members

INFORMATION  **Policies & Procedures:** Accessibility Plan, SEN Policy and SEND Local Offer Information

LEARNING 
Class 1: the home/school worksheet for this half term
Class 2: the home/school worksheet for this half term
Class 3: the home/school worksheet for this half term

PARENTS  **Term dates/calendar:** updated Google calendar (inc class assemblies)

Anyone who would prefer a paper copy of any of the information on the website can have one by asking at the school office. *A reminder that you can download absence/holiday request forms and requests for school to administer medication forms from the website.*

Girls' football

Class 3 girls have taken part in the girl's football tournament at Colne Valley High School organised by Pennine Sports. Courtney said *"I was happy that I got the chance to go, it helped me gain my confidence as a person and it also helped me become a better player"* and Molly has written a report for us:

"We had lots of fun at the girls' football tournament where we came first in our league but then lost 1-0 in the finals against Golcar. We played different teams such as Marsden, who we beat 8-0!! Clough Head we beat them 4-2, drew with Linthwaite Clough 1-1 and beat Slaithwaite 6-2. We all enjoyed ourselves and everyone was really supportive."



Congratulations to Courtney, Elise, Erika, Imogen, Josephine, Kahlan and Molly who performed brilliantly - we're all very proud of you!

New extension



We are all very excited about the building work that took place in the summer holiday to extend the shelter outside Class 1. This is a fantastic space for children to work outside the classroom, no matter what the weather! Children love to explore, investigate and take part in activities we wouldn't always do inside - sometimes it can get quite messy! We would like to thank FOSS for the very generous contribution towards the cost of the extension.

Term time/holiday dates

ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20								
AUTUMN TERM			SPRING TERM			SUMMER TERM		
First Day	Half Term	Last Day	First Day	Half Term	Last Day	First Day	Half Term	Last Day
Tue 3 Sep	28 Oct to 1 Nov	Fri 20 Dec	Mon 6 Jan	17 Feb to 21 Feb	Fri 12 Apr	Mon 20 Apr	25 May to 29 May	Thu 16 Jul

School will also be closed on:
Friday 14 February, Monday 24 February and Friday 8 May 2020 (May Day)

ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/21								
AUTUMN TERM			SPRING TERM			SUMMER TERM		
First Day	Half Term	Last Day	First Day	Half Term	Last Day	First Day	Half Term	Last Day
Mon 7 Sep	26 Oct to 30 Oct	Fri 18 Dec	Mon 4 Jan	15 Feb to 19 Feb	Fri 26 Mar	Mon 12 Apr	31 May to 4 Jun	Mon 26 Jul

School will also be closed on:
Monday 3 May 2021 (May Day) plus 5 days to be decided

Bikeability

All our Year 5 children recently completed the Level 2 on-road Bikeability cycle training. This course is offered to Year 5 pupils every year and includes skills exercises on the school playground, followed by basic manoeuvres on local roads. Well done to Amelie, Annie, Cameron, Daniel, Hannah, Jacob, Kahlan, Laana, Lewis, Nathaniel, Owen and William who all received their certificates.

William said *"I learned how to do a safety check on my bike so that I don't fall off and hurt myself."*, and Jacob said *"I can now safely drive on the roads and I know how to signal and check if my bike is OK to ride."*



Scapegoat Hill School is a member of the Pennine Sports Partnership. Our aim is to provide as many opportunities as possible to help young people be active, healthy and happy. Recently many children have been taking part in our pyramid football competitions at Colne Valley High School for Years 3&4 and 5&6, as well as cross country competitions and other activities in school. Next term will see all Year 5s taking part in Gifted and Talented sporting assessments, and successful pupils will be invited to take part in a 5 session programme at the high school after Christmas, working alongside other Year 5s from across the pyramid. We are looking forward to other competitions and events that will be taking place in your child's school and at Colne Valley High School throughout the year.



Claire Bolton – CV pyramid School Sports Coordinator/PE Teacher



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Admission to school

A reminder that applications for a school place are online only:

- If your child is starting secondary school in September 2020, you must apply online between 1 September 2019 and **31 October 2019**.
- If your child is starting primary school (Reception) in September 2020, you must apply online between 1 September 2019 and 15 January 2020 (applies for children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016).

FOSS cake stall

After Class 3's assembly on 10 October, FOSS held the first of their cake stalls, which are planned to take place once a term after class assemblies. We were very grateful to have so many delicious homemade cakes and buns donated from all classes, and were delighted to make £80 from this event!

The next cake stall will take place in the spring term - look out for further details!

A few reminders:

- You **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on the yellow zig zag markings outside school, **Mon-Fri between 8:00-9:30 am and 2:30-4:00 pm**.
- If you have recently changed your mobile number please update ParentPay so that you can receive texts from school for reminders, emergencies, school closures etc.
- We would like to take this opportunity to again remind parents that dinner money (now £2.25 a day/£11.25 a week) **should be paid in advance**, and if your child wishes to change from school meals to packed lunches, or vice versa, we need **two weeks notice**. Thank you.
- If you know in advance your child will be absent from school (eg medical appointments) please let us know as soon as possible. If your child is absent through illness/unplanned events please contact school to let us know on the morning of the absence - many thanks.

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