



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.

Dates for your diary

Fri 23 Oct	School closed for staff training
26 to 30 Oct	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Fri 6 Nov	FOSS Rocket Run fundraiser
12 & 13 Nov	Year 5 Bikeability training
Thu 26 Nov	Flu immunisation Rec to Y6
21 Dec - 1 Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Mon 4 Jan	School closed for staff training
Tue 5 Jan	Pupils return to school

Dates are also available from the school diary on the website.

Admission to school

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

- If your child is starting secondary school in September 2021, you must apply online between 1 September 2020 and **31 October 2020**.
- If your child is starting primary school (Reception) in September 2021, you must apply online between 1 September 2020 and 15 January 2021 (applies for children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017).

Federation news

Another good start to the school year! We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new starters and their families.

It is with regret that we have had to cancel Year 6's residential visit to Robinwood, which would have taken place in November. Unfortunately, due to coronavirus, the Department for Education is currently advising against visits (residential and non-residential) for children organised by educational settings. We hope to organise an alternative activity for the Year 6s to take part in later in the year.

Forest Schools

The Forest School sessions taking place weekly this term have been a huge success, and children are loving the opportunity to spend time outdoors (despite the weather!) They have enjoyed den building, making abstract art, bug hunting, learned about fire safety and built an assault course for a squirrel! These sessions will continue next half term - please ensure your children bring warm clothing, wellies, waterproofs and a coat on Wednesdays.



What do the children love about Forest School?

Eric said *"it's really fun, you get to do lots of crafting and using teamwork"* and Hannah liked *"being out in nature, building dens and eating marshmallows toasted on the fire!"* Oliver T said *"I like making things, like creatures and bracelets – it's fun. I made a bug with elm wood"* and Millie *"liked using clay to make an animal, and making a squirrel obstacle course"*.

The school has a new office email address: office@scapegoathill.co.uk. Please could you update your school contact details – thank you.

Meet our new Reception children

The new children have all settled in very well in Class 1, and we are enjoying getting to know them all!



School meals

The new winter menus have been introduced, but Kirklees Catering Service has not yet published the menus on their website. We will let you know when they are available, but in the meantime, here are the choices (they are also available from the school website - www.scapegoat-hill.kirklees.sch.uk/info-for-parents/school-meals):

Week 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oven baked sausage Yorkshire pudding and gravy Creamed potatoes Seasonal vegetables	Homemade loaded vegetable pizza Crispy sliced potatoes Golden sweetcorn	Roast chicken Oven roast & creamed potatoes Seasonal vegetables	Chicken Tikka Masala Fluffy wholegrain rice	Harry Ramsden's battered fish Oven baked chips Garden peas
Vegetarian savoury mince Yorkshire pudding Creamed potatoes Seasonal vegetables	Quorn chilli Fluffy wholegrain rice	Cheese & onion pie Oven roast potatoes Seasonal vegetables	Vegetable lasagne Garlic bread Crispy mixed salad	Falafel burger in a bread bun Oven baked chips Crunchy coleslaw
Victoria sponge & creamy custard Ice cream sundae Chunky fruit pots	Fruit shortcake Creamy custard Jelly & cream Fresh fruit salad	Reduced sugar: Pancakes & honey Carrot cake muffins	Sticky toffee pudding & custard Abbey crunch biscuit & fresh milkshake Chunky fruit pots	A selection of home baking Organic yoghurts Fresh fruit kebabs

Week 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken or vegetarian meatballs in Italian tomato sauce Organic pasta	Meat & potato pie Carrot batons Garden peas	Roast turkey Oven roast & creamed potatoes Seasonal vegetables	Cheese & tomato calzone Jacket wedges Crunchy coleslaw	Golden crumbed fish fingers Oven baked chips Medley of peas & sweetcorn
Salmon fillet Herby diced potatoes Broccoli	Quorn dippers & ketchup dip Crispy sliced potatoes Garden peas	Vegetarian sausage Oven roast & creamed potatoes Seasonal vegetables	Quorn Balti Fluffy wholegrain rice	Jacket potatoes Cheese & beans Side salad
Caramel apple pudding & custard Fresh fruit juice & shortbread biscuit Chunky fruit pots	Fairy buns Organic yoghurts Fresh fruit kebabs	Reduced sugar: Chunky fruit muffins Cheese & crackers	Viennese tart & creamy custard Fruit in jelly Fresh fruit salad	Chocolate sponge & chocolate sauce Selection of home baking Chunky fruit pots

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.

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.

LEARNING

- Class 1:** the home/school worksheet for this term
2 year curriculum plan for Reception and Years 1/2
- Class 2:** the home/school worksheet for this term
- Class 3:** the home/school worksheet for this term

PARENTS

- Term dates/calendar:** updated Google calendar
- Letters and newsletters:** Reading newsletter Oct 2020
- School meals:** new winter menu
- Useful links:**
 - Coronavirus/Advice for parents and carers:** letter from Public Health England on when parents should book a test for their child
 - Health:** "Is my child too ill for school?" - useful guidance from the NHS

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.*

PSHCE

All children are encouraged to talk about their general wellbeing, worries etc. Class 1 enjoy 'circle time' where they can talk about their feelings.

Luka explained that in circle time *"we talk and pick a bottle and talk about how we feel, they are mood bottles."* and Flossie that *"we know that if we were sad that we could talk about it and talk to friends about it to feel better."* Matilda said *"I feel a little bit sad because of coronavirus because I don't want my friends to get it, but talking about it made me feel a little better because you use hand gel in school and get rid of the germs, we are trying to be safe"* and Jacob thought that *"things feel the same at school apart from not seeing Class 2 and Class 3..... but we still can see Class 1."*



Uniform, PE and outdoor clothing

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.

Please remember to send your child/ren with warm clothing, wellies, waterproofs and a coat for Forest School on Wednesdays. It would be useful if wellies could be kept at school so we can use the field more frequently. Please do not send walking boots as they take a long time to change in and out of and therefore reduce playtimes. Waterproof jackets and trousers would also be useful for the coming months.

Job vacancy

We have recently advertised for a Business Support Officer to work across the Federation, at Scapegoat Hill two days a week and Linthwaite Clough one day. The advert is currently on the Kirklees jobs website, with a closing date of 23 October.

Term dates 2020/21 and 2021/22

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
Tue 8 Sep	26 Oct to 30 Oct	Fri 18 Dec	Tue 5 Jan	15 Feb to 19 Feb	Fri 26 Mar	Mon 12 Apr	31 May to 4 Jun	Fri 23 Jul

School will also be closed on:

Friday 23 October, Monday 3 May 2021 (May Day), Friday 28 May

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/22								
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 6 Sep	25 Oct to 29 Oct	Fri 17 Dec	Tue 4 Jan	21 Feb to 25 Feb	Fri 8 Apr	Mon 25 Apr	30 May to 3 Jun	Tue 26 Jul

School will also be closed on:

Monday 2 May 2022 (May Day) plus 5 days to be decided

A few reminders:

- *Please return H Tempest photo orders to school by 3:30 pm on Wednesday 21 October. This date is also the deadline for online orders.*
- 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.**
- Please let the school know if you have recently changed any of your contact details: address, email, phone numbers etc, so we can keep our records up to date.
- If you have changed your mobile number please update ParentPay so that you can continue to 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 £2.30 a day/£11.50 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.

We would like to thank you all for your understanding of the social distancing measures we have had to put in place to keep our children and staff safe in these difficult times.

We thought you might like to see some of the fantastic artwork carried out in the forest school sessions:



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