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Dear Parent / Carer

I hope you all enjoyed a great summer break and that you managed to make the best of the hot weather.

Children have made a good start back to school and it was lovely to see so many smiling faces yesterday. I look forward to another great year at Gilesgate Primary School, please keep on supporting us and your children with great attendance, home work and home reading and all the amazing things that you do as families outside of school.

Today I have launched our monthly value, which is Heritage. This ties in nicely with Heritage Open Days in September. The open days have been running for a number of years now and it means that historic buildings and grounds become open to the public for free on certain dates in September. It is a great opportunity for families to have an enjoyable day out in the local area.

The Heritage Open Days website is <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/> you can search by area or post code to find out what is open.

Some of my personal recommendations which are near to the school are:-

Old Durham Gardens <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/event/old-durham-gardens>

Open on 11th September with a tour at 2:00pm

Durham Masonic Hall <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/event/a-fascinating-insite-into-durham-masonic-hall>

Open 17th and 18th September





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St Cuthbert's Church Old Elvet <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/event/st-cuthberts-catholic-church-durham>

Open 10th and 11th September

Crook Hall and Gardens <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/event/national-trust-crook-hall-gardens> (Crook Hall is walking distance from Gilesgate, the gardens are a great place for a family pic-nic, now managed by the National Trust, grab the opportunity to visit for free)

Open for sports and games 17th September from 1:00pm

Open for Yoga on 17th September (please search the website and book your place)

Open for a free visit of the gardens and hall on 17th and 18th September

A walking Tour of Durham (Tales of Crime and Punishment) <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/event/newcastle-tour-company-durham-walking-tour-a-tale-of-characters-crime-and-p>

On 17th September

Durham Town Hall <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/event/durham-town-hall>

Open on 17th September

Further afield is Ryhope Pumping Station, a working steam powered beam engine which was used to maintain water pressure. If you have transport it is amazing to see in action. <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/event/ryhope-engines-museum3>

Open 10th and 11th September.

Another place which will require transport is the North East Land Sea and Air Museum (NELSAM) next to the NISSAN factory. <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/event/nelsam>.

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There are lots of other events in the region each weekend (10-11 and 17-18 September) I hope that this information helps.

Kind regards

Mark Turner



