

# St Aidan's Newsletter



September 2019

Welcome to our first newsletter of the school year. We hope you have had a lovely Summer break and are raring to go!

## SCHOOL UNIFORM/BELONGINGS

Please could you make sure that ALL your child's items of school uniform are clearly marked with his/her name. Sensible black (preferably) school shoes/sandals should be worn, trainers are suitable for outdoor PE activities ONLY. Jelly shoes, crocs, sandals/shoes with heels etc. are great for holidays but NOT for school and often result in twisted ankles, knees etc. Extreme haircuts such as 'strings/beaded braids', steps, tram-lines, dyes, coloured streaks, tips, tints and fringes inhibiting clear vision are not acceptable. This applies equally to boys and girls. (Long hair must be tied back during PE, games and practical lessons.) St Aidan's has a **NO JEWELLERY** policy. This includes earrings which **MUST NOT** be worn.

Due to space restrictions your child only needs to bring a small bag to school on a daily basis, school book bags are an ideal size. Please ensure that you child does not attach key rings and mini-toys etc. to their bags, as these often take up space and also cause upset when they become detached and get lost.

Your child does not need to bring along pencils, pens, pencil cases etc. as these are all available in school.

In addition to his/her school uniform and coat the only belongings your child needs to bring are a PE kit which can be kept at school and taken home to be washed on a regular basis.

A **simple plain** water bottle is also recommended and can be brought in on a daily basis filled with clean fresh plain **WATER ONLY**.

## SCHOOL PARKING

We continue to work with Northumberland County Council to implement a

safe traffic management system outside of school. Please think carefully about where to park with consideration for our neighbours. Many of whom have difficulty walking and require access outside of their homes at all times. Walking to school is healthy and environmentally friendly. Please if you can, walk to school or at least park safely some distance away. **Please also note that parent / carers are not allowed to use the staff car park unless they have permission from the Governors.**

Until the pavement outside of school is widened we strongly advise parent/carers not to use it.

Entry to Nursery is **NOT** permitted through the front car park. Everyone must use the designated walkway from the side main entrance. If you cross this car park you are putting yourself and child at serious risk as cars enter and exit this point throughout the day.

## ENTRANCE TO SCHOOL

In the event of **heavy rain** in the mornings, pupils can come into school from 8.40am onwards. Pupils should come onto the school playground as usual and a member of staff will direct the children to the KS1 cloakroom doors. Nursery parents can access the Nursery entrance.

## HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Head teachers are no longer allowed to grant Leave of Absence for the purpose of a family holiday during term time. Absence from school will only be granted in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the Head teacher. Parents must apply for Leave of Absence and have this authorised prior to taking their child out of

school, leave will not be authorised retrospectively. Any absence taken without authorisation will be picked up by our Educational Welfare Officer and a fine may be issued. Exceptional Leave of Absence forms" are available from the school office and as much evidence needs to be included to support your application. Please apply at least **6 weeks** before the leave is required.

## PUNCTUALITY

Just a reminder that children should be on the school playground no later than 8.50 a.m. so that everyone is safely in school and ready to begin learning at 9.00 a.m.

## HEALTHY SCHOOL

It is important that we work together to encourage your child to make healthy choices. Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle into school—this should only be filled with water—he/she should take it home every day to be cleaned. Pupils in EYFS & KS1 have access to a piece of fruit daily from the National Lottery Scheme. KS2 pupils may bring in a piece of fruit for morning snack—no sweets or biscuits etc.

If you wish to celebrate your child's birthday with his/her classmates please **DO NOT** send a big birthday cake into school. It is much easier for us if you send in small individual cakes or something similar which can be distributed easily at the end of the day. Many thanks.

## WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

On Friday 27th September we will be raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Grown ups are invited to join us for a cuppa and a cake (9.00am—10.00am) for a £2.00 donation. Any remaining cakes will be sold at the end of the day. ( Cake donations are welcome from Thurs. 26.9. onwards).

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## Forthcoming Events

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SEPTEMBER 2019	
Mon 2/9	Teacher Training Day—School closed for pupils. School Office Open
Tues 3/9	School re-opens. Reception Pupils 9.00am-1.30pm
Wed 4/9	Reception Pupils 9.00am-1.30pm 2.30pm Meeting for Parent/carers of pupils in 4KJ
Thurs 5/9	2.30pm Meeting for Parent/carers of pupils in 6/5T. Swimming begins for Y4 pupils.
Fri 6/9	9.10am—First Friday Mass—followed by refreshments KS1 Read A Book Day 2.30pm Meeting for Parent/carers of pupils in 3M
Sun 8/9	Mrs Leslie & Mrs Keech run the Great North Run. <a href="https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lisa-and-sam">https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lisa-and-sam</a>
Mon 9/9	2.45pm—Whole School Collective Worship -Everyone welcome every Monday.
Tues 10/9	2.30pm Meeting for Parent/carers of pupils in 5/4C.
Weds 11/9	2.30pm Meeting for Parent/carers of pupils in 6M.
Thurs 12/9	2.30pm Meeting for Parent/carers of pupils in 2G.
Fri 13/9	2.30pm Meeting for Parent/carers of pupils in 1M.
Sun 15/9	FHC Programme Welcome Mass—St Aidan's Church at 10.30a.m
Tues 17/9	6pm—PTA Meeting—Everyone Welcome
Thurs 19/9	2.30pm Phonics Meeting for Parent/carers of Reception pupils.
Tues 24/9	2pm—1M Parent/carer drop-in. Governors' Standards Committee Meeting—6pm
Thurs 26/9	10.30a.m—EYFS Welcome Liturgy. 6pm-Brinkburn Partnership Youth Ministry Meeting
Fri 27/9	McMillan Coffee Morning—9.00am—10.00am—Any cakes left will be sold at the end of the day. 2.45pm—Meet the Operation Encompass Officer
OCTOBER 2019	
Tues 1/10	6pm—Governors' Finance Committee Meeting
Weds 2/10	2.15pm—Parent/carer Forum. An opportunity to come and meet the SMT & Governors and raise any concerns, discuss any issues or make any suggestions. School Hall
Fri 4/10	9.10am—First Friday Mass—followed by refreshments
Sat 5/10	FHC Session 1—11am-12 noon—St Aidan's Parish Hall
Sun 6/10	FHC Programme Mass—St Aidan's Church—10.30am
Mon 7/10	2.45pm—Whole School Collective Worship lead by 6/5T
Tues 8/10	6pm—Governors' Premises Committee Meeting
Weds 9/10	2pm—6M Parent/carer Drop-in—3.30pm-6pm—Parent/carer Consultations
Mon 14/10	2.45pm-Whole School Collective Worship lead by class 2G
Tues 15/10	Individual School Photographs
Fri 18/10	9.10am-Class 3M Assembly—Parent/carers welcome in the school hall.
Mon 21/10	5.30pm Meeting for parent/carers of Nursery Pupils about applying for a 2020 Reception place.
Tues 22/10	Y6 SATS Information Session for Parent/carers—2.30pm and 5.30pm. PTA Quiz Night -Old Ash Dene—8pm
Wed 23/10	3M, 4KJ & 5/4C Visit to Alnwick Castle—2pm Class RT Parent/carer Drop-in
Thur 24/10	1.30pm—Harvest Festival Mass (Voluntary Donations for Wansbeck Food Bank) No Y4 swimming.
Fri 25/10	School closes for the half-term holiday at 3.15pm.
NOVEMBER 2019	
Mon 4/11	Teacher Training Day—School closed for pupils. School Office Open.
Tues 5/11	School re-opens.

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NOVEMBER 2019 (continued)	
Weds 6/11	Y6 Visit to Faith 19.
Thurs 7/11	2pm-Class 6/5T Parent/carer Drop-in
Mon 11/11	2.45pm-Whole School Collective Worship lead by 3M
Tues 12/11	EYFS Wheelie Day 6pm-Governors' Meeting
Thurs 14/11	2pm-Class 2G Parent/carer Drop-in
Fri 15/11	2pm-Class 5/4C Parent/carer Drop-in
Sat 16/11	FHC Programme Session 2—St Aidan's Church Hall—11am-12 noon.
Sun 17/11	FHC Programme Mass—St Aidan's Church 10.30am
Mon 18/11	2.45pm-Whole School Collective Worship lead by 4KJ
Tues 19/11	5.30pm—Meeting for Parent/carers of Nursery pupils starting in January 2020.
Wed 20/11	Nursery Parent/carer Drop-in—10.30am & 2.30pm.
Fri 22/11	9.10am—6/5T Class Assembly—Parent/carers welcome to join us in the school hall.
Mon 25/11	2.45pm-Whole School Collective Worship lead by 5/4C
Wed 27/11	SATS Information Meeting for Parent/carers of Y2 Pupils—2.30pm & 5.30pm
Fri 29/11	Non-uniform Day—voluntary donations for PTA Christmas Fair. 2pm-Class 4KJ Parent/carer Drop-in.
DECEMBER 2019	
Mon 2/12	2.45pm-Whole School Collective Worship lead by 6M
Tues 3/12	EYFS Polar Express Day
Weds 4/12	Flu Immunisations—Years R—Y6
Thur 5/12	9.10am-EYFS Nativity—3.30pm-PTA Christmas Fair
Fri 6/12	9.10am—First Friday Mass—followed by refreshments
Sat 7/12	FHC Session 3—11am-12 noon—St Aidan's Parish Hall
Mon 9/12	PTA Disco Ticket on sale -£4 includes a hot dog, drink & £1 to spend on treats. Y5 Retreat Emmaus Village
Tues 10/12	Y5 Retreat Emmaus Village—5pm—First Reconciliation—St Aidan's Church.
Thur 12/12	9.30am—3M,4KJ & 5/4C—Christmas Production 1.30pm-KS1 Christmas Production
Fri 13/12	9.30am-KS1 Christmas Production 1.30pm -3M,4KJ & 5/4C—Christmas Production
Mon 16/12	1.45pm- Class 3M Parent/carer Drop-in
Tues 17/12	Classes 6/5T & 6M to lead Annual Carol Service at St Aidan's Church 6pm.
Wed 18/12	Christmas Lunch
Thur 19/12	Christmas Jumper/Non-uniform Day—PTA Christmas Disco—3.15pm-5pm.
Fri 20/12	1.30pm-Advent Liturgy—Everyone welcome to join us as we celebrate our final Advent Liturgy. Parent/carers able to attend may take children home immediately afterwards. If you are unable to attend, please arrange for children to be collected at 3.15pm or book a place at Sunshine Club. School closes for Christmas Break.
JANUARY 2020	
Mon 6/1/20	Teacher Training Day—School closed for pupils.
Weds 8/1	Y1 Phonics Screening Information Meeting for Parent/carers at 2.30pm & 5.30pm.