

St Aidan's Newsletter



January 2018

Happy New Year

Wishing everyone all the best for a very happy and healthy 2018. The staff would like to say a huge thank you for all your generous Christmas presents—you are so thoughtful and it was very much appreciated.

Packed Lunches

Can we ask parent / carers to ensure that their children bring to school a packed lunch with healthy choices in. (No products containing nuts) Items must be able to be opened independently as some children are having to wait a long time for staff to open cartons etc. Please remember no fizzy drinks and plastic bottles/containers only for drinks.

Supervision of Children

Can we ask parents/carers especially at the end of the school day to supervise your children closely to ensure that they do not wander away while parent / carers are in conversation. The road outside school particularly is dangerous with traffic. Your co-operation in keeping our children safe is so much appreciated.

School Arrivals

Please do everything you can to ensure that your child arrives to school on time. It is unsettling for your child to arrive into his/her classroom late and it is important to get them into good habits for later life. If there is anything we can do to help your child's punctuality to improve then please do not hesitate to ask. Please also remember if you arrive and the school playground is empty that you must accompany your child to the main school entrance.

PTA Pantomime

Our annual visit from M and M Productions is just a few weeks away when they bring a fantastic pantomime to us for a fraction of the cost of attending a performance in the city. This year it's Robin Hood. The PTA have kindly again agreed to subsidise ticket prices. This year to give as many families the opportunity to come along as possible, the ticket prices are only just £4.00 per adult and £2.00 per child. Please note all children must be accompanied. Tickets will go on sale on Wednesday 10th January 2018. The performance will take place on Friday 26th January at 6.00 p.m. (doors open at 5.30 p.m.) **BY TICKET ONLY** There will be hotdogs, sweets, crisps, drinks etc. on sale before the performance.

Birthday Cakes

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.

Absences

It is essential that if your child is absent from school you telephone the school office giving the reason for the absence. Please note that specific details are required and reporting him/her as just "unwell" is not sufficient.

If your child is suffering from sickness or has diarrhoea, **it must be 48hrs** from the last episode before they return to school.

Winter Weather

A reminder to please make sure that your child comes to school with suitable outdoor clothing. A warm, waterproof long coat with a hood, not forgetting hats, scarves and gloves all keep out the rain and the cold. Boots or wellies are a great idea with shoes to change into for inside.

In the event of **heavy rain or slippery conditions** in the mornings, pupils can come into school from 8.35am onwards. All pupils should come onto the school playground as usual and a member of staff will direct the children to the KS1 & KS2 cloakroom doors. Nursery parents can access the Nursery entrance.

In the event of severe weather i.e. Heavy snow or seriously icy conditions and it is necessary to close the school an announcement will be made on BBC Radio Newcastle and posted on Northumberland County Council website.

www.northumberland.gov.uk and the school website.

During the winter weather we also ask parent / carers to take extra care when on school property. The playground can be very slippery and you and the children are advised to keep to the gritted areas.

SCHOOL PARKING

Can we please ask that parent/carers park **SAFELY** and **LEGALLY** at all times. Please be considerate to our neighbours by not blocking their access nor parking on pavements.

Dates for your Diary

Please regularly visit www.st-aidans.northumberland.sch.uk for all dates for 2017-2018

All dates subject to change.

JANUARY 2018	
Mon 8/1	Spring term begins. Whole School Collective Worship re-commences at 2.45p.m.
Weds 10/1	PTA Panto Tickets On Sale—£4.00 adults & £2.00 children (15 years & under)
Thurs 11/1	2/1H Parent/carer drop-in
Sat 13/1	FHC Programme Session 3 St Aidan's Church 4pm onwards.
Mon 15/1	Class 6T to lead Whole School Collective Worship at 2.45pm
Tues 16/1	Y5 Skipping Festival at Ashington Leisure Centre. PTA Meeting 6pm—everyone welcome!
Weds 17/1	6/5C Parent/carer drop-in
Tues 23/1	Y1 Hula Hooping Festival at Ashington Leisure Centre. Governors' Standards Committee 6pm
Thurs 25/1	First Reconciliation at St Aidan's Church at 5pm.
Fri 26/1	PTA presents M & M Productions—Robin Hood Tickets £4.00 adults and £2.00 per child (Children must be accompanied by an adult) Doors open at 5.30p.m. (Refreshments available.)
Mon 29/1	Class 4/3L to lead Whole School Collective Worship at 2.45pm
Tues 30/1	Governors' Premises Committee 6pm
FEBRUARY 2018	
Thur 1/2	Y2 Gymnastics Festival at Ashington Leisure Centre
Fri 2/2	First Friday Mass in the school hall at 9.10am—followed by refreshments.
Sat 3/2	FHC Programme Session 4 St Aidan's Church 4pm onwards.
Tues 6/2	Safer Internet Day. 1M Parent/carers drop-in. Governors' Finance Committee 6pm
Wed 7/2	6/5C Parent/carers drop-in
Thurs 8/2	6T Parent/carers drop-in.
Fri 9/2	9.10am—Class 5/4KJ Assembly. School closes for half-term break at 3.15pm.
Mon 19/2	School re-opens
Tues 27/2	4/3L Parent/carers drop-in
MARCH 2018	
Thurs 1/3	World Book Day—Come Dressed As Your Favourite Book Character
Fri 2/3	First Friday Mass in the school hall at 9.10am—followed by refreshments.
Sat 3/3	FHC Programme Session 5 St Aidan's Church 4pm onwards.
Mon 5/3	Whole School Collective Worship lead by Class 5/4KJ at 2.45pm.
Tue 6/3	Nursery Parent/carers drop-in Y6 Hula Hooping Festival at Ashington Leisure Centre.
Weds 7/3	Parent/carer Forum 2.15pm
Mon 12/3	2.45pm-Whole School Collective Worship lead by 6T
Tues 13/3	Full Governing Body Meeting at 6pm
Wed 14/3	RT Parent/carer drop-in
Mon 19/3	Disco tickets on sale—Class 3G to lead Whole School Collective Worship at 2.45pm
Weds 21/3	Parent/carer Consultations 3.30pm—6.30pm
Fri 23/3	Non-Uniform Day—Wear Non-uniform in return for bringing in an Easter Egg. PTA Easter Bingo & Easter Egg Tombola 6.00pm-7.30pm
Mon 26/3	2.45pm-Whole School Collective Worship lead by 6/5C
Tues 27/3	SATS Information Meetings for parent/carers of Y2 pupils 2.30pm & 5.30pm.
Weds 28/3	PTA Easter Discos—3.15pm to 4.30pm for Reception to Y3 & 5.00pm to 6.30pm for Yrs 4-6 Tickets £3.50 (includes a drink and a hotdog.)
Thurs 29/3	1.30pm Holy Week Liturgy in the school hall—everyone welcome! School closes for the Easter Holidays at 3.15pm.