



St Aidan's RC Primary Newsletter

November 2017

Staffing News

During the half term holidays, Miss Lemin, our Reception teacher was married and is now known as Mrs Traba. I'm sure you will join us in wishing her and her husband every happiness.



Miss Leese will be leaving us at Christmas to move onto pastures new. We wish her the very best of luck in her future role.

We have a new Deputy Headteacher who will be joining us after Christmas. Mr Moran is moving from his current school in Newcastle to take up the Deputy Head role at St. Aidan's. He will be a huge asset to our team and we look forward to him joining us.

Non Uniform Days

On Friday 17th November we will be having a non-uniform day to help raise money for the annual BBC Children in Need Appeal. Any donations received



will be forwarded to the charity. Small blue collection envelopes will be coming home in your child's bag to return any donation you wish to give, however small.

We will be having a second non-uniform day on the following Friday (24 November) to support Bishop Seamus' annual appeal for the Youth Mission Team. Again, blue collection envelopes will be sent home nearer the date. A big thank you for your generosity with these appeals.

A third non-uniform day will take place on Friday 1 December. This

will be to support the PTA for the forthcoming Christmas Fair. Further details to follow.

Reception Admissions 2018

The online portal for parents to apply for their child's place in Reception next year is now open. Please be aware that transfer from Nursery to Reception is not automatic and you need to apply for your child's Reception place. The portal closes on 15 January and any applications made after this date are classed as late applications and may affect your choice of school. Please make your application as soon as possible. Apply online at www.northumberland.gov.uk/education/schools/admissions.aspx.#onlineschooladmissionapplication

In addition to the NCC application, may we remind parents that a St Aidan's supplementary application form must be completed and returned to the school office with a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate. If you have not already done so, please return this as soon as possible.

Parking

Parking is still a problem outside of school and Northumberland County Council have recently installed CCTV as a temporary measure to monitor problems. Mrs Leslie attended the recent Traffic Management Meeting along with the Police, the local Councillor and other members from Northumberland County Council to discuss strategies for improvement. It's a difficult situation and we are aware that

some children travel a considerable distance to school which makes walking impracticable. We just ask that parents walk their children to school if possible and continue to be considerate towards the residents around school. Many of these residents are elderly with mobility problems and need 24 hour access outside of their property.

Charity Collections

In September, we participated in the Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning on behalf of MacMillan Cancer Charity. We raised a huge **£426.81** from our non uniform day and cake sale. A big thank you to those who attended and also to the hardworking members of our PTA who ran the cake sale during the morning and after school.

Earlier today, we sent off 33 filled shoeboxes to be distributed to disadvantaged children overseas through Operation Christmas Child. This may be the only gift some children receive at Christmas and your generosity really does make a huge difference. Thankyou to everyone who filled a box.





Dates for Your Diary

November, December & January

November

- 17 November – Children in Need non-uniform day
- 17 November – 6T Class Assembly **9.10am**
- 24 November – Bishop Seamus' Annual Appeal for the Youth Mission Team - Non-uniform day
- 24 November – 3G & 4/3L Warkworth visit
- 24 November – PTA Film Night **3.15pm – 5.30pm**
- 30 November – Show Racism the Red Card for all Year 5 & 6 children

December

- 1 December – PTA non-uniform day
- 1 December – First Friday Mass **9.10am**
- 5 December – Nursery meeting for new January intake **5.30pm**
- 6 December – Flu vaccinations R – Y4 children only
- 8 December – Nursery & Reception Polar Express Day
- 8 December – PTA Christmas Fair **2.30pm**
- 9 December – Holy Communion session 2 at St. Aidans Church **4.00pm**
- 13 December – Nursery Christmas performance **10.30am**
- 13 December – Christmas Lunch
- 14 December – Years 3 & 4 Christmas production **9.30am**
- 14 December – Reception & Years 1 & 2 Christmas production **1.30pm**
- 14 December – Years 5 & 6 Carol Service **6.00pm**
- 15 December – Reception & Years 1 & 2 Christmas production **9.30am**
- 15 December – PTA Disco Reception – Year 3 **3.15pm – 4.30pm**
- 15 December – PTA Disco Years 4 – 6 **5.00pm – 6.30pm**
- 19 December – Years 1 & 2 visit to Newcastle
- 21 December – Advent Mass **1.30pm**
- 21 December – PTA Bingo Evening **6.00pm – 7.30pm**
- 22 December – Advent Liturgy **1.30pm**
- 22 December – School closes for Christmas holidays **3.15pm**

January

- 8 January – School reopens for Spring Term
- 13 January - Holy Communion session 3 at St. Aidans Church **4.00pm**
- 16 January – Year 5 Skipping Festival at Ashington Leisure Centre
- 17 January – 6/5C Drop in session **2.00pm**
- 23 January – Year 1 Hula Hoop Festival at Ashington Leisure Centre
- 23 January – First Reconciliation at St Aidans Church **5.00pm**
- 26 January – PTA Pantomime Robin Hood **5.30pm**



Please regularly visit <http://www.st-aidans.northumberland.sch.uk/website/calendar/91986> for all dates for 2017-2018

All dates subject to change