

# St Aidan's Newsletter



April 2018

## Staffing News

We congratulate Miss Marshall on the exciting news that she is expecting a baby. Miss Marshall will be commencing her maternity leave towards the end of term.

## Lenten Alms

Thank you so much everyone for your amazing generosity during our recent Lenten efforts. Family Fast Day raised £102.72 for CAFOD. Our Cake Sales raised an incredible £616.90 which will be split equally between Mary's Meals and LEPR.

## 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 NEWS

A huge massive thank you to the PTA for all their hard work so far this year. Lots of fun and enjoyment for all! The outdoor Activity

Trail which will cost almost £7,000 is on order and will be installed during the Summer term. There's lots more plans to raise even more money and as always the more the merrier. So please come along to our next meeting on Tues 24th April at 6pm.

## 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

## 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.

## 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.

## Jewellery

Our school prospectus is available on the school website, here is a reminder about jewellery:

*Jewellery should not be worn to school, this also includes all types of earrings. Items such as earrings, necklaces, rings, bracelets etc. can cause injury to your child and the other children. It is also very upsetting for pupils if these items become lost or broken.*

## Safeguarding Updates

Just to keep you updated and ensure that safeguarding remains high on our agenda. Our safeguarding and e-safety policies were updated last term and can be accessed on the school website.

We've introduced a visitors' identification system and guidelines for all visitors' to adhere to whilst on site. Further details are available from the school office.

**Just to flag up about mobile devices in school (further details in our E-Safety policy:**

*I-pads, i-watches and any mobile communication device which can access the internet and enable text messages, and any form of on-line communication are NOT allowed in school.*

*Pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 who travel to and from school independently are allowed to bring mobile phones into school. These must be switched off on entry onto the school grounds and handed into the school office.*

## Dates for your Diary

Please regularly visit [www.st-aidans.northumberland.sch.uk](http://www.st-aidans.northumberland.sch.uk) for all dates for 2017-2018

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APRIL 2018	
Mon 16/4	Summer term begins. Whole School Collective Worship re-commences at 2.45p.m.
Tues 17/4	Governors' SRE Working Party at 5.00pm. Governors' Staffing Committee Meeting at 6.00pm.
Fri 20/4	Easter Mass—2pm
Sat 21/4	FHC Programme Session 5&6 St Aidan's Church 4pm onwards.
Mon 23/4	2.45pm-Whole School Collective Worship lead by RT.
Tues 24/4	6.00pm—PTA Meeting
Weds 25/4	5.30pm-Meeting for Y6 parent/carers re Residential Educational Visit
Fri 27/4	PTA Tuck Shop—2pm -Pupils to bring up to £1.00 to spend on treats.
Mon 30/4	2.45pm-Whole School Collective Worship lead by 4/3L.
MAY 2018	
Tues 1/5	6.00pm-Governors' Premises Committee Meeting
Weds 2/5	Nursery Parent/Carer Drop In
Fri 4/5	9.10am—First Friday Mass
Sat 5/5	FHC Programme Session 7 St Aidan's Church 4pm onwards.
Mon 7/5	School closed for Bank Holiday
Tues 8/5	6pm—Governors' Standards Committee Meeting—P.T.A. Film Night tickets on sale.
Weds 9/5	3G—Parent/carers drop-in
Thurs 10/5	KS2 to attend Ascension Mass at St Aidan's Church.
Mon 14/5	2.45pm-Whole School Collective Worship lead by 1M 7pm—Brinkburn Partnership Open Meeting-School Hall
Mon 14/5 to Fri 18/5	KS2 SATS
Fri 18/5	PTA Film Night—3.15pm-5.15pm—Tickets £3.50 which include a drink and popcorn. Children to bring up to £1.00 to spend on additional treats.
Sun 20/5	Greggs' Children's Cancer Run
Mon 21/5	2.45pm-Whole School Collective Worship lead by 5/4KJ
Fri 25/5	9.10am-3G Class Assembly—School closes for half-term at 3.15pm.
JUNE 2018	
Mon 4/6	School re-opens
Mon 4/6 to Wed 6/6	Y6 Residential Educational Visit
Tues 5/6	5.30pm-New to Nursery—Parent/carers Meeting
Fri 8/6	4pm FHC Rehearsal
Sat 9/6	10am FHC Mass St Aidan's Church
w/c 11/6	Y1 Phonics Screening
Mon 11/6	2.45pm-Whole School Collective Worship lead by 2/1H
Tues 12/6	Y3 Tag Rugby 5.30pm-New to Reception-Parent/carers Meeting
Weds 13/6	6/5C Parent/carers drop-in
Thurs 14/6	6T Parent/carers drop-in
Fri 15/6	9.10am—6/5C—Class Assembly
Sat 16/6	FHC Session 9 at St Aidan's Church from 4pm onwards.

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JUNE 2018	
Mon 18/6	6T & 6/5C Beamish Visit
Tues 19/6	2M—Parent/carer drop-in
Wed 20/6	5/4KJ Visit to Beamish—Y6—Youth Festival Emmaus Village & Nursery Sports Day
Thurs 21/6	9.30am—Reception & KS1 Sports Events
Fri 22/6	9.30am-KS2 Sports Events—5/4KJ -Parent/carer drop-in 2pm.
Wed 27/6	RT Parent/carer drop-in. Northumberland Catholic Partnership Celebration—Whitley Bay Playhouse 6pm-8pm.
Thur 28/6	3G -Parent/carer drop-in
Fri 29/6	KS1 Victorian Day—KS2 to attend St Peter & St Paul Mass at St Aidan's Church
JULY 2018	
Mon 2/7	PTA Disco Tickets on sale
Tues 3/7	6.00pm-Governors' Summer Term Meeting
Weds 4/7	Y6 Transition Day
Thur 5/7	9.10am-RT Class Assembly
Fri 6/7	9.10am—First Friday Mass - Annual Progress Reports to Parent/carers distributed.
Sat 7/7	PTA Summer Fair—10am-1pm
Wed 11/7	Parent/carer consultations—3.30pm-4.30pm
Fri 13/7	9.10am-Class 2/1H—Assembly—PTA Summer Disco 3.15pm-5.15pm
Tues 17/7	9.10am-Y6 Leavers' Mass
Weds 18/7	Y6 Prom—6pm-8pm
Fri 20/7	1.30pm End of term liturgy. (Parent/carers able to attend may take children home immediately afterwards; all other children to be collected at 3.15pm) School closes for Summer holidays at 3.15pm.
SEPTEMBER 2018	
Tues 4/9	School re-opens for the Autumn term
OCTOBER 2018	
Fri 26/10	School closes for half term break at 3.15pm.
NOVEMBER 2018	
Mon 5/11	School re-opens.
DECEMBER 2018	
Fri 21/12	School closes for Christmas holidays at 3.15pm
JANUARY 2019	
Mon 7/1	School re-opens for Summer Term
FEBRUARY 2019	
Fri 15/2	School closes for half-term holidays at 3.15pm.
Mon 25/2	School re-opens.
APRIL 2019	
Fri 5/4	School closes for Easter holidays at 3.15pm.
Wed 24/4	School re-opens for Summer term.