

# St Aidan's Newsletter

April 2024



## Summer whole school focus

This term, our whole school focus will be **Fast Forward**. As we begin our final term for this school year, our pupils will look to the future. Year 6 will focus on moving on to secondary school while, the rest of the school look at becoming ready for moving up a year.

In June, the school are holding an Aspirations week. This week will involve getting the community involved and allowing children to experience a range of job roles and hopefully aspire our younger people. In PSHE, the whole school start their 'Health and Wellbeing' topic. All children will be looking at goals and aspirations we have as we grow up. They will focus on how their bodies are growing and changing. As a school we will be celebrating World Environment Day, looking at how inspiring people work to improve our place we live in. In lessons, we will study people who children might want to be like, when they are older. Our 'Aspire to Inspire' focus this term is **Independence** and **Leadership**. Our faith focus will be **Tolerance** and **Courage**. We will celebrate pupils and classes who demonstrate these values.

## Increasing the length of the school day

As previously stated, the DfE directive for all schools to increase the length of the school day to 32.5 hours is statutory. The school day now starts at 8.45am.

Nursery hours will not change. If your child attends Nursery for 30 hours, they will continue to start at 8.30am and finish at 3.15pm.

The school gates will be open for Parents/Carers to bring their children onto the yard from 8.30am. Children will be brought into school ready to start at 8.45am. The school gates will be locked at 8.50am and reopened at 3.00pm.

## Clubs

Day	Club	Who?	Time
Monday	Showclub	Showclub	3.15-4.30pm
Monday	Guitar		3.15-4.15pm



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Tuesday	Football Training (External Coach)	Boys Y3-Y6	3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday	Homework Club	Y6	3.15-4.15pm
Thursday *new*	Book and a Biscuit	Y1 and Y2	3.15-4.15pm
Thursday	Football Training with Mrs Traba	Y3-Y6 Girls	3.15-4.15pm
Friday	Football Training (External Coach)	Y1 and Y2 and girls	3.15-4.15pm
Friday	Football Training (Mr Whitelaw)	Y4-Y6 Boys	3.15-4.15pm

### **School improvement work**

In the Summer, the school will have new windows installed and we are working hard on other improvements to the school grounds. Watch this space!

### **School uniform**

Just a reminder that any earrings should be removed before entering the school. Clear plastic retainers may be worn to preserve the holes.

Please ensure your child arrives to school in correct uniform and PE kit - including black shoes, **not trainers**.

**The school does have a significant amount of pre-owned school uniform, most of which is in excellent condition. If you would like to request some – free of charge- please contact the office and Mrs. Jobling or Mrs. Shortt will be happy to help.**

A quick reminder, our fabric bin on the school yard is emptied regularly so is always ready to be filled up again. You can find a list of unwanted items that can be deposited on the bin itself. Thank you.

### **Social Media**

The best way to find out about what we have been doing in school is to follow us on Instagram and/or Facebook.

### **Dates for the diary**

Please find attached a comprehensive list of dates and chances to be involved in this coming term. We are in the process of finalising some school trips/experiences as well as School Council Events and will inform you of these as soon as dates have been finalised. Wherever possible, we hope that this list remains unchanged, however, if we need to, we will always try to keep you informed of this well in advance.

A reminder that we pray together as a school on a Monday afternoon at 2:45 -any parents/carers are always welcome.



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## **A-Star Attendance**

Reminder, we are enrolled on a trial attendance monitoring scheme. It helps us to monitor attendance levels and supporting children in achieving all they are capable by being in school as often as possible.

A-Star attendance uses a traffic light system and attendances continue to be categorised as follows:

<b>Attendance %</b>	<b>Colour</b>
96% and above	Green
90% - 95.9%	Amber
Below 90%	Red

## **PSHE/RSE**

In the Summer Term, pupils will be studying Health and Wellbeing. Children will be looking at what how their bodies change, puberty (UKS2) and how to look after their bodies. They will also study how to keep themselves safe and focus on their mental health too. They look at what their aspirations are as a young person and how they have choices to make as they grow up. Please see our Long-Term Plan on the website for greater detail.

## **Trips and events**

This term is a busy one and have numerous events happening. Year 6 have their leavers residential, prom and assembly, Year 5 have a London day trip, Year 4 are going to London to spend the night on HMS Belfast and Year 3 have their big school campout!

Year 1 are going to visit the Newbiggin Maritime Centre and Year 2 are going to visit Carlisle Park in Morpeth.

There are other curriculum linked trips/experiences in the pipeline which we will let you know details of as soon as we can!

Please remember that the cost of one of these will never be prohibitive to the children taking part in one of these events. If you are struggling with the cost of living, please speak to us in confidence and we will support any of our families in whatever way we can.

## **Staffing News**

We welcome Miss Armstrong in Reception, who is covering for Miss Marshall while she is on maternity leave.



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