

St Aidan's Newsletter



April 2019

Staffing News

Mrs Skinner will be leaving us at the end of this half-term to take up a Business Manager's post at another school in Gateshead. We will miss her but wish her well in her new post. Miss Carrie will be going on maternity leave at the beginning of September. We welcome Mr Charlton and Miss Scott to the cleaning team and Mrs Thompson to the lunchtime supervisory team. We are currently recruiting for administrative, kitchen and teaching positions—further details are available at <https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk>

School Dinners

As a result of feedback from parent/carers to increase choice and the monitoring of pupil preferences we are delighted to announce that we have revamped the choices available. There will no longer be a full packed lunch option, however your child will still be able to order a sandwich, but then he/she can choose it's accompaniments from the selection of potatoes/vegetables/salads and sweets available that day. We are very much hoping that this will reduce waste and help us to keep down costs. We will trial the new system for the Summer term. The new menu starts on Tuesday 7th May. (Full packed lunches will still be available for school educational visits.)

Can we please remind parent/carers to pre-order at home. If you pre-order, but then your child decides to bring a packed lunch in, please remember to cancel your order. Any orders not cancelled will still incur charges.

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.

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. (No nuts) 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.

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.

Please share this information with anyone who is responsible for dropping off/collecting your child.

Dates for your Diary

Please regularly visit www.st-aidans.northumberland.sch.uk for all dates for 2018-2019 All dates subject to change.

APRIL 2019

Tues 23/4	SCHOOL CLOSED—TEACHER TRAINING DAY
Wed 24/4	School re-opens for Summer term.
Fri 26/4	Y5 Pupils—Swimming begins for this half-term ONLY.
Sat 26/4	First Holy Communion Programme—Sessions 6 & 7—10.30am to 12 noon.
Mon 29/4	2.45pm. Whole School Collective Worship lead by class 3/2M
Tues 30/4	PTA Meeting—6pm—Everyone welcome!

MAY 2019

Wed 1/5	4/3KJ-Parent/carers drop-in. 2pm-3pm
Fri 3/5	First Friday Mass in the school hall at 9.10am—followed by refreshments.
Mon 6/5	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
Tues 7/5	5/4C-Parent/carers drop-in. 2pm-3pm Governors' Premises Meeting—6pm KS1 SATS this week. PTA Film night Tickets on sale—£4.00—includes hot dog, drink and £1 sweets.
Sat 11/5	12 noon—First Holy Communion Mass—St Aidan's Church
Sun 12/5	First Holy Communion Going Forth Mass—10.30am
Mon 13/5	Whole School Collective Worship lead by class RM. KS2 SATS this week
Fri 17/5	PTA Film Night—3.15pm-5.15pm
Tues 21/5	Governors' Standards Meeting—6pm
Wed 22/5	3.30pm-Meeting for parent/carers of Y6 pupils attending Robinwood Residential
Fri 24/5	School closed for half-term holidays at 3.15pm.

JUNE 2019

Mon 3/6	School re-opens.
Tues 4/6	5.30pm—Information Meeting for new Nursery parent/carers. (Pupils starting September 2019)
Fri 7/6	First Friday Mass in the school hall at 9.10am—followed by refreshments. Y6 pupils begin swimming for this half-term.
Mon 10/6	Whole School Collective Worship lead by class 6M. Y1 Phonics Screening this week.
Tues 11/6	Y4 pupils—Ashington Market—Enterprise Project. 5.30pm—Information Meeting for new Reception parent/carers. (Pupils starting September 2019)
Weds 12/6	KS1 Pirate Day
Fri 14/6	9.10am—2G Class Assembly
Mon 17/6	Nursery Sports Events 10.30am & 2pm
Weds 19/6	Y6 pupils to attend Youth Ministry Team Diocesan Festival
Thur 20/6	9.10am—Rec & KS1 Sports Events
Fri 21/6	9.10am—KS2 Sports Events
Mon 24/6	2.45pm Class 4/3KJ to lead Whole School Collective Worship
Wed 26/6	Northumberland Catholic Partnership Showcase—Whitley Bay Playhouse 6pm-8pm
Thur 27/6	2pm- Cornet Performance for all parent/carers of Y3 pupils.
Fri 28/6	RM-Graduation Assembly—Non-uniform Day—Donations for PTA Summer Fair

JULY 2019

Mon 1/7	PTA Disco Tickets on sale—£4.00—includes hot dog, drink and £1 sweets.
Tues 2/7	Y6 Transition Day—St Benet Biscop Academy—Governing Body Meeting 6pm
Wed 3/7	2G—Parent/carers drop-in 2pm-3pm
Thur 4/7	Y6 Transition Day—St Benet Biscop Academy—Annual reports distributed.
Fri 5/7	School closed for teacher training day.
Sat 6/7	PTA Summer Fair—10am-1pm
Mon 8/7	Y6 Residential to Robinwood Mon 8/7 to Weds 10/7
Wed 10/7	Parent/carers consultations 3.30pm-4.30pm—Please contact school office to make an appointment.
Thur 11/7	Non-uniform day—PTA Disco 3.15pm-5pm
Tue 16/7	9.10am—Y6 Leavers' Mass
Weds 17/7	Y6 Prom—6pm-8pm
Fri 19/7	1.30pm-Y6 Leavers' Liturgy—School closes for Summer break at 3.15pm (School re-opens TUES 3/9/19)