

St Aidan's Newsletter



January 2019

Happy New Year

Wishing everyone all the best for a very happy and healthy 2019. 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 couple of 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 Cinderella. 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 £3.50 per adult and £2.00 per child. Please note all children must be accompanied. Tickets will go on sale on Tuesday 8th January 2019. The performance will take place on Friday 18th 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. (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.

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 8.40am 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 2018-2019 All dates subject to change.

JANUARY 2019

Mon 7/1	Spring term begins. Whole School Collective Worship re-commences at 2.45p.m.
Tues 8/1	PTA Panto Tickets On Sale—£3.50 adults & £2.00 children (15 years & under)
Weds 9/1	Phonics Screening Information Meeting for Parent/carers of Y1 pupils 2.30pm & 5.30pm. Swimming starts every week for Y4 only this half-term.
Tues 15/1	Governors' Standards Committee Meeting—6pm
Fri 18/1	PTA presents M & M Productions—Cinderella Tickets £3.50 adults and £2.00 per child (Children must be accompanied by an adult) Doors open at 5.30p.m. (Refreshments available.)
Mon 21/1	Y5 Skipping Festival at Ashington Leisure Centre. Class 1T to lead Whole School Collective Worship at 2.45pm
Tues 22/1	Governors' Premises Committee Meeting—6pm
Weds 23/1	1T—Parent/carers drop-in 2pm-3pm
Sat 26/1	FHC Programme Session 4—St Aidan's Church 10.30am—12 noon
Mon 28/1	Class 6/5T to lead Whole School Collective Worship at 2.45pm
Tues 29/1	PTA Meeting—6pm—Everyone welcome!

FEBRUARY 2019

Fri 1/2	First Friday Mass in the school hall at 9.10am—followed by refreshments.
Fri 8/2	6M Class Assembly—9.10am—school hall
Tues 12/2	Governors' Finance Committee 6pm
Weds 13/2	4/3KJ Parent/carers drop-in. 2pm-3pm
Fri 15/2	9.10am—Class 5/4C Assembly. School closes for half-term break at 3.15pm.
Mon 25/2	School re-opens
Wed 27/2	Swimming starts every week for Y3 only this half-term.

MARCH 2019

Fri 1/3	World Book Day—Come Dressed As Your Favourite Book Character First Friday Mass in the school hall at 9.10am—followed by refreshments.
Sat 2/3	FHC Programme Session 5 St Aidan's Church 10.30am-12 noon.
Mon 4/3	Nursery Parent/carers drop-in—10.30am & 2pm
Tue 5/3	PTA Quiz Night—Old Ash Dene
Weds 6/3	KS2 pupils to attend Ash Wednesday Mass at St Aidan's Church—everyone welcome. 2.30pm—Ash Wednesday Liturgy for Rec & KS1 pupils—everyone welcome.
Fri 8/3	1T—Class Assembly—School Hall—9.10am
Mon 11/3	Class 2G to lead Whole School Collective Worship at 2.45pm
Tues 12/3	RM Parent/carers drop-in—2pm-3pm Governors' Meeting—6pm
Weds 13/3	2.15pm—Parent/carers Forum
Thur 14/3	6/5T Parent/carers drop-in. 2pm-3pm
Fri 15/3	3/2M Class Assembly—9.10am—school hall
Mon 18/3	Y6 Hula Hooping Festival—Ashington LC— Class 4/3KJ to lead Whole School Collective Worship at 2.45pm
Tues 19/3	5/4C Parent/carers drop-in. 2pm-3pm
Thur 20/3	Parent/carers Consultations 3.30pm—6.30pm
Fri 22/3	Non-Uniform Day—Wear Non-uniform—Voluntary Contributions of Easter Eggs
Mon 25/3	2.45pm-Whole School Collective Worship lead by 6/5T
Wed 27/3	3/2M Parent/carers drop-in. 2pm-3pm
Thur 28/3	PTA Easter Bingo & Easter Egg Tombola 6.00pm-7.30pm
Sat 30/3	FHC Programme Session 6 St Aidan's Church 10.30am-12 noon.

APRIL 2019

Mon 1/4	2.45pm-Whole School Collective Worship lead by 5/4C
Tues 2/4	Y2 Gymnastics Festival—Ashington Leisure Centre
Wed 3/4	6M Parent/carers drop-in. 2pm-3pm
Thur 4/4	Non-Uniform Day—PTA Disco 3.15pm-5pm - TBC
Fri 5/4	9.10am—First Friday Mass followed by refreshments. School closes for Easter Break at 3.15pm.