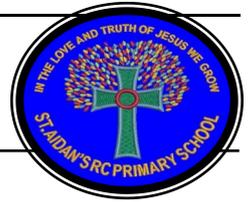


St Aidan's Newsletter



September 2018

Welcome to our first newsletter of the school year. We hope you have had a lovely Summer break and are raring to go!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please could you make sure that ALL your child's items of school uniform are clearly marked with his/her name. Sensible black (preferably) school shoes/sandals should be worn, trainers are suitable for outdoor PE activities ONLY. Jelly shoes, crocs, sandals/shoes with heels etc. are great for holidays but NOT for school and often result in twisted ankles, knees etc. Extreme haircuts such as 'strings/beaded braids', steps, tram-lines, dyes, coloured streaks, tips, tints and fringes inhibiting clear vision are not acceptable. This applies equally to boys and girls. (Long hair must be tied back during PE, games and practical lessons.) St Aidan's has a **NO JEWELLERY** policy. This includes earrings which **MUST NOT** be worn.

ADMISSIONS for 2019

The On Line portal for Applications for Secondary school places will soon be open and the closing date is strictly **31st October 2018**. Please do not miss the deadline. **St Benet Biscop Academy have an open evening for all Y6 pupils and their families on Tuesday 12th September at 6.45pm.** Reception places for September 2019 cannot be made until after half-term. There will be a meeting in school on Tuesday 16/10/18 at 5.30pm for all Nursery parent/carers to explain the Applications Process.

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.

ENTRANCE TO SCHOOL

In the event of **heavy rain** in the mornings, pupils can come into school from 8.40am onwards. 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.

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Head teachers are no longer allowed to grant Leave of Absence for the purpose of a family holiday during term time. Absence from school will only be granted in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the Head teacher. Parents must apply for Leave of Absence and have this authorised prior to taking their child out of school, leave will not be authorised retrospectively. Any absence taken without authorisation will be picked up by our Educational Wel-

fare Officer and a fine may be issued. Exceptional Leave of Absence forms are available from the school office and as much evidence needs to be included to support your application. Please apply at least 6 weeks before the leave is required.

PUNCTUALITY

Just a reminder that children should be on the school playground no later than 8.50 a.m. so that everyone is safely in school and ready to begin learning at 9.00 a.m.

HEALTHY SCHOOL

It is important that we work together to encourage your child to make healthy choices. Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle into school—this should only be filled with water—he/she should take it home every day to be cleaned. Pupils in EYFS & KS1 have access to a piece of fruit daily from the National Lottery Scheme. KS2 pupils may bring in a piece of fruit for morning snack—no sweets or biscuits etc. 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.

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

On Friday 28th September we will be raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support. The children are welcome to come in non school uniform. (Voluntary contribution) Grown ups are invited to join us for a cuppa and a cake (9.00am—10.00am) for a £2.00 donation. Any remaining cakes will be sold at the end of the day. (Cake donations are welcome from Thurs. onwards).

Forthcoming Events

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

All dates subject to change.

SEPTEMBER 2018	
Mon 3/9	Teacher Training Day—School Office Open
Tues 4/9	School re-opens. Reception Pupils 9.00am-1.30pm
Wed 5/9	Reception Pupils 9.00am-1.30pm
Thurs 6/9	2.30pm Meeting for Parent/carers of pupils in 6/5T.
Fri 7/9	9.10am—First Friday Mass—followed by refreshments 2.30pm Meeting for Parent/carers of pupils in 3/2M.
Mon 10/9	2.45pm—Whole School Collective Worship -Everyone welcome every Monday.
Tues 11/9	2.30pm Meeting for Parent/carers of pupils in 5/4C. PTA Meeting—6pm
Weds 12/9	Y3 Swimming begins until half-term 2.30pm Meeting for Parent/carers of pupils in 6M. 6.45pm—Open Evening for Y6 pupils and their families at St Benet Biscop Academy
Thurs 13/9	2.30pm Meeting for Parent/carers of pupils in 2G.
Fri 14/9	2.30pm Meeting for Parent/carers of pupils in 1T
Tues 18/9	6pm—Governors' Standards' Committee Meeting
Weds 19/9	2.30pm Meeting for Parent/carers of pupils in 4/3KJ.
Fri 21/9	2.30pm Phonics Meeting for Parent/carers of Reception pupils.
Tues 25/9	NSPCC Assemblies for KS1 & KS2 Pupils 6pm—Governors' Training Session
Weds 26/9	2pm—2G Parent/carer drop-in.
Thurs 27/9	11am—EYFS Welcome Liturgy
Fri 28/9	McMillan Coffee Morning—9.00am—10.00am & Non-Uniform Day- Any cakes left will be sold at the end of the day 3.15pm.
OCTOBER 2018	
Mon 1/10	2.45pm—Whole School Collective Worship lead by 2G
Tues 2/10	NSPCC Workshops for Y5 & Y6 6pm—Governors' Finance Committee Meeting
Weds 3/10	2.15pm—Parent/carer Forum. An opportunity to come and meet the SMT and raise any concerns, discuss any issues or make any suggestions. School Hall
Fri 5/10	9.10am—First Friday Mass—followed by refreshments
Mon 8/10	2.45pm—Whole School Collective Worship lead by 6M
Tues 9/10	2pm—5/4C Parent/carer drop-in 6pm—Governors' Premises Committee Meeting
Mon 15/10	2.45pm—Whole School Collective Worship lead by class 1T
Tues 16/10	Individual School Photographs 5.30pm Meeting for parent/carers of Nursery Pupils about applying for a 2019 Reception place.
Wed 17/10	3.30pm-6.30pm—Parent/carer consultations.
Sat 20/10	FHC Session 1 at St Aidan's Church—10.30am-12 noon.
Tues 23/10	Y6 SATS Information Session for Parent/carers—2.30pm and 5.30pm.
Thur 25/10	1.30pm—Harvest Festival Mass (Voluntary Donations for Wansbeck Food Bank)
Fri 26/10	School closes for the half-term holiday at 3.15pm.
NOVEMBER 2018	
Mon 5/11	School re-opens
Tues 6/11	2pm—1T Parent/carer drop-in
Mon 12/11	2.45pm—Whole School Collective Worship lead by 5/4C