

# St Aidan's Newsletter



February 2016

## Pantomime

Just to remind parent / carers that our fantastic pantomime of Peter Pan by M & M Productions is taking place at St Benedict's RC Middle school on Friday 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 on the night.

## World Book Day

**Thursday 3rd March 2016**

Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

## School Lunches

It is very important to let the school office know if you want to swap your child's lunch option. **PLEASE DO NOT SWOP THEIR LUNCH OPTION UNTIL YOU HAVE INFORMED THE SCHOOL OFFICE.** A quick phone call or note makes all the difference.

## Packed Lunches

Can we ask parent / carers to ensure that their children bring to school a packed lunch with healthy choices in. Items must be able to be opened independently as some children are having to wait a long time for staff to open cartons etc.



## 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 in an afternoon is dangerous with parked buses

and a large increase in traffic. Your co-operation would be 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.

## Parking

Could we please ask that parent/carers park safely and legally AT ALL TIMES. Many thanks for your co-operation. Another reminder that anyone parking in the restricted areas around school will be given an immediate fixed penalty of £70. **Please also note that parent / Carers are not allowed to use the staff car park unless they have permission from the Governors.**

## Illness

If your child is suffering from sickness or has diarrhoea, **it must be 48hrs** from the last bout of illness before they return to school.

## Winter Weather

Another 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** in the mornings, pupils can come into school from 8.45am onwards. KS1 and KS2 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 and Reception pupils should go through the Reception classroom entrance.

Any pupil arriving when the Reception classroom door is closed/the main playground is empty - should report to the Main Reception entrance accompanied by a parent/carer. 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](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk)

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.

## Dates for your Diary

Please regularly visit [www.st-aidans.northumberland.sch.uk](http://www.st-aidans.northumberland.sch.uk) for all dates for 2015-2016

All dates subject to change.

FEBRUARY 2016	
Weds 3/2	3J—Parent/carer drop-in Day—RH-Bob the Builder Day
Thurs 4/2	RH Visit to the House of Objects
Fri 5/2	9.10am—Class 4/3B Assembly—Do rocks rock? - Everyone welcome PTA Peter Pan Pantomime at St Benedict's Middle School Tickets £6.50 adults and £4.50 per child (Children must be accompanied by an adult) Doors open at 5.30p.m. when refreshments will be available.
Tues 9/2	Safer Internet Day
Weds 10/2	Ash Wednesday—KS2 to attend 10am mass at St Aidan's church 2.30pm—Liturgy for Reception and KS1 pupils—Everyone welcome
Friday 12/2	PTA Tuck Shop—Children to bring no more than £1.00 to spend on treats. 1/RB, 2/1M & 2G—Frozen Day—School closes for half-term at 3.15pm
Mon 22/2	School closed for teacher training day
Tues 23/2	School re-opens
Mon 29/2	Class 4M to lead Collective Worship at 2.45pm
MARCH 2016	
Weds 2/3	4M Parent/carers drop-in day—see website for further details.
Thurs 3/3	World Book Day—Come to school dressed as your favourite book character
Fri 4/3	Y2 Gymnastics Festival -Ashington Leisure Centre
Mon 7/3	PTA Disco tickets on sale—£3.00 each (includes drink, packet of crisps and mix-up)
Tues 8/3	RH Parent/carers drop-in day—see website for further details. 6pm-PTA Mtg
Weds 9/3	Nursery Visit to Plessey Woods Parent/carer Forum 5.30pm
Thurs 10/3	KS1 Seven Stories Visit
Tues 15/3	4/3B & 2G Parent/carer drop-in (See website for more details) Parent/Carers Consultation Evening—3.30pm-5.30pm
Weds 16/3	Parent/Carers Consultation Evening—3.30pm-5.30pm
Thurs 17/3	2/1M & 1/RB Parent/carer drop-in (See website for more details)
Fri 18/3	PTA Easter Disco—3.15pm-4.30pm Admission by ticket ONLY
Mon 21/3	2.45pm-Whole School Collective Worship lead by 3J
Weds 23/3	2.30pm-PTA Easter Coffee Afternoon
Thurs 24/3	1pm—End of term liturgy. Parent/carers able to attend the liturgy can take children home afterwards. Parent/carers not able to attend to collect children at 3.15pm.
APRIL 2016	
Mon 11/4	School re-opens for Summer term.
Fri 15/4	1.30pm-Easter Mass in the school hall. Everyone welcome.
Mon 18/4	2.45pm—Whole School Collective Worship lead by RH
Friday 22/4	9.10am-2G Class Assembly & Y4 Swimming begins.
Mon 25/4	2.45pm—Whole School Collective Worship lead by 1/RB
Weds 27/4	4/3B Parent/carer drop-in (See website for more details) - Y4 Striking & Fielding Festival.