

St Aidan's Newsletter



September 2016

Welcome to our first newsletter of the school year! It has been a fantastic start to the new school year.

STAFFING NEWS

Congratulations to Mrs Hooper on the birth of her daughter Matilda.. We are looking forward to Miss Devitt returning to work soon. Unfortunately Mrs Jewell is not well enough to be at school at the moment and we wish her a speedy recovery.

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.

ADMISSIONS for 2017

The On Line portal for Applications for St Benedict's Middle School is open and the closing date is strictly **31st October 2016**. As we are currently undergoing the consultation process for St Aidan's to become primary and St Benedict's to close, the application process must be followed as usual. Reception places for September 2017 cannot be made until 1st November 2016. There will be a meeting in school on Tuesday 11/10/16 at 5.30pm for all Nursery parent/carers to explain the Applications Process.

SCHOOL PARKING

The new traffic safety measures outside of school are working well and keeping our children safe. Can we please ask that parent/carers park safely and legally AT ALL TIMES. Please be courteous to our neighbours by not blocking access to driveways nor parking on pavements. Please also note that parent / carers are not allowed to use the staff car park unless they have permission from the Governors.

ENTRANCE TO SCHOOL

In the event of **heavy rain** in the mornings, pupils can come into school from 8.45am 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.

Any pupil arriving when the main playground is empty - should report to the Main Reception entrance accompanied by a parent/carer.

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 Welfare Officer and a fine may be issued. Exceptional Leave of Ab-

sence forms" are available from the school office and as much evidence needs to be included to support your application.

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.

St Aidan's and St Benedict's both run breakfast clubs, please contact either school office for further details.

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. Many thanks.

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

On Friday 30th September we will be raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support. The children are invited to wear their pyjamas for the day, so that they can snuggle up with a book, a hot chocolate and a biscuit. (Suggested donation is £1.00) Grown ups are invited to join us for a cuppa and a cake (9.15am—10.15am) for a £2.00 donation—if you can't stay you can grab a cuppa, a cake and go! Donations of cakes will be very welcome and can be brought into school on Thursday afternoon.

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Forthcoming Events

Please regularly visit www.st-aidans.northumberland.sch.uk for all dates for 2016-2017

All dates subject to change.

SEPTEMBER 2016

Wednesday 28/9	Roald Dahl Lunch—£2.00 for any KS2 pupil on packed lunch.
Friday 30/9	Wear your pyjamas Day (suggested donation a £1.00) Macmillan Coffee Morning 9.15am—10.15am.

OCTOBER 2016

Monday 3/10	PTA Film Night Tickets On Sale - £3.00 per ticket includes a drink, a packet of crisps and popcorn. Further snacks available to purchase on the night.
Tuesday 4/10	2/1M Parent/carer Drop-In Day—Look out for your invitation.
Wednesday 5/10	2B Parent/carer Drop-In Day—Look out for your invitation. Parent/carers Consultations 3.30pm-7.00pm
Monday 10/10	4G to lead Whole School Collective Worship from 2.45pm
Tuesday 11/10	3J Parent/carer Drop-In Day—Look out for your invitation. 5.30pm-Meeting for Nursery parents/carers about admissions for Reception 2017.
Wednesday 12/10	School Photographs—4/3C Parent/carer Drop-In Day—Look out for your invitation. Harry Potter Lunch- £2.00 for any KS2 pupil on packed lunch. Parent/carer Forum—5.30pm
Thursday 13/10	1/RB Parent/carer Drop-In Day—Look out for your invitation.
Friday 14/10	Class 2B Assembly—9.10am PTA Film Night—3.15pm-5.30pm
Wednesday 19/10	4G Parent/carer Drop-In Day—Look out for your invitation.
Friday 21/10	Harvest Festival Mass at St Aidan's Church at 1.30pm School closes for half-term at 3.15pm
Monday 31/10	School re-opens

NOVEMBER 2016

Tuesday 1/11	KS2 Pupils to attend All Saints Mass at St Aidan's Church - PTA Meeting—6.00pm
Tuesday 8/11	Flu Vaccinations for Y1, Y2 & Y3 pupils—Governors' Meeting—6pm
Friday 11/11	Class 3J Assembly—9.10am
Friday 18/11	Children In Need Non-Uniform Day & PTA Tuck Shop
Mon 21/11	4/3C to lead Whole School Collective Worship from 2.45pm
Mon 28/11	PTA Christmas Disco tickets on sale—(£4.00 includes a hot dog and a drink)
Weds 30/11	RM Parent/carer Drop-In Day—Look out for your invitation.

DECEMBER 2016

Friday 2/12	PTA Christmas Fair—2.30pm
Tuesday 6/12	5.30pm—Meeting for parent/carers of pupils starting Nursery in January 2017.
Wednesday 7/12	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 8/12	1.30pm-Reception & KS1 Christmas Performance—tbc
Friday 9/12	1.30pm-KS2 Christmas Performance—tbc Christmas Disco 3.30pm-5.30pm—Tickets £4
Thursday 15/12	1.30p.m. Advent Mass at St Aidan's Church
Friday 16/12	1.30p.m.-Advent Liturgy - Everyone Welcome - Parent/carers able to attend Liturgy may take children home immediately afterwards - parent/carers NOT able to attend to collect children at 3.15pm.End of term

JANUARY 2017

Tuesday 3/1	School re-opens
Friday 6/1	KS1 Visit to South Lake Zoo