

St Aidan's Newsletter



January 2017

Happy New Year

Wishing everyone all the best for a very happy and healthy 2017. 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.

Staffing News

After 20 years of dedicated service to St Aidan's, Miss Devitt has decide to pursue other avenues, we would like to thank her for contribution to the School and wish her well for the future. Miss Elsander will continue to teach the Nursery class this term. Mrs Jewell hopes to return to school this term and Mrs Leese will continue to teach her class until her return.

Miss Hinchliffe left St Aidan's at the end of last term and Miss Lemin will be teaching 2B along with Mrs Bruce.

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. 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 in an afternoon 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 few 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 Beauty and the Beast. The PTA have kindly again agreed to subsidise ticket prices. This year to give as many families the opportunity to come along as possible, we have reduced the ticket prices to just £4.00 per adult and £2.00 per child. Please note all children must be accompanied. Tickets will go on sale on Monday 9th January 2017. The performance will take place at St Benedict's RC Middle school on Friday 3rd February 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.

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.

Illness

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

Dates for your Diary

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

All dates subject to change.

	JANUARY 2017
Fri 6/1	Non-Uniform Day to raise funds for Bishop Seamus' Annual Appeal for the Diocesan Youth Ministry Team
Tues 10/1	2/1M—Parent/carer drop-in 6.00pm-PTA Meeting—Everyone welcome.
Thurs 12/1	End of KS 1 Assessment Meeting for parents/carers of Y2 pupils 2.30pm and 6.00pm.
Mon 16/1	2.45pm-Whole School Collective Worship lead by 2B
Thurs 19/1	Zoolab to visit KS1
Fri 20/1	Y1 pupils to attend Hula Hooping Festival at Ashington Leisure Centre
Mon 23/1	2.45pm-Whole School Collective Worship lead by 3J
Tues 24/1	Nursery Parent Carer Drop- In Full Governing Body Meeting at 6.00pm at St Benedict's Middle School
Sat 28/1	First Holy Communion/Confession Enrolment Mass at St Aidan's Church at 5.30pm
Mon 30/1	2.45pm-Whole School Collective Worship lead by 2/1M
	FEBRUARY 2017
Fri 3/2	PTA Beauty and the Beast Pantomime at St Benedict's Middle School Tickets £4.00 adults and £2.00 per child (Children must be accompanied by an adult) Doors open at 5.30p.m. when refreshments will be available.
Tues 7/2	Safer Internet Day Y3 pupils to attend Skipping Festival at Ashington Leisure Centre
Thurs 9/2	1/RB Parent/carer drop-in
Sat 11/2	First Holy Communion/Confession Programme Session 1—10.30am-12 noon—St Aidan's Parish Hall
Wed 15/2	2B Parent/carers drop-in
Thurs 16/2	School closes for half-term at 3.15pm
Fri 17/2	School closed for Teacher Training Day
Mon 27/2	School re-opens
	MARCH 2017
Weds 1/3	Ash Wednesday—KS2 to attend 10am mass at St Aidan's and EYFS & KS1 Liturgy at 2.45pm.
Thurs 2/3	World Book Day—Come Dressed As Your Favourite Book Character
Tues 7/3	Full Governing Body Meeting at 6.00pm at St Benedict's Middle School
Weds 8/3	RM—Parent/carer drop-in . Parent/carer Forum at 5.30pm
Sat 11/3	First Holy Communion/Confession Programme Session 2—10.30am-12 noon—St Aidan's Parish Hall
Mon 13/3	2.45pm-Whole School Collective Worship lead by 1/RB
Weds 15/3	4G Parent/carer—drop-in. First Confessions at St Aidan's Church at 6.00pm
Mon 20/3	2.45pm-Whole School Collective Worship lead by 4/3C
Tues 21/3	Y2 pupils to attend Gym Festival at Ashington Leisure Centre Parent/carer Consultations 3.30pm—6.30pm
Fri 24/3	9.10am- 4G Class Assembly
Weds 29/3	4/3C Parent/carer drop-in
Fri 31/3	9.10am- 2/1M Class Assembly