St Aidan's Newsletter

October 2015

OUR NEW MISSION!

Welcome to our first newsletter of the school year! Thank you for all your help in forming our new mission statement:

"In the love and truth of Jesus we grow."

SCHOOL GOVERNOR NEWS

The newly federated governing body for St Aidan's and St Benedict's school had it's first meeting earlier this week. Mrs Louise Myerscough was duly elected Chair of Governors and Mr Michael Ferrigon Vice-Chair.

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 2016

The On Line portal for Applications for St Benedict's Middle School is open and the closing date is strictly **31st October 2015.** An additional application form will also have to be completed and returned to St Benedict's as soon as possible. Reception places for September 2016 cannot be made until 2nd November 2015. There will be a meeting in school on Tuesday 13/10/15 at 5.30pm for all Nursery parent/carers to explain the Applications Process.

SCHOOL PARKING

Can we please ask that parent/ carers park safely and legally AT ALL TIMES. Many thanks for your co-operation. We have also been advised by the parking attendants 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.**

ENTRANCE TO SCHOOL

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.

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

EYFS OUTDOOR LEARNING AREA

We are so grateful to Mrs Vout and the Construction Team from Northumberland Adult Learning who have been working so hard to help us transform this learning area. As the area is indeed an outdoor classroom it should be treated in the same way as all other classrooms. Children should not be allowed to play in this area before school begins in the morning and after school finishes in the afternoon. Equipment etc. is being moved and damaged and this must not be allowed to happen.

PUNCTUALITY

Can we make parent/carer's aware that children should be on the school playground no later than 8.55 a.m. ready to begin school at 9.00 a.m.

E-CIGARETTES

As we are all aware it is illegal to smoke anywhere on the school site. Please do not use e-cigarettes anywhere on the site.

REMINDERS

Have you returned?

Your child's educational visit consent form?
Your parent/carer forum reply slip.

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Forthcoming Events

Please regularly visit www.st-aidans.northumberland.sch.uk for all dates for 2015-2016 All dates subject to change.	
OCTOBER 2015	
Monday 5/10	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 1.15pm-School Meals Menu Parent/carer planning group to meet with Mrs Bailes, Kitchen Manager. Everyone welcome. Class 4/3B to lead whole school collective worship 2.45pm.
Tuesday 6/10	Open Evening from 6pm at St Benedict's Middle School for parents/carers and Y4 pupils.
Wednesday 7/10	Reception Visit—Woodhorn Colliery Museum 5.30p.m. - Parent/carer Forum
Thursday 8/10	KS1 & KS2 Visit to Woodhorn Colliery Museum
Wednesday 14/10	School Photograph Day 5.30pm.. - Admissions Meeting for Parent/carers of Nursery pupils
Friday 16/10	PTA Film Night—3.15pm-5.30pm.
Tuesday 20/10	EYFS Wheelie Day KS1 & KS2 Visit to Holy Island 3.30pm-5.30pm - Parent/carers Evening
Wednesday 21/10	Harvest Lunch—£2.00 for any KS2 pupil on packed lunch. 3.30pm-5.30pm - Parent/carers Evening
Friday 23/10	Harvest Festival Mass at St Aidan's Church at 1.30pm School closes for half-term at 3.15pm
NOVEMBER 2015	
Monday 2/11	School re-opens
Wednesday 6/11	Flu Vaccinations for Y1 & Y2 pupils
Monday 9/11	Class 3J to lead whole school collective worship 2.45pm.
Tuesday 10/11	4M Parent/carers drop-in day—see website for further details. PTA Meeting—6.00pm
Wednesday 18/11	Full Governing Body Meeting at St Aidan's School—6.00pm
Friday 20/11	9.10am-4M Class Assembly - Parent/carers welcome
Monday 23/11	Disco tickets on sale - £2.00 each
Wednesday 25/11	2G Parent/carers drop-in day—see website for further details.
Thursday 26/11	1/RB & 2/1M Parent/carers drop-in day—see website for further details.
DECEMBER 2015	
Tuesday 1/12	5.30pm—Meeting for Parent/carers of Nursery pupils starting in January 2016.
Wednesday 2/12	4/3B Parent/carers drop-in day—see website for further details.
Thursday 3/12	P.T.A. Christmas Fair 2.30pm-4.30pm
Friday 4/12	3.15pm-4.30p.m. - PTA Christmas Disco
Tuesday 8/12	3J Parent/carers drop-in day—see website for further details.
Wednesday 9/12	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 10/12	1.30pm - KS2 (Y3 & Y4) Christmas Performance
Friday 11/12	1.30pm - Reception & Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance
Monday 14/12	Christmas parties.
Wednesday 16/12	KS1 Visit to Whitehouse Farm
Thursday 17/12	1.30p.m. Advent Mass at St Aidan's Church
Friday 18/12	1.00p.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 2016	
Monday 4/1	School closed for Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 5/1	School re-opens