

# St Aidan's Newsletter



May 2016

## Staffing News

Goodbye to Mr Ben who will leaving us to take up a new post on Friday 27 May 2016. We thank him for everything he has done during the past nine years. He will be a huge miss but we wish him all the best for the future.

Congratulations to Mrs Hooper who is expecting a baby. Mrs Hooper will be starting her maternity leave in September.

Congratulations to Miss Coulter who is getting married and will return after half-term as Mrs Cook.

## Safeguarding

Keeping your child safe is our ultimate priority. Can we please remind parent/carers if within the school environment that photographs must ONLY be taken when you have been given permission to take a photograph of your own child. It is then your responsibility to keep that image safe.

Sharing images of your child online, especially if you name the school he/she attends could put your child at risk, as he/she could be contacted on line or outside of school.

The Northumberland E-Safety team have asked us to share the following information:

We have received two reports recently of police investigations into the misuse of social networking platforms, specifically children being persuaded to 'friend' and interact with individuals who then

act inappropriately towards them.

It is therefore essential that parent/carers closely monitor their children's internet activities, in particular their use of the latest apps, websites and games.

The NSPCC has produced some excellent advice for parents on their 'Share Aware' website:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>

In addition, the 'Net Aware' site has specific advice on the 50+ most popular sites, games and apps used by young people.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/?order=-popularity>

'ooVoo' in particular has raised significant safety concerns and additional advice on this site can be found on the parentINFO / CEOP site:

<http://parentinfo.org/article/oovoo-everything-you-need-to-know>

## Pupil Medical Conditions Policy

Just a reminder that we in line with DFE guidance we have recently updated our Pupil Medical Conditions Policy. (All statutory policies can be found on the school website) All documentation has been revised. If your child takes regular medication school must have a completed updated form on record. School staff can only administer prescribed medicines and wherever possible we politely request that medicines are administered at home before or after school.



## Parking

Could we please ask that parent/carers park safely and legally AT ALL TIMES. Many thanks for your co-operation. 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.**

We have been asked by Northumbria Police to highlight the fact that the back street behind Newbiggin Road, along from the shop (road sign above) is for residents' parking only and parents are politely asked not to park there. Please work with us and the Police to ensure safe parking outside our school, and report any issues or worries to us immediately.

## Consultation on Proposal for Ashington Catholic Schools

Just to remind you to please respond to the request to give your views during the current consultation process which ends on 21.6.16. The consultation meeting is on Tuesday 7th June at St Benedict's Middle School at 5.30p.m.

## Bottle tops

Miss Givens is collecting plastic bottle tops of any shape/size/colour. Please send in with the children. Thankyou.

## 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.

	<b>MAY 2016</b>
Fri 20/5	9.10am—3J Class Assembly—Everyone Welcome. PTA Film Night—3.15pm-5.30pm
Thurs 24/5	2.45pm-Dance Showcase— Classes 1/RB, 2/1M & 2G
Fri 27/5	9.10am-1/RB Class Assembly-Everyone Welcome. PTA Tuck Shop—Children invited to bring in £1.00 to spend on treats. School closes for half-term at 3.15p.m.
	<b>JUNE 2016</b>
Mon 6/6	School re-opens. KS2 Educational Visit to Centre for Life. Class 2G to lead Collective Worship at 2.45pm. Creepy Crawly Roadshow for Reception children .
Tues 7/6	Consultation Meeting On Proposal for Ashington Catholic Schools 5.30pm at St Benedict's Middle School
Weds 8/6	RH Parent/carer drop-in (See website for more details) PTA Meeting 6pm
Tues 14/6	2.30pm—Meeting for parent/carers of KS2 pupils wishing to take part in the First Holy Communion Preparation Programme starting in the Autumn 2016 with Father Stephen. 5.30pm—Meeting for all parent/carers of pupils starting in Reception in September 2016.
Weds 15/6	KS1 Visit to Woodhorn—tbc 5.30pm-Meeting for all parent/carers of pupils starting in Nursery in September 2016.
Mon 20/6	Class 4M to lead Collective Worship at 2.45pm
Weds 22/6	Nursery Physical Development Fun Day—further details to follow
Thurs 23/6	9.30am-Reception and KS1 Sports Day (weather permitting)
Fri 24/6	9.30am-KS2 Sports Day (weather permitting)
Weds 29/6	2G—Parent/carer drop-in day (further details on website) KS2 to attend St Peter and St Paul's mass at St Aidan's Church 2.45pm-St Peter and St Paul's Collective Worship
Thurs 30/6	2/1M & 1/RB—Parent/carer drop in day (further details on website)
	<b>JULY 2016</b>
Fri 1/7	Annual Reports for Parent/carers distributed
Mon 4/7	Class 2/1M to lead Collective Worship at 2.45pm—Disco tickets on sale. (£3.00 each)
Weds 6/7	3.30pm—Opportunity to discuss any issues arising from Annual Reports with your child's class teacher. Please make an appointment.
Sat 9/7	P.T.A. Summer Fair—10am-1pm
Thurs 14/7	9.15am—Y4 Leavers' Mass
Fri 15/7	PTA Summer Disco—3.15pm-4.30pm
Tues 19/7	1.00pm End of Year Liturgy—Parent/carers able to attend to take pupils home immediately home afterwards—parent/carers not able to attend should pick up pupils at 3.15pm (Nursery 3.30pm) - School closes for Summer holidays.
	<b>SEPTEMBER 2016</b>
Tues 6/9	School re-opens for the Autumn term.