St Aidan's Newsletter

January 2020

Happy New Year

Wishing everyone all the best for a very happy and healthy 2020. 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

Mrs Traba's baby boy arrived safe and sound on Christmas Day. Miss Wright will be covering Mrs Traba's maternity leave.
Unfortunately Miss Killoran and Mrs Jewell remain unwell and absent from school; therefore Miss Marshall will continue to cover 4KJ for the next few weeks. Miss Carrie who returns from maternity leave just before February half-term will be taking over the class responsibility for 4KJ. In order that Miss Carrie can get to know the class and work with Miss Marshall to assume a smooth transition, she will be teaching 4KJ every Friday and then will be back full-time from 10.2.20.

Packed Lunches

Can we ask parent / carers to ensure that their children bring to school a packed lunch with healthy choices in. (No products containing nuts) 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 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.

Absences

It is essential that if your child is absent from school you telephone the school office giving the reason for the absence. Please note that specific details are required and reporting him/her as just "unwell" is not sufficient.
If your child is suffering from sickness or has diarrhoea, **it must be 48hrs** from the last episode before they return to school.

PTA Event Deadlines

Just to remind you to make sure that if you wish to purchase a ticket for your child for a PTA event please do so before the deadline to avoid disappointment. In order for our amazing PTA volunteers to prepare for the events and make sure that there are enough refreshments for everyone and not any waste—we need to know the exact numbers before the event, so that we have sufficient time to purchase provisions etc.—on the morning of the event is just too late.
For our recent Christmas disco we had a number of parents wanting to buy disco tickets on the morning of the event and unfortunately we were unable to accommodate these requests. So please in the future make a note of the dates.
As always new members of the PTA are most welcome and would definitely help to lighten the load. All the dates for our forthcoming events can be found on the school website
http://www.st-aidans.northumberland.sch.uk/website/calendar/91986

So if you can help please let the school office know. Our next PTA meeting is 11.2.20. at 6pm.

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, the school website and the school facebook page.
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.

SCHOOL PARKING

Can we please ask that parent/carers park **SAFELY** and **LEGALLY** at all times. Please be considerate to our neighbours by not blocking their access nor parking on pavements.

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. (No nuts) Many thanks.

Dates for your Diary

Please regularly visit www.st-aidans.northumberland.sch.uk for all dates for 2019-2020 All dates subject to change.

	JANUARY 2020
Mon 6/1	School closed for pupils for Teacher Training Day.
Tues 7/1	Spring term begins.
Weds 8/1	Phonics Screening Information Meeting for Parent/carers of Y1 pupils 2.30pm & 5.30pm.
Thurs 9/1	Y3 Swimming commences—Voluntary contribution of £2.00 towards costs very much appreciated.
Sat 11/1	First Holy Communion Programme—Session 4—St Aidan's Church Hall 11am—12 noon
Sun 12/1	First Holy Communion Programme—Liturgy—10.30am St Aidan's Church 10.30am
Mon 13/1	Reception and Y6 Heights and Weights Whole School Collective Worship re-commences —2.45pm Everyone welcome—Karate Club re-commences 3.15pm-4.30pm
Tues 14/1	Y5/Y6 Boys' Football re-commences 3.15pm-4.15pm Governors' Standards Committee Meeting—6pm
Weds 15/1	Y2 SATS Information Meeting 2.30pm & 5.30pm Y3/Y4 Boys & KS2 Girls Football re-commences 3.15pm-4.15pm
Thurs 16/1	Aladdin Panto (during the school day) —cost of performance and refreshments fully funded by St Aidan's PTA. Y6 Homework Club
Fri 17/1	Full Circle Family Cooking Course re-commences—1.30pm-3pm KS1 Football recommences 3.15pm-4.15pm
Mon 20/1	PTA Film Night Tickets on sale—£4.00 includes a drink, hotdog and a £1 token to spend on sweets. 1M to lead Collective Worship—2.45pm
Tues 21/1	Y2 to attend Gymnastics Festival at Ashington Leisure Centre Governors' Finance Committee Meeting—6pm
Wed 22/1	Y5 to attend Skipping Festival at Bothal Primary School
Fri 24/1	9.10am—Class 5/4C Assembly—School Hall—Everyone welcome!
Mon 27/1	Operation Encompass Officer Drop-in for Parent/carers 2.15pm-2.45pm 6M to lead Collective Worship at 2.45pm
Tues 28/1	EYFS Bob the Builder Day Governors' Premises Committee Meeting—6pm
Wed 29/1	Final Day to purchase PTA Film Night Tickets
Fri 31/1	PTA Film Night—3.15pm to 5.15pm
	FEBRUARY 2020
Tues 4/2	2pm-3pm—1M Parent/carer Drop-in
Weds 5/2	2pm-3pm—6/5T Parent/carer Drop-in
Fri 7/2	First Friday Mass in the school hall at 9.10am—followed by refreshments.
Sat 8/2	First Holy Communion Programme—Session 5—St Aidan's Church Hall 11am—12 noon
Sun 9/2	First Holy Communion Programme—Liturgy—10.30am St Aidan's Church 10.30am
Tues 11/2	Safer Internet Day—Nursery Parent/carer Drop-in 10.30am –11.30am & 2.30pm-3.30pm. PTA Meeting 6pm
Thur 12/2	6pm-Brinkburn Partnership Youth Ministry Meeting—St Aidan's School
Fri 14/2	School closes for half-term break at 3.15pm.
Fri 21/2	Teacher Training Day
Mon 24/2	School re-opens
Wed 26/2	KS2 pupils to attend mass at St Aidan's Church 10am—2.30pm-Ash Wednesday Liturgy for Rec & KS1 pupils—everyone welcome.
	MARCH 2020
Mon 2/3	3M-Parent/carer Drop-in 1.45pm-2.45pm
Tues 3/3	6pm-Governing Body Meeting
Thur 5/3	World Book Day—Come Dressed As Your Favourite Book Character
Fri 6/3	First Friday Mass in the school hall at 9.10am—followed by refreshments.
Sat 7/3	First Holy Communion Programme—Session 6—St Aidan's Church Hall 11am—12 noon
Sun 8/3	First Holy Communion Programme—Liturgy—10.30am St Aidan's Church 10.30am
Tue 10/3	EYFS Wheelie Day
Weds 11/3	2.15pm—Parent/carer Forum—An opportunity to come and meet the SMT and Governors to raise concerns and/or make suggestions for improvements etc.
Fri 13/3	1M—Class Assembly—School Hall—9.10am
Mon 16/3	Class 3M to lead Whole School Collective Worship at 2.45pm
Tues 17/3	Governors' Safeguarding Training —6pm
Weds 18/3	Parent/carer Consultations—3.30pm—6pm

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	MARCH 2020
Fri 20/3	Non-Uniform Day—Wear Non-uniform—Voluntary Contributions of Easter Eggs
Mon 23/3	Easter Disco Tickets on sale—£4.00 each to include hot dog, drink and £1 to spend on sweets. 2.45pm-Whole School Collective Worship lead by 6/5T
Thur 26/3	4KJ Parent/carers drop-in. 2pm-3pm PTA Easter Bingo & Easter Egg Tombola 6.00pm-7.30pm
Tues 31/3	Final day to buy Easter Disco tickets. 2G—Parent/carer Drop-in 2pm-3pm
	APRIL 2020
Weds 1/4	6M-Parent/carers drop-in 2pm-3pm
Tues 2/4	Non-uniform Day. PTA Easter Disco 3.15pm-5pm (Admission by ticket ONLY)
Fri 3/4	9.10am—First Friday Mass followed by refreshments. 1.30pm-Lenten Liturgy—Parent/carers able to attend the Liturgy may take children home immediately afterwards, all other children to be collected at 3.15pm (unless booked into Sunshine Club.) School closes for Easter Break at **3.15pm.**
Mon 20/4	School closed for pupils for Teacher Training Day
Tues 21/4	School re-opens for Summer Term.
Fri 24/4	Y5 Swimming commences—Voluntary contribution of £2.00 towards costs very much appreciated.
Sat 25/4	First Holy Communion Programme—Session 7—St Aidan's Church Hall 11am—12 noon
Sun 26/4	First Holy Communion Programme—Liturgy—10.30am St Aidan's Church 10.30am
Mon 27/4	2.45pm—Class 4KJ to lead Whole School Collective Worship
Wed 29/4	RT—Parent/carer drop-in 2pm—3pm.
	MAY 2020
Fri 1/5	First Friday Mass in the school hall at 9.10am—followed by refreshments.
Sat 2/5	First Holy Communion Programme—Session 8—St Aidan's Church Hall 11am—12 noon
Mon 4/5	KS1 SATS to be administered this week 2.45pm—Class RT to lead Whole School Collective Worship
Fri 8/5	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR MAY BANK HOLIDAY
Mon 11/5	KS2 SATS to be administered this week.
Fri 15/5	First Holy Communion Rehearsal and Confession—4pm (St Aidan's Church)
Sat 16/5	12 noon—First Holy Communion Mass-St Aidan's Church
Sun 17/5	10.30am—First Holy Communion Going Forth Mass—St Aidan's Church
Mon 18/5	2.45pm—Class 1M to lead Whole School Collective Worship
Tues 19/5	EYFS Wheelie Day
Wed 20/5	2pm—Class 6/5T Parent/carer drop-in.
Thur 21/5	Y2 SATS Treat Day. KS2 to attend Ascension Mass at St Aidan's Church at 10.30am.
Fri 22/5	9.10am—Class 4KJ Assembly—School Hall—Everyone welcome! School closes for half-term break at 3.15pm.
	JUNE 2020
Mon 1/6	School re-opens.
Tues 2/6	Y6 Official Class Photograph to be taken. (End of Year Gift from St Aidan's PTA) 3M—2pm-3pm—Parent/carer Drop-in
Fri 5/6	First Friday Mass in the school hall at 9.10am—followed by refreshments. Final Y5 Swimming Session
Mon 8/6	Y1 Phonics Screening and Y4 Multiplication Tables Check this week 5.30pm—Meeting for parent/carers of New Nursery pupils (starting September 2020)
Tues 9/6	2pm—Class 5/4C Parent/carer drop-in.
Fri 12/6	9.10am—2G—Class Assembly—everyone welcome. Y6 Swimming commences—Voluntary contribution of £2.00 towards costs very much appreciated.
Mon 15/6	Nursery Sports 10.30am & 2pm (Weather permitting) 5.30pm—Meeting for parent/carers of New Reception pupils (starting September 2020)
Wed 17/6	Y6 to attend Diocesan Festival at the Emmaus Centre (YMT)
Thur 18/6	Reception & KS1 Sports 9.10am (Weather permitting)
Fri 19/6	KS2 Sports 9.10am (Weather permitting)
Tue 23/6	Y6 Transition Day—St Benet Biscop Academy 2pm-1M-Parent/carer Drop-in
Thur 25/6	Y6 Transition Day—St Benet Biscop Academy 2pm-2G-Parent/carer Drop-in
Fri 26/6	RT Graduation Assembly—9.10am—school hall 2pm-4KJ -Parent/carer Drop-in 2.30pm—Drum Performance for Parent/carers of Y3 pupils.

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	JUNE 2020
Mon 29/6	PTA Disco Tickets on sale—£4.00—includes hot dog, drink and £1 to spend on sweets.
Tues 30/6	10.30am & 2.30pm Nursery Parent/carer Drop-in Governors' Meeting—6pm
	JULY 2020
Wed 1/7	2.30pm & 5.30pm—Meeting for Parent/carers of Y3 pupils about the Y4 Multiplication Tables Check.
Fri 3/7	First Friday Mass in the school hall at 9.10am—followed by refreshments. Annual Progress Reports for Parent/carers distributed today. Non-uniform day—voluntary contributions for PTA Summer Fair.
Sat 4/7	PTA Summer Fair—10am—1pm
Mon 6/7	Y6 Residential to Robinwood (Mon—Wed)
Tue 7/7	Last day to buy PTA Disco tickets
Wed 9/7	Parent/carer consultations 3.30pm-4.30pm—Please contact school office to make an appointment.
Thur 10/7	Non-uniform day—PTA Disco 3.15pm-5pm
Tue 14/7	9.10am—Y6 Leavers' Mass—Everyone welcome!
Weds 15/7	Y6 Prom—6pm-8pm
Fri 17/7	1.30pm-Y6 Leavers' Liturgy—Parent/carers able to attend the Liturgy may take children home immediately afterwards, all other children to be collected at 3.15pm (unless booked into Sunshine Club.) School closes for Summer break at 3.15pm