

St Aidan's Newsletter



November 2018

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. Extreme haircuts such as 'strings/beaded braids', steps, tramlines, 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. This includes earrings which **MUST NOT** be worn.

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS 2019

The On Line portal for Applications for Reception Places is now open. If you wish to apply for a place at St Aidan's you need to also complete and return a supplementary application form. Please ask at the office for further details.

SCHOOL PARKING

We continue to work with Northumberland County Council to implement a safe traffic management system outside of school. Please think carefully about where to park with consideration for our neighbours. Many of whom have difficulty walking and require access outside of their homes at all times. Walking to school is healthy and environmentally friendly. Please if you can, walk to school or at least park safely some distance away. **Please also note that parent / carers are not allowed to use the staff car park unless they have permission from the Governors.**

Until the pavement outside of school is widened we strongly advise parent/carers not to use it.

Entry to Nursery is **NOT** permitted through the front car park. Everyone

must use the designated walkway from the side main entrance. If you cross this car park you are putting yourself and child at serious risk as cars enter and exit this point throughout the day.

ENTRANCE TO SCHOOL

In the event of **heavy rain** in the mornings, pupils can come into school from 8.40am 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.

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.

HEALTHY SCHOOL

It is important that we work together to encourage your child to make healthy choices. Children are encouraged to bring a **water bottle** into school—this should **ONLY** be filled with water—he/she should take it home every day to be cleaned. Pupils in EYFS & KS1 have access to a piece of fruit daily from the National Lottery Scheme. KS2 pupils may bring in a piece of fruit for morning snack—no sweets or biscuits etc. 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.

NUT ALLERGIES

As we have a number of pupils with a life threatening nut allergy it is essential that children do not bring any nuts or products containing nuts into school at any time.

SWIMMING

Just a reminder that swimming tuition is an essential part of the PE curriculum and a fantastic opportunity for your child. Children should only refrain from swimming if they have been advised to do so by a medical professional. Please ensure your child remembers to bring his/her kit every week. The Sports Premium Funding heavily subsidises the costs and no child will ever be deprived of a **curriculum** activity due to non-payment of a voluntary contribution. However the voluntary contributions help us to make the Sports Premium Funding go further and provide a range of exciting Sporting activities for our children.

TOYS/CARDS etc

In order to avoid tears and heartache when things get lost, at St Aidan's we ask that children do not bring personal belongings into school such as toys, jewellery, trading cards, stickers etc. Sometimes your child's class teacher may request that he/she brings something into school as part of their curricular work; however this will always be voluntary and not compulsory. However any items brought into school are always at your own risk and we cannot take responsibility for any losses incurred. Therefore in the same way all items of clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name; please always clearly identify any other belonging.

Forthcoming Events

Please regularly visit www.st-aidans.northumberland.sch.uk for all dates for 2018-2019

All dates subject to change.

NOVEMBER 2018	
Tues 6/11	1T Parent/Carer Drop-in from 2pm—PTA Film Night Tickets On Sale
Thur 8/11	6/5T Parent/Carer Drop-in from 2pm
Mon 12/11	Deadline for Shoebox Appeal 2.45pm Whole School Collective Worship lead by Class 5/4C
Tues 13/11	RM Parent/Carer Drop-in from 2pm 6pm Governors' Meeting
Weds 14/11	Nursery Parent/Carer Drop-in 10.30am & 2pm
Fri 16/11	Non-Uniform Day—Children In Need PTA Film Night 3.15pm-5.15pm—Tickets £3.50 to include a hot-dog and a drink. Sweets/crisps available to buy - prices ranging from 10p to 50p.
Mon 19/11	1.30pm. Mass for Y2 pupils—parent/carers of Y2 pupils most welcome to attend.
Tues 20/11	6pm-PTA Meeting
Weds 21/11	6M—Parent/carers Drop-in from 2pm
Fri 23/11	Classes 3/2M & 4/3KJ Horrible Histories Visit
Sat 24/11	First Holy Communion Programme Session 2—St Aidan's Church 10.30am—12 noon
Mon 26/11	2.45pm-Whole School Collective Worship lead by Class 3/2M
Tues 27/11	Y1 Hula Hooping Festival—Ashington Leisure Centre
Wed 28/11	Y2 SATS Mtg for Parent/Carers 2.30pm & 5.30pm
Fri 30/11	9.10am—4/3KJ Class Assembly
DECEMBER 2018	
Mon 3/12	EYFS Polar Express Day
Tues 4/12	5.30pm Meeting for Parent/carers of children starting Nursery in January 2019.
Thurs 6/12	10.30am—EYFS Nativity - PTA Christmas Fair from 3.30pm onwards
Fri 7/12	9.10am—First Friday Mass—followed by refreshments 1T & 2G Visit to Whitehouse Farm
Tues 11/12	KS2 Choir to sing at SVP Christmas Event - St Aidan's Church Hall
Thur 13/12	9.30am—3/2M, 4/3KJ & 5/4C Christmas Production 1.30pm—2G & 1T Christmas Production 6pm-7.30pm—PTA Christmas Bingo
Fri 14/12	9.30am—2G & 1T Christmas Production 1.30pm—3/2M, 4/3KJ & 5/4C Christmas Production
Sat 15/12	First Holy Communion Programme Session 3—St Aidan's Church 10.30am—12 noon
Mon 17/12	Flu Immunisations for Pupils in YR-Y5
Tues 18/12	6pm-First Reconciliation St Aidan's Church
Wed 19/12	6M & 6/5T Carol Service—St Aidan's Church 6pm-7pm
Thur 20/12	Non-uniform Day Christmas Dinner Day & PTA Christmas Disco—3.15pm-5pm—Tickets £3.50 to include a hot-dog and drink.
Fri 21/12	Advent Liturgy at 1.30pm. Parent/carers who attend the Liturgy may take children home immediately afterwards—all other children to be collected at 3.15pm. School closes for Christmas holidays.
JANUARY 2019	
Mon 7/1/19	School re-opens for the Spring term.
Weds 9/1	2.30pm & 5.30pm—Phonics Meeting for Parent/carers of Y1 pupils.
Fri 18/1/19	PTA Panto—M & M Productions—6pm. (Doors open 5.30pm)