



Autumn Term 2019

Newsletter 1 - 16/09/2019



A BIG welcome back to everyone. It is so lovely to see our new children in Reception and Nursery settling in well and of course looking so smart in their school uniform.

Welcome also to our new staff Miss Aisbitt and Miss Hodson. Miss Aisbitt will be teaching Year 5 and Miss Hodson Year 1.



We send out newsletters on a regular basis to keep parents/carers up to date with events, activities, news and other important information.

We will let you know when a newsletter has been sent home by sending out a quick text message. So please ensure that we have the correct mobile number for you.



As most parents/carers are aware the school offers a 'Wrap Around Care' service for all our children. We are always looking at ways to improve this service and feel that an extension to the After School hours would be helpful to our parents/carers. After School Care hours are now from 3.15p.m. until 5.30p.m. Hours and charges are shown below. Before and After School Care is available for all our children from Nursery to Year 6. If you require more information about the service please contact the school office.

Before School Care:	After School Care:
8.00am – 8.45am - £1.50	5.15pm - 5.30pm – £4.50
8.15am – 8.45am - £1.00	3.15pm – 5.15pm - £4.00
8.30am – 8.45am – 50p	3.15pm - 4.45pm - £3.00
	3.15pm – 4.15pm - £2.00
	3.15pm - 3.45pm - £1.00



As a school we are constantly looking at new initiatives to help improve our attendance. The 96+ club introduced last year did make a small difference and therefore this will continue this year. However, you may be surprised to know that the Nationally expected level of attendance of 96% equates to a child being absent for only 7 school days in a school year.

We have consulted with the children and asked how they feel they should be rewarded for achieving good attendance and reaching the magic 96%. The overwhelming response was for a fun day to take place at the end of the school year to reward all those children with good attendance. We have therefore decided that each class teacher will track attendance across the year on a chart. To ensure the scheme is fair and gives all our children a chance to reach this target we will not deduct marks for medical or other appointments provided children attend school for part of the day.

Please note that the official attendance system which the school is required to follow will continue in the same way.



Be a flu fighter!!

The flu immunisation programme will be taking place during this term for all children from Reception up to Year 6. Flu can be a very serious illness, especially in young children, therefore we would urge all parents/carers to sign up for their child to receive the vaccination which is given via a quick and simple nose spray. You can sign up on line or by completing and return the attached form to school. **Please DO NOT do both.** The deadline for signing up is 27th September and therefore all paper forms **MUST** be returned to us no later than Monday 23rd September to give us the time to return them to the NHS. We hope that our school has a good take up for this very important preventative treatment. If you need any assistance please contact the school office.

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If you haven't already done so, please may we remind you to return the documents sent out with your child's report as follows:

- Annual consent form
- Parking promise agreement
- Questionnaire

Dates for the Diary: Please find below a list of diary dates for your information – if you need any further details please get in touch.

September	
Wednesday 18 th and 25 th	Year 6 Tag Rugby league at St John's School
Friday 20 th	9.00 Year 6 Assembly followed by refreshments
Friday 20 th and 27 th	Reception Forest Schools – please ensure your child has wellies for this lesson.
Friday 27 th	9.00 Year 5 Assembly followed by refreshments
October:	
Tuesday 1 st – Monday 7 th	Book Fair in School - each evening straight after school in the main hall – further details to follow
Friday 4 th ,11 th ,18 th	Reception Forest Schools – please ensure your child has wellies for ALL lesson.
Wednesday 2 nd , 9 th ,16 th	Year 6 Tag Rugby league at St John's School
Friday 11 th	Year 4 Assembly followed by refreshments
Friday 18 th October	2.15p.m. Year 3/Harvest Festival Assembly Details to follow.
Monday 21 st and Wednesday 23 rd	Parent's Evenings – further information to follow
Friday 25 th	School closes for half term holiday
November	
Monday 4 th	School closed - Staff Training Day
Tuesday 5 th	School re-opens
Tuesday 12 th	Photographer in school for family groups and individual photographs.
Friday 15 th	Year 2 Assembly followed by refreshments
Friday 29 th	Year 1 Assembly followed by refreshments
December	
Monday 9 th	Reception to Year 6 - Flu Immunisation Programme Please see letter attached.
Monday 16 th	Nursery/Reception Christmas Party
Tuesday 17 th	Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Party
Wednesday 18 th	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party
Thursday 19 th	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party
Friday 20 th	School closes for Christmas holidays
Monday 6 th January	School re-opens
Please find below 2019/2020 holiday dates	

Spring Half Term	Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February 2020
Easter Holidays	Monday 6 th April to Friday 17 th April
May Day Holiday	Friday 8 th May
Summer Half Term	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May
Summer Holiday	Monday 20 th July We will advise when school re-opens in September 2020

 <p>School Admissions 2020/2021</p> <p>Applications for a Reception Class school place in 2020 can now be made online by visiting: www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions</p> <p>The deadline for receipt of all applications is Midnight on 15th January 2020 and it is vitally important that applications are submitted by this date.</p> <p>If you do not have access to the internet or need support please do not hesitate to contact the school office. You can also contact Durham County Admissions on 03000 265 896.</p>	<p>Credit Union Banking Scheme</p> <p>Our school continues to offer children and parents/carers the opportunity to save in a convenient way through the Credit Union. This is a great way for children to save a little each week and see their money grow. If you wish to join the bank or need more information contact Mrs Overfield</p>  <p><i>Don't put your spare cash in the Piggy Bank – open a Credit Union account instead and be a savvy saver!!</i></p>
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Finally we need to let you know that a member of our staff suffers from a severe nut allergy which has an affect at all levels ie airborne and contact with foods containing all varieties of nuts. As a school we need to put measures in place and assess all risks. Part of this assessment means that nuts in all forms are completely banned from school. We therefore ask for your support in ensuring that your child does not bring any food items into school containing nuts in packed lunches or for any other reason.

We know that our parents/carers will understand why we must take these measures and thank you in advance for your support.