

Sports 2017-2018

We have been informed by the Sedgefield Sports Partnership that our school achieved the SILVER School Games Award last year. Well done to all the children and also to Mrs Minns, Mr Bowden and Mr Robinson for all their hard work.

Parking

Please can we ask that parents do not use the staff car park to drop off or collect children or turn their cars round. Following an incident this week whereby a staff car was hit by a parent using the car park to collect a child, we now have to lock the car park on a morning and at the end of the school day. Thank you for your co-operation



Dogs

Please can we remind parents that, for health and safety reasons, dogs are not allowed on school premises. Thank you for your co-operation.



Harrogate and District 
NHS Foundation Trust

Sept 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian of children from reception up to and including year 5 at:

School Name: St Mary's Newton Aycliffe

Please visit the link below to consent for your child (one for each child) to receive their flu vaccine in the autumn term 2018. This consent must be completed by 28th September to ensure we can vaccinate your child when we are in school.

You will be asked to enter a secure school code:

Code : 35307

www.hdft.nhs.uk/nasalflu-consent

This vaccination programme is in place to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu. Please ensure you read and understand all the information at the above link before you complete the on line form.

The vaccination is free and recommended for young children and is given via a quick and simple spray up the nose.

If you have any questions or do not have internet access to complete the form please do not hesitate to contact us on: 0300 0030 013

Local PCSO

Our local PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) is Jen Atkinson PCSO 7758, contactable through Newton Aycliffe Police Station.



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter date: Friday 14th September 2018

WEBSITE: <http://st-marysrc.schooljotter2.com/>

Events

18th Sept 2018
Skipping Day

18th Sept 2018
Whole School Mass (10am)

19th Sept 2018
Y2 Visit to Fire Station

20th Sept 2018
Y5 Assembly (9am)

21st Sept 2018
International Day of Peace

27th Sept 2018
Head Boy / Head Girl Assembly (9am)

2nd Oct 2018
Year 2, 3 7 4 Mass (10am)

3rd Oct 2018
Big Bang Event—Stadium of Light

Date to be confirmed
Poetry Performance—Woodham Academy (Tbc- 1pm)

5th Oct 2018
**Y2 Bakery Day
Bakery open to parents from 2pm**

9th to 11th Oct 2018
**Y6 Residential Trip
X-platoon**

11th Oct 2018
**Y3 Stone Age Trip to Palace
Green Library**

12th Oct 2018
**PD DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED TO
CHILDREN**

15th Oct 2018
BACK TO SCHOOL

16th Oct 2018
Y6 & Rec Mass (10am)

18th Oct 2018
Y3 Harvest Assembly (9am)

19th Oct 2018
BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

Dear Parents & Carers

We hope you have all had a very enjoyable summer.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to our new children and parents who have joined our EYFS and also to those families who have joined further up the school.

It was a super start to the year with our new Y6/ Reception Mentoring system. Year 6 children have each been 'buddied' with a new Reception child to look after this year. Their role is to help them settle into school. It also means they have an older child to turn to if they need reassurance particularly in the first term but throughout the year. Mind the Reception children and their teacher have settled in so well it's hard to believe they have only been here two weeks.

We would like to welcome 4 new members of staff:

Miss Kaye – is the new Reception teacher
Mrs Ward – is supporting in Reception
Miss Lewis – is supporting in Y3
Mr Jefferies – is our new Sports Apprentice

Our newsletter will be sent out fortnightly on a Friday as of today via and the website. You can also register on our website to receive our newsletter via email. Visit our website at www.st-marysrc.schooljotter2.com, it is in the process of being transferred over to a new platform so may be down for a few days.

It's that time of the year when we review our parental/carer contact details. Please if you have changed your mobile number, email address or home address let us know as a matter of urgency. For health and safety reasons it is extremely important that we have the most up to date contact details for your child.

We are looking forward to a very exciting term

Mrs. A. Sowden, Head Teacher

RECEPTION NEWS The children have settled into school life fantastic. This week Reception have been practising letter sounds. We introduced 2 sounds and the children enjoyed making Monster Masks for the sound 'M' and Antlers for the sound 'A'.

YEAR 1 NEWS We would like to wish a warm welcome to our wonderful Year 1, new starters. It is a big jump from Reception to Year 1, however the children have settled well. We have had a lovely week learning about their body parts. They have been thinking about real life Heroes and super heroes and the special senses and powers they have. We have been learning about how Jesus loves us and our family and how special our family is to us. In maths we have learnt to match names to numbers 0-10. Please read as often as you can with your child and share stories with them as much as possible.

YEAR 2 NEWS Year 2 have really enjoyed beginning to learn about our new topic The Great Fire of London. We will be visiting our local fire station to find out the different jobs a firefighter needs to do. Children have received their homework grids and already we have had some outstanding creative pieces brought in. Children will receive new spellings each week and our spelling quiz's take place on a Friday morning. This gives children a full week to practise their spellings. Please can children read every night for at least 10 minutes.

YEAR 3 NEWS The children are settling well into Year 3 and having fun. We are enjoying reading our Class Reader of The Magic Finger.. We are going to soon be exploring how to eat a balanced diet and have healthy teeth in Science.

We have had fun in our Inspire Maths, exploring making 3 digit numbers using dienes rods.

"I loved playing the game, where I made up my own numbers and had to use dienes rods on a Place Value grid."

We have already started to collect on food labels for our Where in the World does food come from display. We are busy preparing for our visit to Tesco in a couple of weeks' time. The children have got their homework books and some of them have made a great start to their work!

YEAR 4 NEWS In Y4 we are beginning to settle into our new classroom and routines. We have have a busy half term starting with myths and legends. This week the children have been describing a large sword with a strange inscription written on the blade.

Our history topic will be the Greeks - ancient and modern.

YEAR 5 NEWS it has been a busy week in Y5 getting back in to the swing of things and brushing up on our arithmetic and spellings. We have been practicing our handwriting using an inspirational poem about always trying to be the best version of ourselves that we can be, written by non other than David Beckham - yes, we were as surprised to find that out as no doubt you are! We have started to look at the Human Body, in particular the function of the skeleton, and now know lots of scientific words for our bones. We have listened to and created dance moves to the song Dem Bones and have used our scientific knowledge to create our own version using the scientific names e.g. The mandible is connected to the cranium. The cranium is connected to the cervical vertebrae etc Phew! I think a restful weekend is just what the doctor ordered!

YEAR 6 NEWS It's been lovely seeing Year 6 helping our new Reception children get accustomed to school life here at St. Mary's. Each has a buddy who they help into school and assist at lunchtime if needed and play at break times. The Year 6 children have shared art lessons and introduced their buddies at a recent whole school liturgy. I'm extremely proud of how they are acting as role models.

ATTENDANCE

(%) 4th September 2018 to 14th Sept 2018 (Ofsted Above Average Target = 96.1%)

The symbols below show if the class has improved attendance ↑ since the previous newsletter, stayed the same = or decreased ↓. There are no symbols as this is the first record taken this year.

Above national average	Same as national average	Below national average
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Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL
97.8	94.4	97.7	96.4	96.5	94.3	98.3	96.4

TERM DATES 2018—2019

Holiday	Closing Date	Date Re-open For Teaching Purposes
Autumn 2018		Tuesday 4th September 2018
Autumn half-term 2018	Friday 19th October 2018	Monday 29th October 2018
Christmas 2018	Friday 21st December 2018	Monday 7th January 2019
Spring half-term 2019	Friday 15th February 2019	Monday 25th February 2019
Easter 2019	Friday 5th April 2019	Tuesday 23rd April 2019
May Day 2019	Monday 6th May 2019	Tuesday 7th May 2019
Summer half-term 2019	Friday 24th May 2019	Monday 3rd June 2019
Summer 2019	Friday 19th July 2019	

Staff Training Days

Monday 3rd September 2018

Friday 12th October 2018 (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)

Friday 28th June 2019

Starting School—September 2019

Will your child turn 5 between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020? If so, you need to complete an application to tell Durham County Council which school you would like your child to attend from September 2019. Visit www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions where you can access a useful guide to help with your application. Paper application forms are available on request. You still need to apply even if your child already has a sibling at the school.

Applications open 12 September 2018 and close midnight 15 January 2019.

For more information contact: 03000 265896

SEND in the Early Years

A fun, drop-in event for families and professionals about the support available for children aged 0-5 with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities has been arranged by Durham County Council on Friday 5 October 2018 (9.30am-5.30pm) at Spennymoor Leisure Centre.

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