

St Wilfrid's News

June 2019

'A School Family, Growing Together in Love, Friendship and Faith'

Welcome to June's newsletter.

If the sun decides to shine again please remember to dress your child appropriately. Caps and sun cream for sunny days. Children can wear flat sandals but please no 'flip flops'.

Water Bottles - all children can bring a water bottle to school each day to help stay hydrated. Just plain water please, **no juice**.

Punctuality / Absence

ALL CHILDREN NEED TO BE IN SCHOOL BY 9AM

If your child is going to be absent please contact the school first thing - thank you.

Summer Term Attendance Data (Easter to now)	
Class	% Attendance
Reception	92.1%
Year 1	89.3%
Year 2	96.8%
Year 3	95.9%
Year 4	95.8%
Year 5	93.4%
Year 6	95.6%

This years target for attendance is 96% - from September to now whole school attendance is 95.6%.

SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.15PM - ALL CHILDREN SHOULD BE PICKED UP AT THIS TIME.

September 2019 - Class teachers

In September some of our teachers will be moving to new classes.

First Steps	Nursery Mrs Shaw & Reception Mrs Lee
Year 1	Miss Hemy
Year 2	Miss Hutchinson
Year 3	Mrs Kinsey & Miss Gage
Year 4	Mrs Salter
Year 5	Ms Brown
Year 6	Miss Walker

All children will spend time with their new teachers on 'moving up day' in July.

End of Term Behaviour Treat

We've explained to the children about the 'Behaviour Treat Trip' planned for the last day of term (Thursday 18th July). We have made it clear to the children that it is a treat for those who've shown **good behaviour** throughout this half term.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Miss Sands.

IF YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CHANGE TELL SCHOOL ASAP

PE Kits

During this term, all pupils should have a PE kit in school **every day** - they should also have PE shoes. During this term PE days may change - we'll be practicing for Sports day and so ALL pupils need a PE in school. Swimming kits for Year 6 Monday and Year 5 Wednesday.

Outdoor Curriculum

In the coming weeks Year 5 and Year 3 will be taking part in projects exploring our local area. Year 5 will be looking at natural habitats in our school grounds and at Witton Castle and year 3 will be exploring the Gaunless Valley.

Local History

First Steps and Year 6 have been working with staff from Auckland Castle Trust, looking at our local heritage and visiting the Mining Art gallery.

OPAL

We continue to develop our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning).

We're still collecting any old items you think we could use e.g. dress up clothes, blankets, ropes, old toys, pushchairs or old suitcases. If anyone has contacts and could get us empty electrical wire reels or wooden pallets, that would be wonderful.

We've received funding to help with our development of the outdoor space and are near to completing our school pond. The old pond area has been filled in and will become a digging and growing area for the children.

Online Safety

Please try to be aware of how much time your child spends online and what they are looking at/playing. If you have concerns or need support in this area feel free to contact school.

Further support for parents can be found in the parents section of our school website.



St John's are hosting a family Night on Wednesday 19th June at 6pm. Some of our Year 6 children will be taking part in a dance on the night.

Questionnaires

We value parents and carers thoughts and feelings about school life. So we will be sending out a variety of questionnaires over the coming year with our monthly Newsletter.

Attached to this newsletter is a Questionnaire about Religious Education in our school.

Please take some time to fill it in and return it to school.

Many Thanks

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Diary dates

Be aware some dates may change throughout the term. We'll update them every newsletter and by text if needed.

Wednesday 19 th June	Partnership Family Night - St John's School 6pm
Sunday 23 rd June	Family Mass 11am St Mary's Church
Thursday 27 th June	Weather permitting Sports Day
Friday 28 th June	School Closed today for staff training
Wednesday 10 th July	Proms on the Playground
Wednesday 17 th July	First Steps Graduation am Year 6 Leavers pm
Thursday 18 th July	Last day of Term Behaviour treat school trip.
Wednesday 4 th September	School re-opens for Autumn Term

School Life

First Steps

First Steps children have been learning all about mining, they have been working with staff from the Auckland Trust looking at what miners did and how they lived their lives. The four week project included looking at mining artefacts, mining art work, a visit to the mining museum and finally we used a press to create our own piece of art.



Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about plants. We can name the parts of a plant and we have identified some garden and wild flowers. This week we have been learning about trees and naming the different parts such as crown, branches, trunk and roots. We hope you are enjoying the topic pack on this subject, if you have not already had it, it will be on its way to you. Earlier in the year we planted beans and potatoes. Look at how they have grown! We will be harvesting them before the holidays and are looking forward to eating them!

Year 2

During last half term our science topic was plants and identification. We linked this to our art topic of 'block printing'. First we drew a flower on paper then put this onto a polystyrene tile. Next we carefully applied paint to the tile using a roller and thinking about how much we put on. We then made prints.



Year 3 Sweetie Factory

In year 3, we have been reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. We made up our own wicked characters and wrote a whole new chapter about their visit to the factory. They all came to a sticky end, just like Augustus, Violet and the others! We learnt about writing instructions next, and became Willy Wonkas, inventing our own sweets. We made them and wrote instructions for the oompa loompas to follow. Finally, we enjoyed eating them ourselves!

Yum!



Year 4

In Year 4, our book 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' has a character named Hamlet, who is a white elephant. In Art, we used clay to create our own version of Hamlet the elephant.



Year 5

Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed the start of our new history topic, the Maya Civilisation. As well as learning all about life and culture, Year 5 have been busy designing and creating their own Maya headdresses and Aztec masks!



Year 6

Year 6 have begun their Durham Constabulary Junior Education Programme.

The first session took place on Monday with a visit from The Dog's Trust and will take place each week during this half-term.

The sessions will include workshops and information from the Transport Police, Stranger Danger, Alcopop Awareness and Respectful Friendships.



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HOLIDAY DATES 2019-2020

Holiday	Closing Date	Date Re-open for Teaching Purposes
Summer 2019	Thursday 18 th July 2019	Wednesday 4 th September 2019
Autumn Half-Term 2019	Friday 25 th October 2019	Monday 4 th November 2019
Christmas 2019	Friday 20 th December 2019	Monday 6 th January 2020
Spring Half-Term 2020	Friday 14 th February 2020	Monday 24 th February 2020
Easter 2020	Friday 3 rd April 2020	Monday 20 th April 2020
May Day Bank Holiday 2020	Friday 1 st May 2020	Tuesday 5 th May 2020
Summer Half-Term 2020	Friday, 22 nd May 2020	Monday, 1 st June 2020
Summer Staff Training Day	Thursday 25 th June 2020	Monday 28 th June 2020
Summer 2020	Thursday 16 th July 2020	To be determined