



Friday 20th October 2023

Dear Families,

I hope that you are all well.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to all of you who attended our Parents' Consultation Evenings on Monday and Wednesday this week. As always, the turnout was fantastic and it was a great opportunity to find out how both parents and teachers feel the children have settled in to their new classes this year. If you were unable to attend either of the sessions, please contact your child's class teacher and they will make an appointment at a convenient date and time.

Deadline for Secondary School Applications

A reminder for parents of children in Year 6 that applications for secondary school places close on 31st October 2023.

PTA Christmas Jumper Swap

You may have seen the posters around school: the PTA are holding a Christmas jumper swap! It's a time of year with lots of expense, so instead of spending money on new festive knitwear for the children, you can grab pre-loved jumpers after school on **Friday 3rd November**. To do this, the PTA need donations of pre-loved Christmas jumpers that children have outgrown or stopped wearing but which are in good condition. Please bring these to the school office after half term and before Friday 3rd November.

PTA AGM

The PTA Annual General Meeting will take place in the school hall on Wednesday 1st November at 8.45am (after drop-off). Everyone is welcome and tea and coffee will be served!

Book Fair

Many thanks to Miss Gray and the children in Year 6 for their hard work running the Book Fair over the last week. The Fair, as always, was a huge success raising over £800, of which school will receive a percentage. Thank you also to those who came along to support it.

Changes to PE days:

After half term, a number of classes will have PE on different days due to the fact that there will be external sports coaches working with the children in school (apologies for any inconvenience this may cause).

Children will have PE on the following days (classes whose days have changed are highlighted):

Reception: Monday & Thursday

Year 1: Monday & Thursday

Year 2: Tuesday & Friday

Year 3: Monday & Wednesday

Year 4: Monday & Thursday

Year 5: Thursday & Friday

Year 6: Tuesday & Friday

PTO for Dates for Diaries



Dates for Diaries

Please find below some key dates for the Autumn Term (recently added dates in red):

October

Friday 20th October – Break up for half term holidays

Monday 30th October – School re-opens for children

Tuesday 31st October – PTA 'Trick or Treat' Disco (Rec & KS1 3:30-4:15pm/KS2 4:30-5:15pm)

November

Thursday 2nd November – North East Amulance Service visit to school

Friday 3rd November – Year 4 Liturgy for parents in school 9:00am

Friday 3rd November – PTA Christmas Jumper Swap 3pm

Wednesday 15th November – Year 4 Hawkhirst Residential meeting for parents 5pm

Friday 17th November – Year 3 Liturgy for parents in school 9:00am

Tuesday 21st November – Nasal Flu immunisation for children in school (Reception – Year 6)

Wednesday 22nd November – Year 5 Keswick Residential meeting for parents 5pm

Wednesday 22nd November – Year 6 Borrowdale meeting for parents 5:45pm

December

Friday 1st December - Year 1 Liturgy for parents in school 9:00am

Sunday 3rd December – St Oswald's Christmas Choir to perform festive songs in the parish hall after Mass

Monday 4th December – Year 5 & Year 6 Team Games session led by the Newcastle Sports Service

Monday 4th December – Year 3 trip to the Great North Museum

Thursday 7th December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 8th December – Christmas Fair in school 3pm-5pm

Tuesday 12th December – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity in school 9am

Wednesday 13th December – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity in school 9am

Thursday 14th December - Year 3 & Year 4 Nativity in school 9am

Friday 15th December - Year 3 & Year 4 Nativity in school 9am

Monday 18th December – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Party in school

Tuesday 19th December – KS2 Christmas Party in school

Wednesday 20th December – Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Production at Sacred Heart church 7pm **(Confirmed)**

Friday 22nd December – Christmas Carols/Songs on the KS2 yard (Reception – Year 6) 2:30pm

PTO



Friday 22nd December – Break up for the Christmas holidays

Other Important Dates:

Monday 8th January – Staff Training Day (School Closed to children)

Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May – Year 6 SATs week (please do not book holidays during this week)

Friday 24th May - Staff Training Day (School Closed to children)

Wednesday 5th - Friday 7th June – Year 4 residential to Hawkhirst

Saturday 15th June – Year 4 First Holy Communion Celebration at Sacred Heart Church

Monday 17th - Wednesday 19th June – Year 5 residential to Keswick

Wednesday 19th – Friday 21st June – Year 6 residential to Borrowdale

I hope you have a lovely half term.

With my very best wishes,



P Marley

