

St Joseph's RC Primary, Coundon

Newsletter

December 2018

"Stay awake– be ready!"



School fair

The school fair on Friday was a great success– it was probably our busiest yet! The Friends of the school worked very hard to plan and organise the event. A huge thank you to all our volunteers and helpers.

At the time of writing, I have no total to share but we will text the final balance once we know. The Friends use the funds they raise to subsidise school experiences for the children and additional resources that over stretched school budgets cannot afford.

Thanks to everyone for their contribution and support. There are still raffle prizes to be claimed– look out for the list of numbers coming out soon! Keep an eye on the Facebook page where I have eventually “half learned” how to post!



Pantomime Season

The children in Mrs Stevenson and Miss Billingham’s class are attending a specialist EYFS Luna production on 18th December. Nursery children are invited to join in as well. The rest of the school will attend the Pantomime at Bishop Auckland College on 13th December at 10am. The children will be back in time for their lunch at school. To help cover the cost of the buses and entry we are asking for £2 per child. This cost is already being subsidised by school funds. Y6 are also invited to attend the Pantomime performed by the students at Journey in Coundon. There is no cost to the children for this.

Book Worms Reminder

As you know we are hoping to create a school full of book worms... We are holding a “Most Improved Reader” competition during this term.

Teachers will be looking for children who are practising and working hard on their reading both at home and at school. Our prize will be a Kindle Fire in time for Christmas.

Sharing and discussing lots of different literature can help your child with their reading and comprehension skills. Please encourage your child to become a book worm this year!



Facebook Postings

School recognises that Facebook is a means of communication used by many of our parents and indeed by ourselves! Please be mindful of comments that are made about school and school staff. Inappropriate or aggressive language will not be tolerated. If you have any queries or grievances, please contact me and I am sure we can work through any issues together. Thank you for your support with this.

Calendars

Please order your child’s calendar– see information in the children’s bags tonight. Proceeds go to school funds.

Dates for your diary...

Event	Date, Time & Venue
Christmas EYFS performances (Mrs Stevenson and Miss Billingham's class)	Thursday 6th December 1.45pm– NOTE LATER START
Christmas Tree Lights Switch on in Coundon	Friday 7th December 4pm– more info to follow
Christmas Play performances (Miss McGough, Miss White and Mrs Davidson)	Tuesday 11th December 10am and 1.30pm
Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner	Wednesday 12th December
Pantomime at Bishop Auckland College Creative crafts Parents session– all classes (info to follow)	Panto: Thursday 13th December 10am Crafts event: Thursday 13th December 1.30pm
Y6 Pantomime at Journey	Friday 14th December 1pm
EYFS LUNA visit	Tuesday 18th December
Christmas Parties in classes (afternoon)	Wednesday 19th December
Christmas service in church and last day of term	Friday 21st December 2pm
Parents' Night Spring term	Wednesday 6th March 2019
World Book Day	Thursday 7th March 2019
Autism Awareness Day– Bad Hair Day	Tuesday 2nd April 2019
Y6 SATs week (please avoid holidays)	13th May 2019
Y2 SATs period (please avoid holidays)	May 2019
School Photographer	22nd May 2019
Race for Life	24th May 2019
Y1 Phonics screening week (please avoid holidays)	10th June 2019
Summer fayre	28th June 2019
Healthy Week with Sports Day	W/B 1st July: Sports Day Friday 5th July 2019 1.30pm
Seaside Visit	4th July 2019
Leavers' Spectacle	17th July 2019 1.30pm
Leavers' Mass TBC	18th July 2019 9.30am TBC

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SEPTEMBER 2018-2019

Holiday	Closing Date	Date Re-open for Teaching
Summer 2018	Friday, 20 th July 2018	Tuesday, 4 th September 2018
Autumn Half-Term 2018	Thursday, 18 th October 2018	Monday, 29 th October 2018
Christmas 2018	Friday, 21 st December 2018	Monday, 7 th January 2019
Spring Half-Term 2019	Friday, 15 th February 2019	Monday 25 th February 2019
Easter 2019	Friday, 5 th April 2019	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019
May Day 2019	Friday, 3 rd May 2019	Tuesday, 7 th May 2019
Summer Half-Term 2019	Friday, 24 th May 2019	Tuesday 4 th June 2019
Summer 2019	Friday, 19 th July 2019	To be determined

Teacher Training Days:
Monday, 3rd June 2019

School is closed to the children on teacher training days.