



NEWSLETTER



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Friday 1st March, 2024

Welcome, Ласкаво просимо, добро пожаловать, Witamy, Sveiki, Bienvenido, Bienvenue, ยินดีต้อนรับ to our weekly newsletter.

Term Dates

School closes for the Easter break on
Thursday 28th March, 2024
and reopens on
Monday 15th April, 2024

Click the calendar icon or see documents in My Child At School for details of term dates.



New Contact Numbers or Addresses

If your contact number or address has changed, these can be updated via your My Child At School account or you can inform us by emailing the school office.

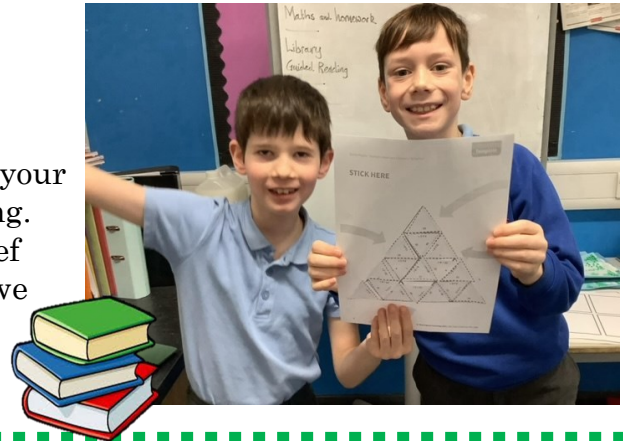


Drop In For Parents & Carers

Tuesday 5th March, 2024
from 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm

We are holding a drop-in session for you to view your child's work and see the progress they are making. This will be very informal and a chance for a brief chat with staff. No appointment is necessary, we hope you are able to come along.

Please contact us with any queries.



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March, 2024

This year we are celebrating World Book Day slightly differently. We understand the financial difficulties that everyone may be experiencing and do not want to add the expense and pressure of World Book Day costumes to families.

Instead, as a bit of fun and to celebrate our love of books, we are holding a competition for children to decorate a POTATO as a book character!

To enter, children just need to decorate a potato as their favourite book character and bring it to school on Thursday 7th March, 2024.

The winning design in each class will receive a prize.

We can't wait to see the entries!



Happy Birthday

to pupils celebrating their birthday during the next week.

Ralph WS Amber S Joshua C William J Harry B
Isla G Archie M Aleksander K Poppy B

Year 1 Liturgy

We would like to invite parents and carers of children in Year 1 to a special class liturgy being held on
Friday 8th March, 2024
in the school hall
at 3.00 pm



Attendance Stars

The Class with the best weekly attendance will be rewarded with an additional activity.

This week's Attendance Stars
are

Year 6

Congratulations!



Darlington SEND Strategy

The PCF have created a survey to aid them in gathering views to jointly develop the new SEND strategy and would like to ensure parent's voices are at the forefront of the strategy, along with children and young people of course.

Please click the link below to complete a short survey.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=5abQzwBpnkOw3wvCNhVCD2USaK9Rrh1Lnt38UQzv4y5UQjRZQ0NaRDION0IIQzIROEIQUE9aNDdNRy4u>

Stations Of The Cross

Each Monday lunchtime during Lent, Holy Family Mini Vinnies and Mrs Backhouse are holding a Stations Of The Cross group. All children in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 are invited to attend.

For further details, children can speak to a member of the Mini Vinnies or Mrs Backhouse.



Online Safety

<https://holyfamily.bhcet.org.uk/information/online-safety>

Visit the online safety page for helpful guides to devices, apps and other social media platforms, as well as information about popular games and age ratings. We have also added links to external organisations for further assistance and guidance.

Please monitor children's online use carefully in order that they stay safe online and have a positive experience using these platforms.

Helping to Keep Children & Families
Safe Online!

Local Authority Wraparound Care Survey—Please give your views!



DARLINGTON
Borough Council

Darlington Borough Council would like to consult with families about the Government's Wraparound Childcare Expansion Programme. The Government's ambition is for all parents of primary school children (reception to year 6) who need it, to be able to access childcare in their local area from 8.00 am – 6.00 pm, during term-time. This will help to ensure that parents have enough childcare to work full time, more hours and flexible hours. This programme aims to increase the availability of wraparound childcare rather than subsidise childcare. Parents of primary school aged children will pay to access this provision. Support with costs will be available to eligible parents through Universal Credit Childcare and Tax Free Childcare.

As part of the planning process for this programme, the Local Authority is keen to consult with parents of primary aged children about their current wraparound childcare needs and parents of pre-school aged children about their future wraparound childcare needs. We would be very grateful if you could spare a few minutes to complete the survey, link below. The survey should take about 5 minutes to complete and closes at midnight on Sunday 17th March, 2024.

<https://eu.surveymonkey.com/r/ND24WACS4P>



Wrap Around Care Clubs

We have two wonderful wrap around care clubs which are available to all families, during term time, for regular or occasional bookings.

At the clubs, children take part in different activities and really enjoy making friends with everyone from all classes. All pupils are welcome to attend.

Sunrise Breakfast Club is available each morning from 7.45 am to 8.45 am and includes breakfast. The cost is £5.00 per child per day, with subsidised places for children who qualify for pupil premium funding.

Sunset After School Club is available from 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm and includes a snack. The first session is from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm and the second is from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm. Children are welcome to attend one or both sessions. The cost is £5.00 per child per session.

Please book via My Child At School.
Please contact us with any questions.



Year 6 Faith In Action

As part of their Faith In Action award, Year 6 are collecting donations in aid of King's Church Food Bank and they would like to appeal for help from all classes.

Each class has been given a specific item to collect, details below.

- Nursery - Baked Beans
- Reception Class - Baked Beans
- Year 1 - UHT Milk
- Year 2 - Tinned Rice Pudding
- Year 3 - Tinned Fruit
- Year 4 - Pot Noodle/Instant Noodles
- Year 5 - Dried Spaghetti
- Year 6 - Any of the listed items

**Please can donations be sent into school by
Wednesday 27th March, 2024.**

Nursery Appeal - Can You Help?

Holy Family Nursery are appealing for donations of large cable reels.

