



NEWSLETTER



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Friday 10th May, 2024

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

Term Dates

School closes for the Summer half term on

Friday 24th May, 2024

and reopens on

Monday 3rd June, 2024

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



YEAR 6 SATS

Next week is SAT's week for children in Year 6.

Children are able to bring in some fruit which they can have to keep up their energy levels and they will also need a water bottle every day.

Please also encourage the children to have an early night on Sunday.

Good luck Year 6
from everyone at Holy Family

Fun on Fridays

FREE parent and toddler stay play and create sessions.

**Friday mornings
10.00am - 11.30 am**



Session 1: Friday 17th May
Session 2: Friday 24th May
Session 3: Friday 7th June
Session 4: Friday 14th June

Come and join us at Holy Family Nursery (Prior Street Darlington) for a themed play-based session including music, crafts and sensory activities.

**To book a space please call 01325 380821
or email admin@holyfamily.bhcet.org.uk**



We are really excited to share details of the Fun on Friday Parent and Toddler sessions, which are starting next Friday.

A great chance to also experience our wonderful new nursery area.

All families are welcome to attend one, two, three or all of the sessions.

Free of charge!
See the image for dates and times.

Please share with family and friends, everyone welcome.

If you have any questions, or would like to book a space, please contact us by telephone or email.

Happy Birthday

to pupils celebrating their birthday during the next week.

Matilda S Freya S Edward W Nathaniel W

Sports Days 2024

Please see below details of this year's Sports Days (weather permitting).

Nursery, Reception Class, Year 1 & Year 2

Tuesday 2nd July, 2024

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

Friday 5th July, 2024

Both events will start at 2.00 pm

Summer Disco

Thursday 20th June, 2024

4.30 pm until 6.00 pm

More details to follow!

Mini Vinnie Appeal

Holy Family Mini Vinnies have started to create a prayer garden in an area of the school garden.

The children would like to appeal for donations of Summer bedding plants for this special area.

If you would like to donate, these can be sent to school with your child or they can be handed in at the school office.

Thank you.

Wraparound Care Club Bookings

Please ensure that children are booked into breakfast club and after school club via My Child At School.

We can accommodate children without a pre-booked place occasionally due to last minute requirements, but this should not be on a regular basis. Thank you

Class Liturgy

Parents, carers and family members are invited to attend the class liturgies being held this term.

Friday 24th May —Year 3

Friday 28th June—Year 5

Friday 19th July—Year 6

Absence During Term Time

Please remember the impact term time absence can have on a child's learning. The image below illustrates the effect that absence has on a child's percentage attendance and the number of actual lessons they miss during their holiday.

95% Attendance	↔ 2 ↔ Weeks Absent	↔ 50 ↔ Lessons Missed
90% Attendance	↔ 4 ↔ Weeks Absent	↔ 100 ↔ Lessons Missed
85% Attendance	↔ 6 ↔ Weeks Absent	↔ 150 ↔ Lessons Missed
80% Attendance	↔ 8 ↔ Weeks Absent	↔ 200 ↔ Lessons Missed
75% Attendance	↔ 10 ↔ Weeks Absent	↔ 250 ↔ Lessons Missed

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!



The Holy Family

Champion Chocolate Bake Off

Well done to everyone who entered our Fairtrade Bake Off competition this week.

We had some absolutely incredible entries, which looked and tasted delicious.

It was very difficult for the Judges to pick just one winner from each class and after much deliberation and plenty of tasting, we would like to congratulate the winners, Thomas, Matilda, Oliver, Jessica, Nancy, Tommy, Emily and Mila. Each winner was awarded with a commemorative apron and a bar of Fairtrade chocolate.

Please see our gallery for more images <https://holyfamily.bhcet.org.uk/photo-galleries>



We would like to share with families some information we have received from Amazon in Darlington.

Amazon Book Hunt

As part of the Global Month of Volunteering (May) and National Great Outdoors Month (June), Amazon Darlington have teamed up with The Literacy Trust to get children reading and active outdoors!



Amazon have donated in excess of 500 books for our teams to prepare (bag up and seal from the elements) in May and then hide in South Park Darlington on the evening of June 22nd 2024. These will then be ready for primary school children from the local area to find, take home and enjoy the following morning (Sunday 23rd June).

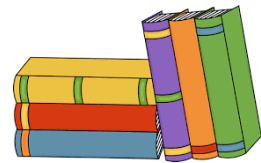
Below are some Frequently Asked Questions.

From Amazon Darlington

Frequently Asked Questions:

Is there a cost to attend?

No - this event is being entirely funded by Amazon Darlington



Where will books be hidden?

Books will not be hidden in areas where anyone could damage the park – please remind attendees to respect the park, foliage and planted areas at all times.

Will each child be guaranteed a Book?

No – we will be hiding in excess of 500 books in the park and these will be on an entirely first come-first served basis – it is our hope that each child only takes one book home each so as to leave enough for everyone to find one.

What sort of books will there be to find?

Amazon have teamed up with The Literacy Trust and have purchased a wide range of books covering all ages between 4 – 11. There will be something for everyone.

Will Amazon be in attendance at the event?

No – this initiative is entirely hands off, we will supply and hide the books the evening before but will not be present on the day.

What do we want from you?

Please share this entirely free event with families and invite them to attend on Sunday 23rd June 2024.