



NEWSLETTER



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Friday 17th 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.



First Holy Communion



This weekend some of our children will be receiving their First Holy Communion in a Mass being held in Holy Family Church on Saturday 18th May, 2024 at 10.00 am.

We hope children and families enjoy this special occasion.

YEAR 6 SATS

Well done to children in Year 6 who have completed their SATs this week.

We are extremely proud of how incredibly hard they have worked throughout the year and especially this week.

We hope you have a great weekend!

School Trips

Please see below the class outings we have arranged so far. Further detailed information to follow.

Monday 24/6/24 - Y2 Tynemouth Aquarium
Tuesday 25/6/24 - Y4 Hartlepool Mosque
Thursday 27/6/24 - Y3 Discovery Museum

Wednesday 10/7/24 - YR Hall Hill Farm
Thursday 11/7/24 - Y6 Holy Island
Tuesday 16/7/24 - Y1 Hamsterley Forest

September 2024 - Y6 Residential Trip
(current Year 5 pupils)

The balance for the trip is due to be paid in full by Friday 12/7/24. Details about how to pay along with other information will be sent to families next week.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.



Class Liturgy

Parents, carers and family members are invited to attend the **Year 3 Class Liturgy** on **Friday 24th May, 2024** at 3.00 pm in the school hall.

Other liturgies this term are:-

Friday 28th June—Year 5

Friday 19th July—Year 6



Happy Birthday

to pupils celebrating their birthday during the next week.

Ellen D

Esmae C

Oliver B

Absence During Term Time

We would like to keep highlighting the statistics associated with term time absence and the impact it can have on a child's learning. This image details the number of 'actual' lessons they miss during the time children are away.

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

Arriving Late

Please can we also remind families that arriving late for school can also have a detrimental effect on children's learning. Arriving late on a regular basis means they are consistently missing the start of their lessons, which can affect a child's confidence in class. As well as being quite disruptive for the class and Teacher, children can also miss vital information about the day ahead.

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!

After School Interest Clubs

Below are the after school interest clubs for next term. Children who qualify for pupil premium funding may be eligible for a part subsidised place on some of the clubs, see below.

Please book places for all children via Clubs in My Child At School.

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 Athletics Club

Tuesday 4/6/24 to Tuesday 16/7/24

3.30 pm to 4.30 pm

£24.50 per child

£12.25 per child using pupil premium funding

Reception Class & Year 1 Sports Club

Wednesday 5/6/24 to Wednesday 17/7/24

3.30 pm to 4.30 pm

£24.50 per child

£12.25 per child using pupil premium funding

Year 2, Year 3 & Year 4 Gardening Club

Thursday 6/6/24 to Thursday 18/6/24

3.30 pm to 4.30 pm

£24.50 per child

£12.25 per child using pupil premium funding



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



Thank you to everyone who came along to the first session. We can't wait to see everyone again next week. All families are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions. Free of charge! It's also a great chance to experience our wonderful new nursery area.

Summer Term

Please don't forget to add your child's name to all items of clothing, PE kits, footwear and accessories. This will help us return any items left or misplaced.

As the weather is starting to become warmer, please can children bring a hat, water bottle and have sun cream applied.



Thank you

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!



Creative Prayer

In RE the children in Reception Class have been learning about Pentecost and created a fabulous dance to share the Good News Of Jesus with everyone.



Year 1 have started a new book in English, 'The Adventures of Peter Rabbit'. To help create their own fact file about rabbits, they have been doing some research using the iPads.

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).

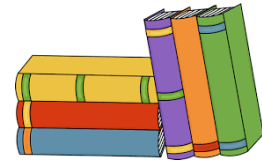
Below are some Frequently Asked Questions.

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.