



NEWSLETTER



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Friday 19th April, 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

School will also be closed on

Monday 6th May, 2024

for the May Bank Holiday

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



The Holy Family

Champion

Chocolate Bake Off

Please see page 3 for more details.

After School Interest Clubs

The new after school interest clubs have started this week.

If your child would like to attend, please book via My Child At School.

Children who qualify for pupil premium funding may be eligible for a part subsidised place on some of the clubs.

In addition, we would also like to make the Athletics Club available to children in Year 3 & Year 4. details below:-

Year 3 & Year 4 Athletics Club

Tuesday 23/4/24 to Tuesday 21/5/24

3.30 pm to 4.30 pm

£15.00 per child

£7.50 per child using pupil premium funding



Health Care Plan Review - Important

We recently sent home a form to be completed to ensure that the information we hold in school about your child's medical condition is up to date.

If you haven't returned this already, **please could you ensure that this is sent to school on Monday 22nd April, 2024.** Thank you.



Birthdays

Due to some pupils having severe food allergies, please could we ask that cakes and sweets are not sent to school for children's birthdays.

If you would like to commemorate your child's birthday, please consider donating a book to their class. All books will be added to the class reading corner and feature a nice label inside saying, 'Given on the occasion of ___'s ___th Birthday'.

Please speak to a member of staff or the school office for further information.



Happy Birthday

to pupils celebrating their birthday during the next week.

Evan K

Charlotte B



Absence During Term Time

As we start the Summer term, please can we remind families that in accordance with the Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust's Attendance Policy, time off for holidays during term time will not be authorised and may receive a fine/sanction from the Local Authority.

In August 2024, fines will go up to £80.00 and will be issued if a child has any 5 days unauthorised absence.

Please don't ask staff for worksheets for your child. We do not work in that 'give them a worksheet' way. We teach through explanation and a number of other live strategies. If you do choose to take your child out of school in term time you are choosing for them to miss these lessons.

To help explain 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

IMPORTANT Children Walking Home

Please could we remind families to inform us if children have permission to walk home alone at the end of the school day and after school clubs. Please email the school office with details of the day or regular days you would like to give permission for.

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!

After School Football Club

In the interests of safety, please can children who attend the Thursday afterschool football club bring shinpads, football boots (only if they have them) or sports footwear suitable for outdoor training.



Mayor's Song Contest

The professional pictures from the Mayor's Song Contest are now available to view via the link below.

https://www.scottakoz.com/gallery/performance/darlington_mayors_school_song_contest_2024/

The password is **3921bmema**

There are some amazing pictures.
Congratulations again to our fantastic Choir

The Holy Family

Champion Chocolate Bake Off

Competition: Using Fairtrade
chocolate make a recipe of your
choice.

Entries in by Tuesday 7th May 2024

Fairtrade Fortnight

Week commencing Monday 29th April, 2024 we are beginning our Fairtrade Fortnight where we look at equality and the rights of workers around the world to get a fair wage/price for their work. This year's Fairtrade Bake Off will be 'The Champion Chocolate Bake Off' and we invite children to make a recipe using Fairtrade chocolate which will need to come into school on Tuesday 7th May, 2024 (the day after the bank holiday weekend). Lidl, Aldi, Co-op, Oxfam, Sainsbury's, Asda, Morrisons and Tesco all sell Fairtrade Chocolate, just look for the Fairtrade symbol on the pack.

This week, children in Year 5 started their Mini Police training.
Here are some of the children trying on the Police uniform.