



Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 28th March 2024- Children break up from school for Easter holiday

Monday 15th April 2024- Children return to school

Monday 6th May- Bank Holiday (school closed)

Monday 13 May to Thursday 16 May 2024- Year 6 will sit Key Stage SATs

Friday 24th May 2024- Children break up from school for half term holiday

Monday 3rd June 2024- Children return to school

Wednesday 12th June 2024- Father's Day Afternoon Tea (2.30pm- more info to follow)

Friday 12th July 2024- Key Stage 2 to see Awful Auntie at Darlington Hippodrome

Tuesday 16th July 2024- Key Stage 2 production (2pm-more info to follow)

Wednesday 17th July 2024- Disco 3.15pm -5pm

Friday 19th July 2024- Leavers' assembly - 9.10am (more info to follow)

Friday 19th July 2024- Colour Run- 2.15pm (more info to follow)

Friday 19th July 2024- Children break up from school for summer holiday

Happy Birthday

to pupils celebrating their birthday during March



Harvey	Jana	Nova-Reign	Emily K	
Emily L	Danny	Oscar	Annabelle WP	Aleksandra



March Highlights

Global Unplugging Day-

On Friday 1st, we took part in Global Unplugging Day. The children enjoyed outdoor learning and we had no use of computers/ipads or electronics in class. Lunch was served (electric free!) and even staff had pre-prepared emergency tea/coffee with no use of the kettle all day!

World Book Day-

On Thursday 7th, we celebrated World Book Day. The theme of the day was the book called 'The Secret Sky Garden'. Each class carried out activities across the day linked to this and the children dressed up in garden themed costumes. Well done everyone for the amazing ideas!

International Women's Day-

On Friday 8th March, we marked International Women's Day with visits from inspirational parents. Each class had a talk and the children had the opportunity to ask questions about their profession. We had a great morning. A huge thank you to our parent volunteers who helped us celebrate International Women's Day.

British Science Week-

From 11th -15th, we celebrated British Science Week. On Monday, Mrs Sullivan came into school to tell us about FUJIFILM Diosynth and how they make medicines. The children found it extremely interesting. Thank you Mrs Sullivan! Then, across the week, the children took part in a range of investigations and learnt about a range of scientists.

Feast of St. Joseph-

On Tuesday 19th, we celebrated the feast day of our patron saint. Father Anthony kindly led mass and we had a tea party with icecream and biscuits. Our Mini Vinnies have written a school song for us all and we launched it on St. Joseph's Day.

International Day of Forests-

On Thursday 21st, the whole school went to Hamsterley Forest. We explored the forest and made dens. A huge thank you to OASES for leading the activities. Our eco warriors also led a whole school assembly on the story, 'The Man Who Planted Trees'.



Staffing Update

At Easter, we bid a fond farewell to Ms McAlroy. We would like to thank her for her dedication and hard work. We will miss her greatly and wish her all the best for her new adventure.



Attendance

Children are required to be at school by 9am as our core subject lessons (English and Maths) begin immediately after registration.

Appointments should be made out of school time where possible please.

Holidays should be taken outside of term time.

The Department for Education deems that if a child's attendance drops below 90%, they become known as a Persistent Absentee. All absences are monitored thoroughly.

To celebrate great attendance, children with 100% in a week receive 10 dojos on a Friday.

Below are the percentages of attendance for each class for March:

Matthew (Nursery/Reception) –93%

Mark (Year 1/2) – 94%

Luke (Year 3/4) – 93%

John (Year 5/6) – 92%

The government's target for attendance for primary school pupils is at least 95%.

Our whole school attendance for March was 93.3%

Our whole school attendance since the beginning of September is 91.3%

A child is classed as late if they arrive at school after 9.20am.

0.5% of our pupils arrived late in March.

A child is classed as unauthorised absence is they arrive at school after 9.30am.

1.9% of our pupils had unauthorised absences in March.



Uniform

School uniform promotes a sense of pride in the school and makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance.

If your child is not in correct school uniform, we will ask for correct uniform to be brought in for your child to change into.

Our uniform is:

- Red sweatshirt or sweat cardigan



- White polo shirt



- Grey trousers or skirt/pinafore dress



- Sensible, plain black leather shoes/ trainers



Jeans and leggings are not permitted. Skirts and trousers should be grey not black.

PE

On PE days, children are to come to school dressed in their PE kit.

Mark (Year 1/2)- Thursday

Luke (Year 3/4)- Friday

John (Year 5/6)- Thursday

Our PE uniform is:

- Plain white T-shirt with no branding or logos from professional sports teams
- Plain black shorts or tracksuit bottoms with no branding or logos from professional

sports teams

- Red sweatshirt or sweat cardigan or hoodie
- Suitable black trainers

If your child comes to school in PE kit on a day which is not their PE day, we will ask for uniform to be brought in for your child to change into.

Eco Warriors Update



Global recycling day-

Monday 18th March was global recycling day. We led an assembly to tell the whole school about how important it is to recycle.

On Thursday 14th March, our Key Stage 2 eco warriors visited a recycling centre in Hartlepool to see what happens to our things once we've put them in the recycling bin.

We are making posters to go on the bins in school so everyone knows what they can and can't recycle.



Mini Vinnies Update

We have a sharing shelf for uniform and food in the main reception area. We would greatly appreciate donations. Please feel free to take items from the shelves.



On Thursday 26th March, we held our CAFOD Big Lent walk. We walked to St. Mary's Church. Whilst we were there, we led the stations of the cross reflection.





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BLESSED
WITH
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& PEACE