



Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 6th March 2024- Mother's Day Afternoon Tea (2.30pm- all welcome)

Thursday 7th March 2024- World Book Day: our theme is gardens

Tuesday 19th March 2024- Feast of St. Joseph: Mass in school- 2.00pm (all welcome)

Thursday 21st March 2024- Whole school trip to Hamsterley forest (9am-12pm)

Saturday 23rd March 2024- Family mass at St. Mary's Church-12pm (volunteers required)

Monday 25th March 2024- Parents' evening

Wednesday 27th March 2024- Disco 3.15pm -5pm

Thursday 28th March 2024- Easter crafts afternoon- 2pm (all welcome)

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

February Highlights

Wellbeing Leaders:

On Friday 2nd February, some of our Key Stage 2 children were trained to be wellbeing leaders. They are going to be running activities for everyone during lunchtimes.

Children' Mental Health Week:

On Monday 5th February, our student council introduced the week and the theme. They also designed and made a happy bench for everyone in the playground. On Tuesday 6th February, we went on a wellbeing walk. We know it is important to be out in the fresh air. The student council made a game for us to play.

Internet Safety Day:

On Tuesday 6th February, our student council led an assembly. The children completed activities in class too.

Chinese New Year:

On Saturday 10th February, some of our Key Stage 2 pupils performed a song and dance in Durham's Chinese New Year celebrations in front a large audience. They were amazing!

Tell a fairy tale day:

On Monday 26th February, Year 5 and 6 went to Rose Lodge to write their own fairy tales. They worked with the residents and also had a quiz. Thank you to Rose Lodge for such a great afternoon.

Leap Year Day:

On Thursday 29th February, we marked the leap year with a day of numbers. The children dressed as numbers- they looked amazing! They took part in activities linked to numbers across the day.



Happy Birthday

to pupils celebrating their birthday during February

Harry C Amelia D Rosie F Maisie
Harley H Freddy Violet Emilia Indie



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 February:

Matthew (Nursery/Reception) – 88%

Mark (Year 1/2) – 93%

Luke (Year 3/4) – 93%

John (Year 5/6) – 93%

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

Our whole school attendance for February was 92.3%

Our whole school attendance since the beginning of September is 91%

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

0.7% of our pupils arrived late in February.

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

1.7% of our pupils had unauthorised absences in February.



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

We have a battery recycling box in the main school reception area. We would love it if you could bring batteries in, when they're finished with, and recycle them. Please look for the box with the following sticker on:



We are working hard to reduce our energy usage in school. We check the classrooms at playtimes and lunchtimes for things left on. At home, you can reduce your energy usage by turning off lights when not in a room, turning off electrical items when not using and not leaving them on standby. By doing these things, you'll be saving the planet and reducing your energy bills.



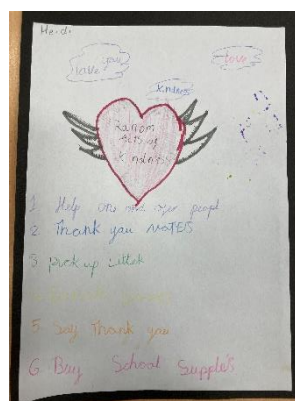
Thank you!

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.



Saturday 17th February was 'Random Acts of Kindness Day'. To celebrate this, we ran a competition for every child to create a poster outlining random acts of kindness. We had a winner from each year group and they received a prize. A huge well done to our winners!



March is:

World Book Day



INTERNATIONAL Women's Day



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FORESTS



FOOD WASTE ACTION WEEK

1-7 MARCH 2021



WORLD WATER DAY

MAR 22





PRIVATE NURSERY HOURS AVAILABLE

Would you like to extend your child's day at our nursery?

It's now possible by paying privately.

**Afternoon Session
11:45am - 3:15pm**

£17.50 per session

Contact our school on **01325 300337** or email admin@stjosephsna.bhcet.org.uk

