



School News



St. David Haigh & Aspull CE Primary School



**'Together in God's love:
aim High, stay Strong, be Determined'**

DECEMBER 2019

DIARY DATES:

07/01/2020

School re-opens for Spring Term

15/01/2020

CAMHS Y6 Parent info session 3-5pm at School

03/02/2020

School Assessment Week—all classes.

10/02/2020

Swimming lessons begin—Class to be notified asap.

13/02/2020

Aspull Schools Swimming Gala 6pm @ Wigan Pool

14/02/2020

School closes for half term holiday

24/02/2020

School reopens for Spring 2 term

16/03/2020

Book Fair week—details to follow

17/03/2020

Aspull Schools X-Country @ Canon Sharples (pm)

20/03/2020

Friends Non-Uniform day—being Easter chocolate.

25/03/2020

Parents Evening—details to follow

26/03/2020

Friends Easter Bingo—school hall 6pm



Headteacher
Mr R. Woods

End of Autumn Term News 2019

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

REC - 93 % Y1 - 93 %

Y2 - 97 % Y3 - 92 %

Y4 - 96 % Y5 - 98 %

Y6 - 94%

Well done Year 5...SUPER attendance!
(Aut term School attendance = 95%)
(Norovirus has had a significant impact on overall attendance this term)

Punctuality is just as important...

please be at school for

8.45am

(registers open at 8.50am)

LATENESS

There are an increasing number of children arriving late; this has a significant impact on classrooms and your child's learning... please be on time.

Other news

The Pearl of Africa Children's Choir came to visit St. David's this year...a first for the school and an experience we would dearly like to repeat! The choir came to perform their singing and dancing and the children thoroughly enjoyed watching, listening, questioning and meeting members of the choir. The money raised from the non-uniform day was warmly received and thank you all again for your support. Please do keep a check on the charity here:

www.pearlofafrica.org.uk

Where did that term go?

What a busy term it has been!

Another great start to the year with children showing great determination and dedication to their learning.

Standards of behaviour and work have been of a consistently high standard and we look forward to all children continuing to AIM HIGH in all areas of school in the new year.

We are very proud of the children and their achievements, but also their wider social & moral development. This was epitomised in a special moment earlier this term from whole school worship - when asked to carefully consider what Christmas meant to them, lots of hands shot up and the first answer from a

Year 4 child... "Family!"

(what a fabulous answer!); second answer "Jesus"; third answer "Being together!" and if you're wondering, "Presents" did feature in their answers, but it was 10th on their list, and it was 'giving presents'.

*****PLEASE TAKE NOTE*****

Nuts & nut related products in school

Please can I remind you that due to several children in school who have severe nut allergies, we request that no food is sent in lunch boxes (or snacks) that contain nuts—there has been a significant increase in Nutella based products being brought in and this poses a risk to some of our children. Thank you for your cooperation.

(Also - please ensure a drink is sent in if your child has a packed lunch)

REMINDERS

- ⇒ Children are not to be left unaccompanied on the school playground BEFORE 8.40am (other than Year 6 children)...all children should be ready to go to classrooms by 8.45am at the latest—registers open at 8.50am.
- ⇒ DINNER MONEY - please note, the process of paying for school dinners SHOULD be to pay in advance i.e. the week before NOT in arrears. Please make every effort to ensure that all payments are up to date and are made in advance.
- ⇒ Anyone arriving late (once the gate has closed) MUST report to the Main Office and not be taken straight to class to be recorded as LATE, in the register.

Governor Update

We are delighted to have welcomed our new parent governor Mr P. Smith, this term. He is thoroughly looking forward to working with the local governing board and the Trust, on the strategic development of our school. The staff and children are also very excited to welcome their new 'Class Governors' - each governor has been assigned to a Class and over the coming year, will write to & visit their class and attend class events. The governors will also be visiting school termly to see first hand the wider curriculum and the experiences the children encounter in their classrooms.

Absence

PLEASE ensure you contact the school office as early as possible (and BEFORE 9.30am) on the first day of your child's absence to inform us of the reason for the absence. Thank you.

School Pick Up

This term, we have had an increasing number of children being collected from school late, and often after 3.40pm.

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS COLLECTED FROM SCHOOL AT 3.30PM. Thank you.

PARKING

Please be aware, we have been advised by the Balcarres Arms that due to excessive use of the car park during opening hours, the landlord may be imposing parking restrictions and a 'permit-system' (details of which have not been confirmed to school at this time).

As ever, parking remains an issue but please park responsibly in the surrounding area and we advise parents to use either Haigh Road (beyond Haigh House) or Our Lady's Church car park.

Thank you for your cooperation and PLEASE PARK LEGALLY & RESPONSIBLY.

FUNDRAISING

Since September, you have supported a number of charity fundraising events & through your kind donations, St. David's School have been able to give the following:

£100 to Alzheimer's Society (Elf Day)

£75 to The One House, Aspull (Community Carol Service)

£100 to Children in Need

£77 to MacMillan Cancer Care

£100 to Pearl of Africa Children's Choir



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