



SCHOOL UPDATES

SOME SPECIAL NEWS:

Following the births of Cordelia Sanderson, Maria McTernan and Finley Eden so far this year, it is with great excitement that we announce that Mrs Ledger and her husband are expecting their first child in the New Year. We wish Mrs Ledger well over the coming months, and look forward to meeting the new arrival in 2019!

ATTENDANCE:

YEAR GROUP	AUTHORISED ABSENCE (%)	UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE (%)	OVERALL (%)
RECREPTION	2.5	0	97.5
YEAR 1	1.3	0	98.7
YEAR 2	8.3	0	91.7
YEAR 3	0.8	2.5	96.7
YEAR 4	3.2	0	96.8
YEAR 5	0.4	2.6	97
YEAR 6	1.6	0	98.4
TOTAL	2.6	0.7	96.7

Keep on striving hard to achieve 100% each week!

JUDAISM WEEK:

Next week, pupils across school will be learning all about Judaism in their RE lessons. Learning about other world faiths is a hugely important part of our school curriculum, so please encourage your child to share their learning with you at home. Later this year, we will be welcoming Deanna Van der velde from the United Hebrew Congregation, Gosforth in to school to talk to children, and Y3 will also visit the Synagogue to further their learning about the Jewish place of worship.

SPORTING SUCCESS:

A massive well done to our school football squad who have enjoyed early success this season qualifying for the regional finals of the Blaydon and District league cup and progressing to the next round of the Bishop's Cup. The teams have represented the school impeccably, and early signs are that this promises to be another successful year for football at St Mary's.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING:

Thank you to all those who came along to the Macmillan coffee morning last week, and of course to those who bought cakes on the yard after school. Thanks also to those who gave their time to organise and run the event, which was a huge success – with over £300 raised for Macmillan Cancer Support!

REMINDERS

LABELLING CLOTHES:

Please, please, PLEASE ensure that all clothing (and shoes) sent in to school is clearly labelled/marked with your child's name. We are already collecting vast amounts of uniform and kit which we are unable to return to its rightful owner as it is unlabelled. Thank you!

SCHOOL PHOTOS:

All orders for school photos have now been sent off to Tempest. If you wish to order photos from this point, please use the information provided with your proof to make an online order.

PANTO MONEY:

Please could parents/carers (Years 1-6) ensure that payment is made via the SIMS Agora system for our trip to the panto at the Theatre Royal (13.12.18) by Friday 5th October. If your child will not be going on the trip, please get in contact with the school office to make this intention known.

RECEPTION CLASS OPEN MORNING:

Please ensure that applications for admissions in to Reception 2019 are made by January 15th. Tours of the school can be made by getting in contact with the school office.

SECONDARY ADMISSIONS:

Please be reminded that the deadline for the online application is 31st October 2018.

CHANGE OF DATE:

Due to an unforeseen diary clash, we will be changing one of our planned Parents' Evening dates this term. Parents' Evenings will now be held on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th November (3:30-6:30pm). Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S MEETING:

Please come along to the first Friends of St Mary's meeting of the year to be held in school at 9am on Friday 5th October. All welcome (there will be cake!).

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION LITURGIES:

The first Sunday Liturgy for this year's Sacramental Preparation programme ('Welcome') will be held during 9:30am Mass at St Mary's RC church on Sunday 7th October. Dates for following Liturgies are as follows:

- Liturgy 2 (Baptismal Renewal) – Sunday 4th November
- Liturgy 3 (Rite of Election for Reconciliation) – Sunday 25th November
- First Reconciliation – Tuesday 27th November (6pm).

NEXT WEEK (8.10.18 – 12.10.18)

TUESDAY –

KS1 SATs Meeting 5pm (for parents of pupils in Y2)

KS2 SATs/Knock Residential Meeting 5:15pm (for parents of pupils in Y6)

WEDNESDAY –

Y5/6 Tag Rugby (pupils involved will receive a letter)

THURSDAY –

Family Learning session 4/5 (9am)

Blaydon and District League football at Fellside School, 4pm (pupils involved will receive a letter)

FRIDAY –

'Biking Ben' Active Travel Promotion assembly

