



Easington Church of England Primary School

Happy, healthy and fulfilled Friday 4th November 2016



Dates for your diary Autumn Term 2016 – details to follow

Sun 6 th Nov	Family Communion St. Mary's 4p.m.
Sun 13 th Nov	Remembrance Sunday Communion 9.30a.m.
Mon 14 th Nov	Parental Consultation meetings YR/2/4/6
Tues 15 th Nov	Parental Consultation meetings Y1/3/5
Wed 16 th Nov	Church 9.30a.m. – all parents and families welcome
Thurs 17 th Nov	Miss Wiseman's class Collective Worship 9.15a.m. all welcome
Sun 20 th Nov	Christ the King St. Mary's 9.30a.m.
Fri 25 th Nov	Celebration worship 1.45p.m. parents and families welcome
Fri 25 th Nov	Phototronics – individual photographs
Fri 25 th Nov	Book Fair arrives in school
Thurs 1 st Dec	Parents Curriculum Evening 5p.m.
Fri 2 nd Dec	Family Friday./Stay and Play Ms Lilley's class
Sat 3 rd Dec	St. Mary's Christmas Fair 11a.m.-1p.m. St. Mary's Hall
Sun 4 th Dec	Messy Church St. Mary's 4p.m.
Thurs 8 th Dec	Ms Lilley's class Collective Worship 9.15a.m. all welcome
Fri 9 th Dec	Christmas Fair 2.30p.m. School Hall
Mon 12 th Dec	YR KS1 Nativity time to be confirmed PM
Tues 13 th Dec	YR KS1 Nativity time to be confirmed AM
Wed 14 th Dec	Advent Service St. Mary's 2.15p.m. All welcome
Wed 14 th Dec	Discos – YR/1/2 4.45-5.45p.m. Y3/4/5/6 6-7p.m.
Fri 16 th Dec	Non-uniform day (in aid of School Fund)
Fri 16 th Dec	School closes for Christmas break
Sun 18 th Dec	Nine lessons and carols St. Mary's 7p.m
Fri 24 th Dec	Christingle St. Mary's 6p.m. Midnight communion by candlelight St. Mary's 11.30p.m.

Star Pupils

Mrs Appleby Jupiter	Dan Young
Miss Swan/Mrs Hetherington's Neptune	Skye Harrison
Mr Appleby Saturn	Josh Ebblewhite
Miss Wiseman Mercury	Adam Thorburn
Ms Lilley Pluto	Isla Johnson
Writer of the week	Charlie Hagel
Sportsperson of the week	Arthur Golden Shilaw
Mrs Swift's Special Book	Matthew Delanoy
Pupils Pupil	Dillon Harrison

Attendance

Jupiter	95.0
Neptune	100
Saturn	99.0
Mercury	94.1
Pluto	93.8

Operation Christmas Child – Samaritan's Purse

Operation Christmas child is the world's largest children's Christmas project run by the Christian Relief and Development Organisation – Samaritan's Purse. This year we have decided to support this worthwhile cause. If you would like to fill a shoe box for a child for Christmas please ensure it is brought into school on Monday 15th November – the boxes will then be delivered to a drop-off point. Each child has been given a leaflet with instructions of how to fill a Christmas box. There is also further information on the web site www.samaritans-purse.org.uk

School Term Dates 2017-2018

Please find on the reverse of this week's news letter Term Dates for 2017-2018 including our three PDDays:

- Monday 4th September 2017
- Monday 8th January 2018
- Monday 16th April 2018

Please take these dates into consideration when booking holidays – parents risk a fixed penalty fine if children accrue 7 or more days unauthorised absence. Leave of Absence is only granted in exceptional circumstances and is at the discretion of the Head Teacher. Please see our Attendance Policy on our website for further details

Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life." John 8:12

Investing in Children membership

I am delighted to share that we have been awarded Investing in Children membership for our work with children as leaders in school. A number of our children were involved in the assessment before the summer break and we were informed last week that our assessment had been successful. We have many Children as Leaders groups in school such as Eco Group, Junior Road Safety Officers, FROG group, School Council, Head Girl and Head Boy and Play Leaders. Mrs Swift



Homework

We would like to trail a new approach to home work this half-term in Y1-Y6 – Ms Lilley's class homework will remain the same.

Maths- a mathematics challenge will be set fortnightly. Practice of timetables and number bonds is also recommended.

English – please continue to support your child working through the Lexia programme. Our younger children will also be given phonics homework. Other GPS (Grammar, punctuation and spelling) homework will be set when deemed necessary. A writing challenge will also be set via our newsletter.

We would like to invite all children to take part in our new Topic Challenge Homework. Using learning acquired last half-term we invite children to share their learning in the form of a model, a poster, a presentation or a song. This Challenge Homework needs to be brought into school on Wednesday 14th December when it will be shared with other children. Please note this homework is optional.

Teaching Assistants Industrial Action

As parents were informed on Tuesday, school has received notification from Unison and ATL that their members have voted in favour of strike action on 2 consecutive days, the 8th and 9th of November 2016. From the outset the school and the council have been clear that no one wants to be in this position. The school and the council greatly values its teaching assistants however the council is clear that it has no alternative, as the residual employer of all teaching assistants, but to address the current inequality with teaching assistant contracts and pay only for hours worked and on a term time only basis. This is in line with almost all councils in the region and nationally.

The education and wellbeing of our children remains our primary concern and we have done everything possible to minimise the impact on the education of children and young people here in our school.

However it has been necessary to conduct a risk assessment based on the number of staff expected to be available on the days in question.

I am pleased to inform you our school will be unaffected and will open as usual. Mrs Swift

trust, thankfulness, hope, friendship, forgiveness