



## Dates for your diary – details to follow

Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	YR KS1 Nativity - see ticket letter for time
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	YR KS1 Nativity - see ticket letter for time
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Advent Service St. Mary's 2.15p.m. All welcome
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Discos – YR/1/2 4.45-5.45p.m. Y3/4/5/6 6-7p.m.
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Non-uniform day and <b>Christmas Party</b>
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School closes for Christmas break
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nine lessons and carols St. Mary's 7p.m
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christingle St. Mary's 6p.m. Midnight communion by candlelight St. Mary's 11.30p.m.
<b>Spring Term 2017</b>	
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Bank Holiday - school closed for children
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	PDDay- school closed for children
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School re-opens for Spring Term
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Family Friday 9-9.30a.m./Stay and Play Ms Lilley's class 9-10a.m.
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Mrs Appleby's class Collective Worship 9.15a.m. all welcome
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Celebration worship 1.45p.m. parents and families welcome
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Family Friday 9-9.30a.m./Stay and Play Ms Lilley's class 9-10a.m.
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Safer Internet Day
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Cinema evening 4.45p.m.- 6p.m.
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mr Appleby's class Collective Worship 9.15a.m. all welcome
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parents Curriculum Evening 5 p.m.
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Bend the Rules day
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Celebration worship 1.45p.m. parents and families welcome
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School closes for half-term break
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School re-opens
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	World Book Day
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Family Friday 9-9.30a.m./Stay and Play Ms Lilley's class 9-10a.m.
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Mrs Hetherington's/Miss Swan's class Collective Worship 9.15a.m. all welcome
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Coffee afternoon 2.30p.m
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Someone Special lunch
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Miss Wiseman's class Collective Worship 9.15a.m. all welcome
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parental Consultation meetings YR/2/4/6
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parental Consultation meetings Y1/3/5
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Celebration worship 1.45p.m. parents and families welcome
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Holy Week Service St Mary's 2.15 p.m.
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Discos – YR/1/2 4.45-5.45p.m. Y3/4/5/6 6-7p.m.
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Ms Lilley's class Collective Worship 9.15a.m. all welcome
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Family Friday 9-9.30a.m./Stay and Play Ms Lilley's class 9-10a.m.
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Non-uniform day (in aid of School Fund)
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> April	School closes for Easter break

## Star Pupils

Jupiter	Lewis Craggs
Neptune	Anna Quarmbay
Saturn	Poppy Laight
Mercury	Laila Brown
Pluto	
Sportsperson of the week	Olivia Curtis Dawson
Mrs Swift's Special Book	Amelia Dawes
Pupils Pupil	Esme McGee / Amelia Dawes

## Attendance

Jupiter	<b>95.4</b>
Neptune	<b>97.5</b>
Saturn	<b>97</b>
Mercury	<b>100</b>
Pluto	<b>97</b>

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life"* John 3:16

The theme of our Collective Worship this week continues to be Advent. Advent is a Christian season of waiting.

## FROG group Hot chocolate and cookie sale – in aid of Lesotho Link organised by Durham Diocese

Thank you to those who supported our fund raising efforts yesterday. FROG group raised £108.50 which will be sent to the Lesotho link in the Diocese of Durham. In the New Year Rev'd Emma is going to work with our children to explain more of the work of the Lesotho link. Through your donations you will make a difference to the lives of people in Lesotho.

## Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party

Children may wear smart, non-uniform with sensible shoes (**no high heels**). Please ensure children come to school wearing these clothes and are suitably dressed and warm enough to play on our yard at break and lunchtimes. Please note there is no need to send a donation to School Fund this day.

## Cinema visit

On Tuesday our whole school enjoyed a visit to the cinema to see *The Secret Life of Pets* (and each child enjoyed a munch box!). Another huge thank you to Mr Snowden who provided transport free of charge for this visit for the whole school.

## Annual Parent Questionnaire and Church School Questionnaire

I am in the process of collating the results of these questionnaires and will provide a summary of both documents next week. Please look out in bags for these letters. Mrs Swift.

## Discos

Our end of term discos will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. If you wish your child(ren) to come to the disco please complete the slip on the bottom of the letter which was sent home last week and return to school in an envelope clearly marked with child's name and school disco. The cost is £2.50 per child. There will also be a tuck shop on the night – children are responsible for looking after their own money. Parents must collect children from the disco promptly – children will not be allowed to walk home on their own.



## Advent Service

Our Advent Service take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> at 2.15p.m. in St. Mary's church. Family and friends are invited – please can we ask that you sit at the side of church. We look forward to seeing you there.



## Attendance Monitoring

Last week some parents may have received attendance concern letters in relation to attendance since the beginning of term in September. Each term we review attendance and contact parents of children who fall below the government targets set. We fully appreciate that children are ill – and sometimes need to be absent from school, but we also have a duty to inform you regularly about attendance rates. Importantly, at the first half term, it only takes 2 days absence to trigger a letter (which is one bout of sickness or diarrhoea). If your child falls below the 96% target set by the Local Authority by July, they do not have good attendance, and if it falls below 90%, the Government classify your child as a persistent absentee. At this point in the year, however, the letters are for information only.

## Governing Body update

Last week the Curriculum, Standards and Ethos committee of our Governing Body met for the first time this academic year. At the meeting our 2016 attainment was discussed and Governors were very pleased that our Early Years Good Level of Development was the highest it has ever been for our school. Equally the number of children passing the Y1 phonics screen was also the highest the school as ever seen. Governors acknowledge the challenges we have with the demands of the new curriculum and assessment regime at the end of KS1 and KS2. At this meeting Governors also spent time reviewing our spending of the Sport and PE grant and the impact it has had on our children (this is documented on our website <http://www.easington-pri.durham.sch.uk/about-us/premium-allocations/sport-premium-information>)

This week our Governing Body undertook some training with our Educational Development Partner Mr Kevin Burns from Durham LA. They also spent time reviewing our SIAMs (Church School Inspection) self evaluation which they agree reflects our work as a church school and places us in a good position for our impending SIAMS review. Governors have asked that I share some of this Self Evaluation with parents prior to the Inspection which I will do in the Spring Term. Mrs Swift.

## Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

The Head Teacher and Governing Body of Easington Church of England Primary School are seeking to appoint a Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant who has a good rapport with children for our friendly, caring school to supervise children throughout the lunchtime period

Completed applications should be returned to the Headteacher by Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

Application packs are available from Mrs. Bowden-Stoker (School Secretary) Please see job advert for further details

<https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/default.aspx?page=jobdetails&module=jobs-userjobdetails&jid=157975>

## Christingle Candles and the Children's Society

With this week's newsletter your child will bring home a Christingle Candle money box from St. Mary's. Please be as generous as possible to support the work of the Children's Society – their mission is to make childhood better for all children through direct action to stop them feeling excluded, isolated or abandoned. Christingle Candles can be returned to school by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December or to St. Mary's for the Christmas Eve service at 6p.m. Thank you in advance of your support.

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## Topic Challenge Homework

As mentioned in our newsletter Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November children have been invited to complete topic challenge homework this half term. If your child has completed this homework (it is optional) they are asked to bring it into school on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December so that it can be shared with other children.