



Dates for your diary

Mon 24th Feb	School re-opens
Wed 26th Feb NEW DATE	Church 9.30am – Ash Wednesday Service all welcome
Thur 5th Mar	World Book Day Celebrations
Fri 6th Mar	Family Friday 9-9.30a.m./Stay and Play Ms Lilley's class 9-10a.m.
Fri 6th Mar	Celebration worship 1.45p.m. parents and families welcome
Fri 6th Mar	Spring Coffee afternoon 2.30p.m
Thur 12th Mar	YR class Collective Worship 9.15a.m. all welcome
Mon 16th Mar	Parental Consultation meetings
Tues 17th Mar	Parental Consultation meetings
Wed 18th Mar NEW DATE	Rev Lucy leading Church Service in School 9.30am
Wed 25th Mar	Someone Special lunch
Thur 26th Mar REARRANGED	YR 2 /3 Collective Worship 9.15a.m. all welcome
Thur 26th Mar REARRANGED	Discos–YR/1/2 4.45-5.45pm Y3/4/5/6 6-7pm NEW DATE
Fri 27th Mar	Celebration worship 1.45p.m. parents and families welcome
Wed 1st April NEW DATE	Holy Week Service St Mary's 2.15 p.m. all welcome
Fri 3rd April	Non-uniform day (in aid of School Fund)
Fri 3rd April	School closes for Easter break

Toys

We have noticed an increasing amount of children bringing their personal toys into school. Please can I request that children's toys stay at home. We have found in the past that toys either are lost or damaged, which causes upset and distress for the children, which can then have a negative impact on their learning.

Thank you for your co-operation

Half Term

A heart felt thank you on behalf of myself and staff for your amazing support this half term. I am so proud of what we have achieved as a school this term and a lot of that is down to the support we receive from parents and families. We all have one common goal, to give our wonderful children the best education possible and to provide them with memorable experiences that will last a lifetime.

I hope you all have a fantastic, enjoyable half term break.

See you all on Monday 24th February for another hardworking, fun and rewarding half term.

Mr. Appleby

Swimming Gala

A huge well done to our swimmers who attended the Swimming Gala on Thursday at Peterlee Leisure Centre. 18 of our children competed against local schools and performed amazingly well. Once again, their behavior was exceptional and they were a credit to our school.

Attendance week commencing 10th February 2020

Ms Lilley's Class	94.7
Miss Defty's Class	99.5
Miss O'Neil's Class	96.7
Mr Churchill's Class	96.7
Mrs Appleby's Class	98.8

Stars of the week Friday 14th February 2020

Ms Lilley's Class	Sydney Wilson
Miss Defty's Class	Keira Thompson
Miss O'Neil's Class	Tom Hannaby
Mr Churchill's Class	Ethan Germain
Mrs Appleby's Class	Alex Smithson
Pupils Pupil	Alex Smithson / Ethan Cressey
Writer of the Week	Lucie Price
Resilience Award	Orla Collard
Mr Appleby's Special Book	Ayda Rutherford

Titanic Day – Tuesday 11th February

We welcomed author Stephen Davies to our school on Tuesday. He spent the day with our Year 5/6 class to consolidate their learning on The Titanic. The children produced some superb pieces of writing with Stephen's guidance and encouragement - with many of them saying it was the best story they feel they've ever written! His interest in the children and their knowledge of what they had learned, remembering the children's names and ideas they had mentioned throughout the day, made the experience all the more special for them. The opportunity to buy his book and have it signed was just the perfect end to the day - we had around 25 children all sitting proudly reading their signed copies first thing the next morning during registration! A splendid end to our Year 5/6 topic.





YR 1 Worship

Miss Defty's Class were spreading the love on Thursday at their Celebration Worship for families.



Bend the rules day

The children enjoyed breaking the rules today (especially the bend the rules snacks). A great day was had by all, topped off with our Valentine's Day lunch. Thank you for your support. By bending the rules, the children raised **£211.00** for School Funds. Thank you as always.

Cinema Evening

On Wednesday, the children enjoyed watching Disney Descendants 3. We raised £160.00 for School Funds and had a great time. Especially those who got dressed up for the occasion.





FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY SESSIONS

GROW TO EAT

GARDENING & COOKING

HAVE A GO AT GROWING AND COOKING FOOD IN THESE FUN, HANDS ON, FAMILY SESSIONS!
LUNCH INCLUDED

TUESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 12.30PM-4.30PM
 THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 11AM-3PM

WHERE: EAST DURHAM TRUST, COMMUNITY HOUSE, YODEN ROAD, PETERLEE SR8 5DP

Registering to attend the events is encouraged to ensure a spot - spaces limited

To register please contact the centre on: 0191 5693511




FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY SESSIONS

FAMILIES MULTI SPORTS GAMES

THE PAVILION, HELFORD RD, PETERLEE, SR8 1ER

MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 10.30AM-1PM
 THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 10.30AM-1PM

LUNCH INCLUDED

Registering to attend the events is encouraged to ensure a spot - spaces are limited.

To register please contact the Pavilion on: 0191 586 9957



FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY SESSIONS

FAMILIES MULTI SPORTS GAMES

EASINGTON COLLIERY METHODIST CHURCH (CAFE TOGETHER)

SEASIDE LANE, EASINGTON COLLIERY, SR8 3PE

TUESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 10AM-12.30PM
 FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 10AM-12.30PM

LUNCH INCLUDED

Registering to attend the events is encouraged to ensure a spot - spaces are limited.

To register please contact Julie on 07935837131



FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY SESSIONS

ARTS & CRAFTS

EASINGTON HEALTHWORKS

PARADISE LN, PETERLEE SR8 3EX

FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 9.30AM-12.30PM

LUNCH INCLUDED

Registering to attend the event is encouraged to ensure a spot - spaces are limited

To register please contact Indre on: 0191 5693511



FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY SESSIONS

ARTS & CRAFTS

HORDEN CENTENNIAL CENTRE

SEVENTH STREET, HORDEN SR8 4LX

THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 1PM-4PM

LUNCH INCLUDED

Registering to attend the event is encouraged to ensure a spot - spaces are limited

To register please contact Indre on: 0191 5693511





FREE Event

**St Marys Church Hall Presents
Family Afternoon at the Movies**



St Marys Church Hall
Easington Village

This Half Term Holiday
Friday Feb 21st
@ 12:45pm until 3:30pm (includes an interval)

Come along and enjoy a brand new family movie.

Doors open at 12:45pm, film starts at 1:30pm with lunch provided before the film. There will also be refreshments served during the interval.

All this is FREE. A great way to spend your Friday afternoon!



Youth@StMarys

St Marys Church Hall, Easington Village

Exciting activities including air hockey, table tennis, art, games music, books, film, faith, discussion for 9-16 year olds.

Next Sessions:

- Friday January 10th 6-8pm**
- Friday January 24th 6-8pm
- Friday February 7th 6-8pm
- Friday February 21st 6-8pm
- Then...Every other Friday 6pm until 8pm**

FREE...including food and drink every session!

Find us on Facebook & Instagram
[@YouthAtStMarys](#)

Peterlee Leisure Centre
February Half-Term Holiday Program
Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February.



Breakfast Club Session (5 - 14 Years of Age)
£2 per session
Monday to Friday; (7am - 9am)

Activity Club (5 - 14 Years of Age)
Monday to Friday; (9am - 5pm) = £10 per day,
Half Day Pass = £6 (9am - 1pm) or Half Day Pass = £6 (1pm - 5pm)
&
Weekly Pass = £50.00
(Fun & Games, Swimming Session (10.30am - 11.30am), Arts & Crafts & Other Activities)

**** EARLY BIRD PASS ** = £45.00**
(Book by Sunday 16th February Normal Price £50)

**** Booking recommended ****
*Telephone Reception on 0191 586 2400 or Pay at Door on the Day



PTA news

School Lottery draw is complete.
The local prizewinner is Mrs Day.

Advice For Parents of Young People Using Apps

We have had concerns raised with regards to an App called Discord.

Discord is a voice and text chat App that is popular with gamers. It can be used to talk to other players while playing games. Or you can swap tips and advice with other players in game-specific servers (similar to online forums). Some games, like Fortnite and PUBG, have official verified Discords for fans to talk about the game.

The following NSPCC Net Aware link provides further information about Discord, including the level of risk and how to set parental controls:
<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/discord/>

Or for further advice regarding Apps you can visit the Internet Matters website
<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

- Select "Guides & Resources" from the tab at the top of the screen
- Select "Guide to Apps" from the drop

**Message sent by
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