

St Hild's C of E Primary School

Newsletter Summer Term



Summer 2023

A warm welcome back to the second half of the Summer term here at St Hild's. I hope you have all had a good half term.

We are very sorry to announce that Mrs Holmes will be leaving us at the end of this term to start a new job at a new school in September. Mrs Holmes has worked at St Hild's for 20 years and has developed our wonderful outdoor provision over the years, we will miss her very much. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Mrs Holmes every success and happiness in her new adventure.

We welcome back Mrs Deadman now from her maternity leave.

We now hope to announce new year class arrangements in the next few weeks.

It is, as always, a busy and fun term ahead with lots going on. We have started to detail some of the dates below but do keep an eye on dojo for weekly updates.

Here's to an enjoyable half term.

Mrs Ryder ☺

Dates for the Diary

Term 3b

Tuesday 13 th June	All classes R-6 will take part in a sport activity today – please wear full school PE Kit
Wednesday 14 th June	Level 1 Bikeability training for Y4, Y5 and Y6
Thursday 15 th June	Class photographs am
wb 19 th June	Level 2 Bikeability training for Y5 and Y6
	(this training will take place on 19 th , 21 st , 22 nd and 23 rd June)
Thursday 22 nd June	Year 5 and Year 6 PE festival at Maiden Castle am
Thursday 22 nd June	Nursery and Reception trip to Hall Hill Farm trip
Monday 26 th June	Year 1 and 2 Newcastle Centre for Life trip
Wednesday 28 th June	Reception 2023 Parent/Carer meeting 4pm
Thursday 29 th June	Year 3 and Year 4 Tennis Festival at Durham Johnston School am – please wear full
	school PE kit
Thursday 29 th June	Year 6 Class trip — info to follow on Dojo
Friday 30 th June	Year 6 Fram transition day
Monday 3 rd July	Year 6 Class trip – info to follow on Dojo
Tuesday 4 th July	Reception Superhero festival at Sherburn Primary School – please wear full school PE kit
Thursday 6 th July	3YO Nursery Sports Day 10.30am
Thursday 6 th July	Year 6 Belmont transition day
Friday 7 th July	Year 6 Belmont transition day
Monday 10 th July	End of year reports will be sent home today
Wednesday 12 th July	Parent/Carer – teacher drop in session to discuss reports 3.30-5.30pm (not Year 6)
Thursday 13 th July	Parent/Carer – teacher drop in session to discuss reports 1.15-4.30pm (Year 6 only)
Thursday 13 th July	Year 6 St Leonard's transition day
Friday 14 th July	R-Y6 Sports Day 1.15pm
Tuesday 18 th July	All classes Y1-Y6 will take part in a sport activity today – please wear full school PE Kit

Wednesday 19 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly for Y6 parents/carers 1.30pm
Friday 21st July	End of year picnic 12 o'clock – all welcome

Summer Term After School Clubs (3.20 - 4.20pm)

Term 3b

Monday	Dance Club with Gemma Y1-Y6
Thursday	PE club with AE Coaching Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

Information about the after school clubs we are able to offer will continue to be shared via Dojo and places will continue to be booked via text on a first come first served basis. Most clubs will continue to be free of charge, however, there will be a small charge for some clubs. If you have any suggestions for after school clubs or if you know anyone who would be able to run a club in school, please speak to Miss Luke.

PΕ

Children should come to school wearing their school PE kit on their class PE day each week.

PE kit = a red t shirt, red school jumper, plain black or blue shorts, joggers or leggings, trainers. Brightly coloured sports clothes/football kits <u>must not</u> be worn for PE.

PE days Term 3b

Please come to school wearing school PE Kit with long hair tied back and earrings removed.

Donaldson Class	Wednesday
Rosen Class	Thursday
Year 3	Monday
Year 4	Monday – PE in school
	Tuesday – Swimming
	(Y4 children should come to school wearing their normal school T shirt and jumper, but they
	can wear jogging bottoms or leggings and trainers every Tuesday)
Year 5	Thursday
Year 6	Friday

School Office Opening Times

The office will open from 8.15am and close at 4pm daily (3.45pm Friday). Outside of these times, if you need to contact us, please feel free to email or text us and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Please note that our school text message service (07786208450) is not connected to a mobile phone. Texts are monitored by school staff Monday-Friday 8.15am-4.00pm (3.45pm Friday) during term time only. Text messages sent outside of school hours may not be read/responded to until the next working day.

Emails sent outside of office hours will be responded to the following working day.

Additional Funding for your child

Children Looked After

If your child falls into any of the following categories, we could receive extra money to support them in school:



- If your child is currently looked after (LAC)
- > If your child has been adopted
- If your child has been previously looked after (PLAC)
- If your child is subject to a special guardianship arrangement (even if this arrangement has now ended and was only in place for a short time) (SGO)

Forces Children

If either parent has served in any branch of the armed forces, we could receive extra money to support your child in school.

If you believe that your child may qualify for additional funding or if you would like any further information about this additional funding, please make an appointment to speak confidentially with Miss Luke, our Designated Teacher for LAC, or Siobhan, our Positive Futures Worker.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is £1.50 per session and runs each morning from 8am. All children from Reception-Year 6 are welcome to attend, no need to book. It has been lovely to see our numbers go back up and children are enjoying lots of different games and activities. If you would like your child to attend, they would be very welcome. The club remains free for children entitled to means tested free school meals.

All children who are attending Breakfast Club must be accompanied by an adult when being dropped off at the main entrance.



Cool Milk - www.coolmilk.com

All children are entitled to free milk at school up to their 5th birthday. Cool Milk provides cartons of milk for each pupil once they have been registered online. If you have a child in Reception or Nursery, please collect a leaflet from your child's class teacher or from the main school office and register as soon as possible.

Once your child is 5 years old, you will need to give your payment details to Cool Milk when registering your child. Please contact the school office for more information.

ParentPay

As a school, we use ParentPay to enable parents/carers to pay online for school lunches, Breakfast Club and other events where payment is required. If you need an activation letter or if you need any help setting up your account, please contact the school office.

School lunches are £2.41 per day (£12.05 per week). Breakfast Club is £1.50 per session. All ParentPay balances are checked every Friday and we ask that balances are kept up to date. Meals should be paid for in advance.

Meal Pattern Changes

We need 1 weeks' notice if you would like to make any changes to your child's lunch pattern. This helps the kitchen to order stock/reduce waste.

Early Collections

We have Collective Worship every afternoon, if you need to collect your child early from school, please can you arrange this in advance with the office, if you have not arranged this we may not be able help. If possible appointments should not be made in school time.

Contact Information

It is essential we have your current contact details so we can share information with you and contact you urgently in the event of an emergency. If you have any questions or if your details have recently changed, please contact the office.

Pick-Up Lists

If you need to amend your pick-up list please contact the office.

Absence

If your child is unwell, please call, email or text the office by 9.30am to let us know. Please do not use Dojo for absence messages.

Appointments in school time

Wherever possible, please arrange appointments outside of school hours to minimise the impact on your child's learning. We do understand that this is not always possible and if you do have to take your child out of school, please let the office know in advance so we can record this and make sure class teachers are aware. Please sign your child out on the screen in the foyer and back in when they are returning after the appointment.

Parking

Please can all parents/carers be mindful of parking considerately near school. Please do not block residents' drives and access areas. Cars must not be brought into the school grounds.

Parking in the School Car Park

Please can we remind parents not to park in the school car park this is for Safeguarding reasons.

Social Media

We're now on Facebook and Twitter. Please follow us / like us and share our posts! Twitter = @StHildsCE

Facebook = St Hild's College C of E Aided Primary School, Durham, DH1 2HZ





Mobile Phones

Year 5 & 6 children who have had permission to walk home from school alone can bring a mobile phone to school. This must be switched off and handed to the office for safekeeping in the morning and can be collected from the office at the end of the school day. Children in other classes must not bring mobile phones into school.

Fruit at Break time

For KS2 children a piece of fruit can be brought in from home to eat. This should be fresh or dried fruit only – no fruit bars, cereal bars, biscuits or sweets please. KS1 children receive a piece of fruit in school as part of a government initiative.

<u>Uniform</u>

We continue to have a supply of pre-loved uniform available in school. Please contact the office if you need any items for your child. If you have any items (including coats, shoes and wellies) that your child has outgrown, donations are always gratefully received. Many thanks