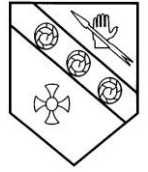


St Hild's C of E Primary School



Newsletter Autumn Term September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to the Autumn term here at St Hild's. What a lovely first week we have had! The children have all been very settled in their new classes and working hard – well done everyone.

It has been lovely to see all the smiles back in school and our whole school attendance so far has been fantastic! I hope you all had a lovely summer. A warm welcome to Miss Gallagher teaching in Year 2, our new Reception and Nursery children and all our new starters across school. 😊

Here's to an enjoyable first half term, dates for the diary so far are below. As always, regular updates will be provided on dojo each week.

Mrs Ryder 😊

Dates for the Diary

Term 1a

Wednesday, 6 th Sept	School Reopens for all children. New reception half day
Thursday, 7 th Sept	Reception – attending full days from today
WB 11 th Sept	PE start this week – see below for your child's PE day
Friday, 22 nd Sept	Jeans for Genes Day £1 donation per child appreciated for this charity
Friday, 29 th Sept	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon – 1.30pm all welcome
Wednesday 4 th October	School open day If your child is due to start Reception next September, please contact the office to book a space at our open day
Friday, 27 th Oct	School closed to children for staff training

We close for Half Term on Thursday, 26th October and reopen on Monday, 6th November

Term 1b

Thursday, 9 th Nov	Flu vaccines in school
Monday, 13 th Nov	Odd socks day – no money needed
Friday 17 th Nov	Children in Need Day – non uniform £1 donation
Thursday, 7 th Dec	EYFS Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Friday, 8 th Dec	Y1 Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Friday, 8 th Dec	Pantomime in school for all children pm
Monday, 11 th Dec	Y2 Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Monday, 11 th Dec	Y1 and Y2 Christmas party
Tuesday, 12 th Dec	Y3 Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Tuesday, 12 th Dec	EYFS Christmas party
Wednesday 13 th Dec	Christmas jumper day
Thursday, 14 th Dec	Y4 Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Thursday, 14 th Dec	Y3 and Y4 Christmas party
Friday, 15 th Dec	Y6 Christmas Assembly 9.15am

Friday, 15 th Dec	Y5 Christmas party
Monday, 18 th Dec	Y5 Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Monday, 18 th Dec	Y6 Christmas party
Tuesday, 19 th Dec	Carols around the tree 1pm – all welcome

We close for Christmas on Tuesday, 19th December and reopen for on Wednesday 3rd January

PE

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 **must not** be worn for PE.

PE days Term 1a

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

Year 1	Friday
Year 2	Monday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Wednesday
Year 5	Wednesday
Year 6	Tuesday – Swimming (Y6 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)

PE days Term 1b (after half term)

Year 1	Friday
Year 2	Wednesday
Year 3	Wednesday
Year 4	Thursday
Year 5	Friday
Year 6	Tuesday – Swimming (Y6 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)

Nursery and Reception PE

Children in Reception and Nursery will complete daily movement sessions and they will be in Woodlands every week. They should come to school wearing outdoor PE kit on the following days

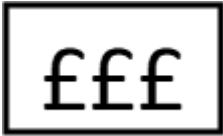
Reception	Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
Morning Nursery children	Wednesday and Friday
Afternoon Nursery children	Tuesday and Thursday

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.

Uniform

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