



Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2020

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| 11 th March | Church |
| 13 th March | Sports Relief Day |
| 20 th March | Y1 Family Worship |
| 27 March | Y3 Family Worship |
| 31 st March | PTA Easter Disco (Nursery & KS1- 4.00-5.15p.m.) (KS2 - 5.30-6.45 p.m.) |
| 1 st April | Church - Easter Service |
| 3 rd April | School closes for Easter holidays |
| 20 th April | School reopens |
| 22 nd April | Church |
| 6 th May | Church |
| 8 th May | May Day |
| W/c 11 th - May | KS2 SATs* |
| All of May | KS1 SATs* |
| 20 th May | Church |
| 22 nd May | School closes for half term holidays |
| 8 th June | School reopens |
| 8 th June | Y1 Statutory Phonics Testing* |
| 8 th -26 th June | Y4 Statutory Multiplication Testing* |
| 17 th June | Church |
| 18 th -19 th June | Y4 Camping visit |
| 20 th July | School closes for summer holidays |
| 1 st Sept | School reopens |

Please Note: These dates may be subject to change

*Holidays should not be taken during statutory assessments.

Attendance

Well done to our Year 3 class who are this week's winners of our High Attendance Trophy. Our class attendance figures for this week are:

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| Nursery | 95.2% | Rec | 96.64% |
| Y1 | 97.34% | Y2 | 98.05% |
| Y3 | 98.51% | Y4 | 96.67% |
| Y5 | 95.75% | Y6 | 97.51% |

Unauthorised Holidays

Rec – Y6 a total of 278 sessions, which equates to 138 days have been lost so far this academic year due to unauthorised holidays.

Nursery a total of 92 sessions which equates to 46 days have been lost so far this academic year due to unauthorised holidays.

PTA Easter Disco

The PTA will be holding the Easter disco on Tuesday 31st March 2020. Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils from 4.00 - 5.15p.m., and Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 pupils from 5.30 - 6.45p.m. There will be drinks and snacks for everyone, and entry is £2.50, payable on the door.

Y3 Visit to the Oriental Museum

On Tuesday Y3 attended the Oriental Museum in Durham as part of their History topic "The Ancient Egyptians". On their trip, the children explored the Ancient Egyptian gallery where they learned about life as an Ancient Egyptian, handled artefacts between 2,000-5,000 years old, observed and learned about a real mummy, and participated in a role play mummification process. Both the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the trip and learned lots of facts.

Sports Relief

On Friday, 13th March we will be participating in fundraising for Sports Relief by asking children to wear sports clothes for the day. We will also be taking part in a whole school Zuma session with our dance teacher, Mrs Patton-Woods. We kindly ask for a minimum cash donation of £1 which pupils can bring into school on the day.

What your money does:

Sport Relief brings the nation together to get active and raise life changing amounts of money through the power of sport. The money raised by the public is used to support people living incredibly tough lives, in the UK and around the world.

Healthy Packed lunches

Can we remind parents that school has a Healthy Packed Lunch Policy as there are a number of pupils bringing in a lot of crisps, chocolate and other biscuit/cake type products.

Healthy Lunchbox checklist

- A good portion of starchy food, e.g. thick wholemeal bread, chapatti, pita packet, pasta or rice salad.
- Plenty of fruit and vegetables, e.g. an apple, satsuma, handful of cherry tomatoes, carrot sticks, mini can of fruit in natural juice.
- Portion of milk or dairy food, e.g. individual cheese portion, pot of yoghurt.
- Portion of lean meat, fish or alternative, ham, chicken, beef, tuna, egg, humus or bean/lentil salad.
- A drink of fruit juice, milk or water

Food Bank

Finlay Booth, Benjamin Cooper and Scarlett Mason from Year 5 are collecting Easter Eggs for the food bank again this year. This will allow children, whose families use the food bank, not to miss out on an Easter treat this year. Can all egg donations be received in school by 20th March please to give the Foodbank enough time to collect and distribute them before Easter. Thank you!

Corona Virus Update from the Department of Education

On Monday the Department for Education launched a new Coronavirus helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Where to find the latest information

Updates on COVID-19:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>