



Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 19

Wc 14 th Oct	Parental Consultations Rec-Y6
16 th -18 th Oct	Y6 Edinburgh
23 rd Oct	Church
25 th Oct	School Closes
4 th Nov	School Opens
6 th -8 th Nov	Y5 Robinwood
13 th Nov	Church
19 th Nov	Flu Vaccines
27 th Nov	Church
11 th Dec	Church
17 th Dec	Nativity Rec*/Y1/Y3/Y5 (Church)
17 th Dec	PTA Disco Key Stage 1 4.00pm-5.15pm
17 th Dec	PTA Disco Key Stage 2 5.30pm-6.45pm
18 th Dec	Nativity Rec*/Y2/Y4/Y6 (Church)
20 th Dec	School Closes
6 th Jan	School Opens
14 th Feb	School Closes
24 th Feb	School Opens
3 rd April	School Closes
20 th April	School Opens

**Please note that Reception Class will be split over two days for the Nativity Service. Mrs Wheeldon will inform parents of the exact date.*

Please Note: These dates may be subject to change

Attendance

Well done to our **Y6 class** who are this week's winners of our High Attendance Trophy. Our class attendance figures for this week are:

Nursery	94.81%	Rec	97.90%
Y1	98.60%	Y2	99.46%
Y3	99.44%	Y4	97.28%
Y5	98.25%	Y6	100%

Unauthorised Holidays

Rec – Y6 a total of 74 sessions, which equates to 37 days have been lost so far this academic year due to unauthorised holidays.

Nursery a total of 68 sessions which equates to 34 days have been lost so far this academic year due to unauthorised holidays.

Pupil Data Entry Forms

In order to keep our pupil data accurate all pupils, during the course of the next few weeks, will receive a new data entry form for completion. A form must be completed in full for each child. Please return your completed form as soon as possible.

School Photographer

The School's photographer will be attending school on Tuesday 15th October 2019. **ALL** pupils will have an individual photograph taken with no obligation to buy. All pupils who have a brother(s) or sister(s) in school will also have a family photograph taken, again with no obligation to buy. Unfortunately no other family group photos can be taken due to time restrictions.

Family photographs, to include pre-school age children will be taken first, starting at 9 a.m., in the school hall. Please enter with the child not attending school via main entrance.

All pupils attending school must enter school at the normal time for registration and will be collected from class if required for photographs.

Afternoon Nursery Pupils Only

Pupils starting Nursery at 12.10 p.m. will have their photograph taken during the afternoon. However, if you want a family photograph to include a pre school age child you will need to bring them along at 9am, as detailed above. If your child however wants to be included in a family photograph with other siblings currently at school can you please advise the school office so that arrangements can be made.

PTA Christmas Cards

This week your child should have brought home their Christmas card sample and parental order form. If you wish to place an order please let us have this on or before Monday, 14th October at 3 p.m. as this is when the orders will be collected by the PTA to process to ensure delivery by the end of November. Any order forms received after this date unfortunately cannot be processed and will be returned. Cheque payments should be made payable to Holy Trinity PTA.

Green Token Giving - Asda Foundation

Our School has been nominated to be part of Asda's Green Token Giving. If you shop at Asda please vote for our school with your green token for us to be in with a chance of winning 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize.

Let's Walk to School

We are continuing with the Living Streets' Wow - which is the year-round walk to school challenge. Each day, the children will report how they get to school. If they travel sustainably (i.e. walk, cycle or scoot) once a week for a month, they will be rewarded with a WOW badge. For more information please refer to the attached letter from Living Streets.

Absences

Can I remind all parents of our school policy for reporting absences. **School should be contacted before 10am on the day** of a child's absence and a detailed reason should be provided. "Not well" or "poorly" is insufficient information as the illness maybe infectious, notifiable or have medical implications for other pupils and staff. If no contact is made before 10am school will try to make contact using the emergency contacts detailed on the child's pupil data entry form. Failure to make contact will result in a referral to the school Attendance Officer to carry out a home visit. Subsequently if the Attendance Officer is unable to make contact then this may be referred to Children's Services.

On your child's return to school they will **also need a letter** detailing the dates and reason for absence. We will send a reminder if a letter is not received, however if we still **do not receive this within 7 days the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.** Once the absence is recorded it cannot be amended unless of exceptional circumstances. If your child has an appointment we require a copy of the appointment card or letter in order to record the appropriate mark. If this is not produced within 7 days then it will also be recorded as an unauthorised absence in the register.

Can I also remind parents that we do not have holiday request forms and that any requests should be made in writing, addressed to the Chair of the Academy Council. The letter should give full details and reasons for holidays in term time.

Holiday requests/leave of absence should be made at least 4 weeks in advance in order to process. All holidays are recorded as unauthorised absence.

Harvest Festival / Food Bank

The Food Bank shelves have been running low so they were overjoyed with the vast amount of harvest food donations they collected from the school this week. A big thank you to everyone for your generous donations. Continuous donations of all foods would still be much appreciated, as their overall stock is very low at this time.

Parentpay

A reminder that on Monday, 1st November 2019 our school will be going live with Parentpay. This system will allow parents to pay and consent for trips, book childcare and meal sessions and much more. This will mean there will no longer be the need for children to bring cash into school. It also allows for parents who do not have a bank account to be able to make payments at a local Pay Point. **Any changes to lunch arrangements for next half term should be made in writing and received by the school office before the end of next week this is to allow us to set up the meal patterns on the new system. All accounts including lunch and supervision accounts MUST be paid up to date on or before Friday 18th October 2019. A text will be sent today if your account is in debit or credit. Any credits on the system will be refunded on Friday 24th October and sent home with your child. This will ensure that all balances are set at zero for the start of the new system on 1st November. This does not include online childcare payments. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.**

Year 3 Visit to Teesmouth Field Centre

Last week Y3 went on a trip to Teesmouth Field Centre where the children learned rock names and their uses. They went to North Gare beach to find granite, slag, sandstone and limestone rocks and then tested these back in the field centre to discover their permeability, hardness, magnetism and whether they could make sand from them or not. All staff and children thoroughly enjoyed the day and learned lots more about rocks, how they are made, their uses and their properties.

Packed Lunches

Reminder that chocolate bars are not allowed in pupils packed lunches e.g. twirls, crunchies etc.