



We have had a very busy half term and everyone has worked very hard. Well done to all the children who have represented our school so beautifully this half term whether it be sporting events or excellent behaviour on school trips.

We hope your children have a lovely break and recharge their batteries ready for a busy Christmas half term! We will send out a list of Christmas dates early in November.

Parent/Teacher meetings

Parents meetings this term are Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th November. Details about how to make an appointment will be sent out by the class teacher after half term.

Wednesday 13th November	Years 1, 2, and 3
Thursday 14th November	Years 4, 5 and 6



PE Kits:

There has been an increasing problem over the summer term with pupils not having any or correct PE kit. Could you please ensure that pupils have both an indoor and outdoor kit – this is especially important for KS2 pupils as many of our games activities take place on the school field. This should include plimsolls, school shorts and school t-shirt, which can be bought from JD Fashions in Seaham Harbour, as well as trainers for outdoor PE because plimsolls can be slippery on the field. Please note that children need to have a change of footwear and top – they will not be able to wear the shoes and polo shirt they wear during the school day. You might also wish to include a hoodie and tracksuit bottoms for cold weather.

Uniform:

I have been impressed with how smart many of the children are looking. May I remind you that uniform policy states:

- **Plain black shoes/trainers (brightly coloured shoes/trainers are not allowed). This applies to girls and boys.**
- **Jewellery should not be worn other than a wrist watch or stud earrings.**
- **No nail varnish or make up should be worn for school.**

In addition to this leggings should NOT be worn as school uniform and we are an active school so girls should wear skirts that are a suitable length e.g. just above the knee and do not show their pants when the child bends over. Shorts shouldn't be worn under a skirt and lycra mini skirts are also not appropriate.

Missing Equipment

We will be sending all PE kits etc home for the half term. PLEASE can you check that the kit you have belongs to your child and ensure their names are on everything.

We have lots of uniform, PE equipment, coats, bags and lunch boxes that do not have any names on. It is virtually impossible to return missing equipment that does not have a name. Thank you for your co-operation.

Wet Weather

Please send your child to school suitably dressed for the cold weather. We have some children who do not bring a coat to school. If there is heavy rain, the school doors will be opened to the children at 8.45am, but the doors will not be open for showery/light rain. Children should be dressed appropriately for showers.

Early Morning Routines and Safeguarding

- Access to school is via the footpath next to the church. If you are arriving by car, please join this footpath, so leaving the school gates free for deliveries etc. This is for the safety of the children.
- Children should ensure they are ready to line up when the bell goes.
- When the bell rings at 8.55am, we would like parents to allow the children to line up independently please. Parents should not be standing in line with children holding their bags etc, or walking into school with their child's line. **Also it would be appreciated if parents left the main yard when the bell rings before the children walk into school.**
- If you are waiting for the start of the day please wait at the side of the yard and **your** child can stand with you until the bell rings. **All other children must be on the school yard, not standing with/among parents or on the path leading to the gate.**
- **Please take care not to stand and block the entrance (gates and path) to the main yard** (this includes children as well as parents!)

After half term Year 1 will be selling poppies in school for a donation (minimum 20p) and poppy merchandise ranging between 50p-£1.



Dogs

We have an increasing number of children in school who are frightened of dogs. For this reason, we are asking that all dogs are on a lead at all times and not brought into school grounds at all (they should stay outside the main grey gates). Thank you.

If you have a new mobile number or you have changes such as addresses, home numbers etc., please let the school office know as soon as possible.



Parents/grandparents are welcome to come for tea/coffee

Families are invited to come along.

8th November (9:10am) in school	Year 2 Assembly
22nd November (9:10am) in school	Year 1 Assembly

* During Advent, Friday liturgies are led by different groups of children, not classes.

Holiday	Closing Date	Re-opening Date
Christmas	Friday 20th December 2019 (1.30pm)	Tuesday 7th January 2020
Spring Half Term	Friday 14th February 2020	Monday 24th February 2020
Easter	Friday 3rd April 2020	Monday 20th April 2020
May Day Bank Holiday	Thursday 7th May 2020	Monday 11th May 2020
Summer Half term	Friday 22nd May 2020	Monday 1st June 2020
Summer	Friday 17th July 2020 (1.30pm)	To be determined

Please note that School will be closed for three further Professional Development days this school year:
Friday 29th November 2019, Monday 6th January 2020 and Friday 19th June 2020

Plastic Pollution Pledge

We have pledged to reduce single use plastics in school. Please do not send in any single use plastic drinks bottles or cartons with straws in packed lunches. Children may bring coloured pencils to school but no felt pens or gel pens please.

All schools receive extra funding for those families on a low income and who are entitled to free school meals. In addition to free school meals, school also provides free milk for these children. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals, please call at the office with your name, date of birth and NI number. Thank you.