



February 2016 Newsletter

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Winter Weather

Please make sure your children come to school with a change of shoes & warm outdoor gear like hats & gloves. They do like to play in the snow, but we can only take children out who are appropriately dressed.



A change of shoes is really important so that they are warm all day, & so that our school floors don't get too slippery.

Please listen to the local radio stations (Metro, Galaxy & Durham FM) on a snowy morning in case we have to close – this would only be in the most extreme circumstances, as we do like to stay open. Our school website will also immediately be updated if we close the school.

[We'd all like to thank Mr. Cain for all of his help to clear the snow on the day it arrived here.](#)

Parents of Year 6 children

This is obviously a very important term for your children when they are working hard to prepare for their SAT tests in May – week beginning 9th May. Please ensure they attend school regularly, get plenty of rest/sleep and have a quiet place at home to do their homework and revision.

The BBC 'Revisewise' website is a fun, interactive site to go on to with your child if you have a computer at home, to help them to revise.

Please do not put too much pressure on your child, just encourage them to work hard and do their homework.

School Website

Please be aware that all of the important school dates so far are on our website, including **next year's holidays**.

<http://www.st-godrics.durham.sch.uk/>

Year 6 Retreat

Miss Horner & I would like to congratulate all of our Year 6 children on their wonderful behaviour & manners when we went overnight on retreat in January. They were a pleasure to take away.

Our Mini Vinnies Spring Term Collection

This term we are supporting our local community by raising money for the community project to install a statue to celebrate the village's mining heritage. Our fundraising will start on Friday 5th February (this Friday) with a non uniform day – children can bring a £1 into school & wear non uniform for the day.

On Monday 8th February there will be a cake sale – more details about this to follow.

Thank you in advance for your support.

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Parents' Evenings

So that we can, once again, give every parent a chance to talk about their child's progress, we will be holding parents' evening on Thursday, 17th March between 3.15pm & 5.30pm.

Class 1 will hold 2 parents' evenings again - one with Mrs. Dobson and one with Mrs. Walker. These will be held on the 14th and 17th March.

If there is something you need to talk to the teacher about that would take longer than the 5 minutes allotted, then please try to arrange a meeting on an alternative day.

Please contact school to arrange an appointment.



9th March – our celebration of World Book Day

We will be celebrating 'World Book Day' on the 3rd March. In celebration, the children are able to dress up as their favourite book character for the day if they would like to. They could even bring the book that the character is from with them to show everyone.

Children arriving late to school

We have been noticing a significant number of children arriving after the start of the school day recently. School starts at 8.55am & we expect all children to be at school on time to line up with their friends at the beginning of the school day. It should only be exceptional circumstances when they are not able to do this. We will be monitoring this with our Education Welfare Officer as it is statutory that children are in school for the whole school day.

Dates for the Diary

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| 10 th February - | Whole school at church for Ash Wednesday service |
| 12 th February - | Break up for HALF TERM HOLIDAY! |
| 23 rd February - | Year 2 at Hoopstarz Festival trip |
| 1 st March | - Year 3 & 4 Football Festival trip |
| 2 nd March | - Mini Vinnies children visit to Our Lady of the Rosary Primary |
| 3 rd March | - World Book Day dressing up day |
| 4 th March | - Class 1 trip to Seven Stories |
| 8 th March | - Years 1 & 2 at Football Festival |
| 14 th March | - Class 1's 1 st parents' night with Mrs. Dobson |
| 17 th March | - All classes' parents' night |
| 18 th March | - 9.15am – Lent Mass in school – all welcome |
| 22 nd March | - Class 3 trip to the Botanical Gardens |
| 24 th March | - THURSDAY - Break up for EASTER HOLIDAY |
| Tuesday 12th April | - Back to school |

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