



# January 2015 Newsletter



**A very happy new year to you all. We hope that 2015 brings much success and happiness to you, your families and friends.**

**We look forward to continue working in partnership with you so that we can achieve great things for our children.**

## 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/sensible slippers is really important so that they are warm all day, & so that our school floors don't get too slippy.

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.

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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/>



## 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, 19<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 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.***

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SCHOOL OFFICE IF NEEDED**

### Mini Vinnies Charity Collection

Our Mini Vinnies are collecting coppers and change to raise money for 'Water Aid', a great charity that helps bring clean water & sanitation to different parts of the world. Please support this by letting your child bring spare change into school for the Water Aid collection jar.

### New School Dinner Menus



You may be aware that we are in the middle of the 3 weeks of a new menu. The Government changed the rules on school food from January and so the menus had to be changed. The children have had mixed reactions to the new food. Charmaine is recording the pupils' likes & dislikes, & will speak to our catering company to try to alter some where necessary so that all children will enjoy it, while still conforming the new Government guidelines. Thank you for your patience, and thanks to Charmaine for her hard work in trying to ensure the children receive the food they enjoy.

### School Kitchen Refurbishment



During the half term holiday, our school kitchen is being refurbished with new equipment and décor. Unfortunately, this will take 2 weeks. Therefore, during the first week of term after the half term holiday – week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> February, the children will be receiving a sandwich based packed lunch instead of a cooked dinner. Please bear with us as it should mean better quality cooking for our children once the new kitchen is up and running. If you have any questions, please contact school.

### 9<sup>th</sup> February – Safety Week

**During this week our children will be learning about ways in which to keep themselves safe, and how to stay safe – from bike safety awareness training for Class 3 to cookery safety and internet safety. As part of the week, there will be a 'drop-in' session for parents on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February to speak to the Community Police about advice on internet safety with your child. All welcome!**

### 13<sup>th</sup> February – Sponsored 'Flip a Pancake' Day

More details about this event will follow later.

### 13<sup>th</sup> March – Comic Relief Red Nose Day

More details about this event will follow later

### 9<sup>th</sup> March – our celebration of World Book Day

We will be celebrating 'World Book Day' on the 9<sup>th</sup> March. We have an author, Adam Bushnell, coming into school to work with the children that day. 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.

### Dates for the Diary

6 <sup>th</sup> February	-	UNICEF Non Uniform day
12 <sup>th</sup> February	-	2.30pm - Drop-in session for parents about internet safety
13 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Sponsored 'flip a pancake' day
13 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Break up for HALF TERM HOLIDAY!
26 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Year 2 at Hoopstarz Festival
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	-	Years 3 & 4 at Football Festival
9 <sup>th</sup> March	-	World Book Day dressing up day.
10 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Years 1 & 2 at Football Festival
13 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Comic Relief Red Nose day
17 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Class 1's 1 <sup>st</sup> parents' night with Mrs. Dobson
18 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Years 5 & 6 basketball festival
19 <sup>th</sup> March	-	All classes' parents' night
27 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Break up for EASTER HOLIDAY
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	-	<b>Back to school</b>

