



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

Dear Families,

I hope that you are all well.

### **Curriculum Evenings**

A reminder that Curriculum Evenings will be taking place in school over the next two weeks when teachers will give an insight into what your child will be learning and experiencing in their new class (please see Dates for Diaries below for individual class dates and times). Like last year, we have staggered the start times and dates to give the opportunity for those families who have children in different year groups to attend more than one if they wish. Mrs Wills will be delivering a Reading workshop for Reception. If you are unable to make the meetings, the PowerPoint Presentations will be available on the school website soon after the meetings.

### **The wearing of earrings during PE Lessons**

The Association for Physical Education (afPE) strongly recommends removing all personal belongings at the beginning of every PE lesson to establish a safe working environment and to ensure children are able to participate actively without unnecessarily endangering themselves or those working around them. This applies to all ear and body piercings.

On PE days, children are encouraged to leave earrings at home. Children who do wear earrings to school on PE days will be expected to remove them by themselves as staff are unable to help with this.

If earrings are unable to be removed, teachers may need to make adaptations in terms of how the child takes part in the practical aspects of the lesson (even if they have been taped at home). This may mean they have different tasks assigned to them during the practical elements of the lesson.

Many thanks in advance for your support with this.

### **Annual Flu Vaccination**

A reminder that your child's annual flu vaccination will be administered in school on 21st November 2023. If you would like your child to take part in the programme, full details can be found in the email sent on the 7<sup>th</sup> September.

### **School office email address**

Soon after becoming part of the Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust, our school office email address and all staff email addresses changed. It has come to light that some families have been trying to get in touch using the former address which we can no longer access. If you need to contact the school office via email, please use the address below:

[office@stoswaldsnewcastle.co.uk](mailto:office@stoswaldsnewcastle.co.uk)

### **Dates for Diaries**

Please find below some key dates for the Autumn Term (**recently added dates in red**):

**PTO**



## September

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September** – Reception Reading meeting for parents 4:30pm – 5:00pm

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 1 Curriculum Evening 5:00pm – 5:30pm

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 2 Curriculum Evening 5:30pm – 6:00pm

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 3 Curriculum Evening 5:00pm – 5:30pm

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 4 Curriculum Evening 5:30pm – 6:00pm

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 2 Liturgy for parents in school 9:00am

## October

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** – Year 5 Curriculum Evening 5:00pm – 5:30pm

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** – Year 6 Curriculum Evening 5:30pm – 6:00pm

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 6 Liturgy for parents in school 9:00am

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October** – Book Week in school

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October** - Book Character Day (Children can dress up as a book character or wear non-uniform)

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October** – Parents’ Consultation Evening in school 3:15pm – 6:00pm

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – Parents’ Consultation Evening in school 3:15pm – 6:00pm

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** – Reception & Year 5 ‘Special Friends’ Liturgy for parents from both classes in school 9:00am

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** – Break up for half term holidays

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October** – School re-opens for children

## November

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – Year 4 Liturgy for parents in school 9:00am

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 4 Hawkhirst Residential meeting for parents 5pm

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 3 Liturgy for parents in school 9:00am

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November** – Nasal Flu immunisation for children in school (Reception – Year 6)

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** – Year 5 Keswick Residential meeting for parents 5pm

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** – Year 6 Borrowdale meeting for parents 5:45pm

## December

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** - Year 1 Liturgy for parents in school 9:00am

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – St Oswald’s Christmas Choir to perform festive songs in the parish hall after Mass

**PTO**



**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 5 & Year 6 Team Games session led by the Newcastle Sports Service

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 3 trip to the Great North Museum

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Fair in school 3pm-5pm

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity in school 9am

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity in school 9am

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 3 & Year 4 Nativity in school 9am

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 3 & Year 4 Nativity in school 9am

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Party in school

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – KS2 Christmas Party in school

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Production at Sacred Heart church 7pm **TBC**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** – Christmas Carols/Songs on the KS2 yard (Reception – Year 6) 2:30pm

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** – Break up for the Christmas holidays

**Other Important Dates:**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January** – Staff Training Day (School Closed to children)

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 6 SATs week (please do not book holidays during this week)

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** - Staff Training Day (School Closed to children)

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 4 residential to Hawkhirst

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 4 First Holy Communion Celebration at Sacred Heart Church

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 5 residential to Keswick

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June** – Year 6 residential to Borrowdale

With my very best wishes,



P Marley