

# St. Mary's Primary, Wingate February 2016 Newsletter

## 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.

## 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 9<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/>

## Year 6 Retreat

Mrs. Charlton & 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.

## 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 Tuesday 8th March between 3.15pm & 5.30pm.

***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.

### 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

3 <sup>rd</sup> February	-	Mini Vinnies - visit to Newcastle food bank distribution centre.
11 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Some Class 3 children taking part New Age Curling at Wellfield.
10 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Whole school at church for Ash Wednesday service
12 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Break up for HALF TERM HOLIDAY!
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	-	Year 2 at Hoopstarz Festival trip
1 <sup>st</sup> March	-	Year 3 & 4 Football Festival trip
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	-	Mini Vinnies children visit to Our Lady of the Rosary Primary
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	-	World Book Day - details to follow
8 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Years 1 & 2 at Football Festival
	-	Parents' night
9 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Class 2 and 3 children visiting Hancock Museum and Newcastle Cathedral.
16 <sup>th</sup> March	-	2pm - Lent Mass in school - all welcome
24 <sup>th</sup> March	-	THURSDAY - Break up for EASTER HOLIDAY
<b><i>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April</i></b>	-	<b><i>Back to school</i></b>

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