



NEWSLETTER: 28th April 2023



Dear Families

Uniform/New School Badge

Great news! We have agreed our new school badge design with our uniform supplier, Emblematic. Any new uniform orders will now display the new school badge. All items of uniform, with the old badge on, can still be worn until a replacement is needed. Please do not feel under any pressure to buy new items until necessary.

To order uniform please use the attached link to our website:

<https://www.stanley-pri.durham.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform/>

School Photographs

School photographs taken last week have been sent home. If you would like to place an order, these need to be returned to school, in the sealed envelope, no later than Wednesday 11th May. The school photographer will be returning to school on Wednesday 3rd May to complete the remaining few sibling photographs (please note that this is for siblings in school only). Thank you, for your patience with this. If your child was absent when the photographer was in school last week, they will also have their chance to have a photograph taken next week.

Tidy Ted

The children in Nursery, Reception and Year One had a special visit from 'Tidy Ted' this week! He came to talk to us about looking after our environment and picking up litter

Children listened enthusiastically, and had lots of ideas to share about how they can help to look after their environment! The children in EYFS then worked very hard to tidy up our garden!

Our pupils will now be very watchful to check that people are not dropping litter!



Tynemouth Aquarium Trip

Our Reception class are extremely excited about their forthcoming trip to Tynemouth Aquarium on Tuesday 2nd May. School will provide a packed lunch for all children.

Whole School Mass

A whole school Mass, in honour of the Feast of St Joseph, will take place on Wednesday 3rd May at 2pm in church. Mass will be led by our Y3 and Y4 pupils. Please note the change of time from our Diary of Events issued last week. Everyone is welcome.

Proposed Industrial Action

There is proposed industrial action on **Tuesday 2nd May**. School will be closed to pupils in Y3 and Y4.

King's Coronation

The children, and staff, are looking forward to the school celebrations for the King's Coronation. Normal school lunch has been replaced with a King's Coronation Picnic Lunch Box. Parents/carers were asked to complete a form to indicate if their child would like the Picnic lunch. Friday is a non-uniform day and children can come to school in red, white & blue.

We will be holding art and craft activities and invite parents/carers to come into school to enjoy a session with children. Please complete the form on the attached link to let us know if/when someone will be attending <https://forms.office.com/e/2BBqT9Gbaw>

Important reminders regarding school expectations

Sickness & Diarrhoea

A reminder - if your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they must be absent from school for 48 hours after the last episode. Advice from Public Health on childhood illness and if children need to be absent from school can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities>

Medication

If your child needs medication, either prescribed or over the counter, school can administer this. Forms need to be completed and **all medication must be handed into and collected from the school office by an adult**. If your child needs to bring medication into school e.g. they are going to grandparents' house after school (but we don't need to administer it) this must again be handed into/collected from the office by an adult. Children must not have medication in their school bag.

Holidays during term time

We are seeing an increase in holiday requests during term time. Taking children out of school has an impact on learning and we would ask that you avoid term time holidays whenever possible. A leave of absence application form must be completed for any holiday request.

Transition Days Y6 & Y5 St Bede's

Additional dates for diary

4th July Y6 Transition intake day 1 & welcome Mass

5th July Y6 Transition intake day 2 & welcome evening for parents

11th July Y5 Feeder Open Evening

Star of the Week

The following children have received a Star of the Week certificate this week:



Nursery	Ruby	For showing confidence when sharing a photo from home of how her runner bean has grown.
Reception	Eadie	For doing an amazing job using her sounds to write a little sentence!
Year 1	Imogen	For trying her best in all her work this week. Keep it up Imogen!
Year 2	Rose	For her interest in learning about the artist Vincent Van Gogh.
Year 3	Evee	For engaging so well with lessons throughout the week and producing some fantastic work.
Year 4	Henry	For answering questions about King Arthur so enthusiastically.
Year 5	Lucas	For excellent work in maths with line graphs.
Year 6	James P	For some fantastic work in maths this week.



As you know, attendance is hugely important and we report attendance on a weekly/ monthly/ termly basis. We monitor attendance/lateness very closely in school and will raise any concerns with parents/carers on an individual basis. If you have any concerns with regards to your child's attendance/lateness, please contact us as soon as possible so we can work together to resolve any issues. Please note that the recent Industrial Action will not impact on your child's attendance.

This week's attendance is: 91.6%. Our target is 97%.

Nursery	Reception	Year1	Year2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
88.55%	90.7%	97.2%	92.4%	87.9%	94.4%	86.8%	93.3%



House Points

We have re-introduced the House Points system in school. Children can earn house points from all staff during the week. The house points for this week are:

St Aidan – 357

St Oswald – 273

St Cuthbert – 394

St Bede – 294

Congratulations to St Aidan team (on a winning streak). Well done to everyone who has earned points this week.