

St John's Chapel Primary School



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Newsletter 13th September 2019

What's happening next week?

		Equipment needed
Monday	Story Writing Workshop @ Ushaw College	Dinner money
Please be at school for 8:40	Lego club 3:15 - 4:00	Water bottle Small rucksack to carry own possessions Insect repellent
Tuesday		Book bag & homework
Wednesday		
Thursday	Peripatetic Music Lessons	Instruments for those taking lessons
	Lunchtime football club	Football kit
	PE	PE kit
	Dance City club for KS2 pupils @ Wearhead	
Friday	Swimming	Swimming kit, including cap

Message from Mrs Hodgkinson

It's been another really busy and exciting week for us all! The children have all worked really hard and are adapting really well to changes in routine this year. Kyle has returned for further lunchtime football coaching sessions and Mrs Unwin has delivered a taster woodwind session to our older pupils. We have also elected our new School Council members and House Captains. We also have a Facebook page for the school which we would encourage you to follow.

On a different note, please can I remind parents that if you have any concerns about your child's welfare or education, the first point of contact should be your child's teacher or myself. If you wish to see me and I'm not in school, please let a member of staff know so that we can arrange a suitable time. Whilst I understand that members of staff may also be acquaintances or friends of parents, it is not appropriate to contact staff about school-related concerns outside of the school day. This has caused some anxiety and discomfort to members of staff recently and I would appreciate your support in this matter.

Story Writing Workshop

On Monday 16th September, the children will be taking part in a story writing workshop at Ushaw College. Over the course of the day, the children will be taking part in activities to plan for some fiction and non-fiction writing. As we will be outside for the majority of the day the children need to come suitably dressed in:

- school polo shirt,
- school jumper,
- tracksuit bottoms,
- walking shoes/boots or wellies,
- waterproof coat

Please send insect repellent with your child.

Please bring your child to school for 8:40am, we expect to be back for the end of the school day.

Children who have school dinners will be provided with a packed lunch, those who bring packed lunches will need to bring one with them on the day. Please can you ensure that your child has a named water bottle with them.

Dance City is coming to us!

From Thursday 19th September, for six weeks, we have a special guest teacher coming to us from Newcastle each Thursday to work with our pupils.

This experience has very kindly been arranged by Wearhead Primary School, who will be joining us for the sessions. Pupils in preschool to Y2 will take part in a session during the afternoon with the younger children from Wearhead.

An after-school club will run for KS2 pupils at Wearhead Primary (3.15 to 4.15). The aim is to explore lots of dance styles and gain some great experience as well as having lots of fun.

For the after-school club your child will need to sign up for the six sessions. (This is a commitment for each Thursday until half term.)

Please let us know if your child would like to take part. We hope to be able to provide transport to Wearhead but you will need to arrange to collect your child at 4:15pm from Wearhead.

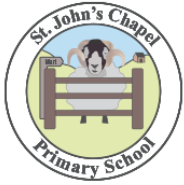
Homework

In order to ensure that all our children make the best possible progress in school, your child will bring home a couple of tasks each week. Every child has a home/school diary and reading record book, which staff update with pupils on a regular basis. We would encourage you to add your comments as well, as this helps us to plan appropriately for all children.

Most weeks, your child will be expected to complete a Maths and an English task. We would also encourage children to read at least 3 times per week with an adult. Sometimes we may also send home activities linked to our current topic work and the *Picture News at Home* sheets. These sheets link to our Picture News assemblies and offer opportunities for you to discuss current events with your child.

KS2 Topic

Our current topic is *Alchemy Island*. Please find attached further information about what we are studying this half term.



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Stanhope Show

Stanhope Show Committee have very kindly sent all of the children a free entry ticket, please see attached.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is running every morning from 08:45. The cost is £2.50 per session. Please contact Miss Foot if you would like your child to attend.

Toddler Group

Toddler Group will begin again on October 2nd. This runs every Wednesday from 9:30-10:45 during term time and takes place in the school hall. If you know anyone with a baby or toddler who would like to attend, please feel free to invite them.

Dates for your diary

New dates added this week = red

Mon 16 th Sept	Storytelling workshops @ Ushaw College, Durham
Tue 24 th Sept	Handball festival @ St John's Chapel
Tues 24 th Sept	Macmillan coffee afternoon 2pm
Tues 1 st Oct	School Photographs
Thur 10 th Oct	World Mental Health Day- wear something yellow
Tues 22 nd Oct	Flu immunisations
Wed 23 rd Oct 2pm	Harvest Festival
Fri 25 th Oct	School closes for half term
Mon 4 th Nov	School reopens
Fri 15 th Nov	Children in Need day
Mon 2 nd Dec	Dance festival
Tue 10 th Dec	Christmas performance 2pm
Tues 17 th Dec	Christmas lunch
Thur 19 th Dec	Christmas party
Fri 20 th Dec	School closes for Christmas holidays