

# St. John's C of E Primary School, Shildon

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## Newsletter 1: Spring Term 2022

### Welcome

Firstly, I'd like to welcome everyone back after the Christmas and New Year holiday.

At a time of much uncertainty, we have been so pleased to see the overwhelming majority of pupils return and be able to open with minimal disruption to pupils learning. We hope and pray that this will continue in the weeks and months ahead.

We will continue to operate the same routines in school that worked so successfully last term. However, should there be any disruptions due to COVID outbreaks or Staff absences, we do have contingency plans.

### Reflection

A massive thank you to all of you for your amazing support and understanding throughout the Autumn Term.

Although we were by no means 'back to normal' it was great to see certain activities return and children's school experience enriched. Some highlights were:

- 'Live Theatre' - Performance of Treasure Island
- The Colour Run
- Harvest Can Challenge
- Children in Need
- Christmas Parties

Congratulations to the school Football and Netball Teams who had a great time competing in leagues in Newton Aycliffe. The performances and attitudes of both teams were a real credit to the school. The football team won their league: they remained unbeaten and only conceded one goal!

Many children had the chance to go to Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre for a range of Sporting activities and KS1 pupils had a Gymnastics After School Club.

Thank you to all those parents/carers who completed the Pupil Survey. We were very pleased with the responses and welcomed all the feedback provided. We are so pleased that the overwhelming majority of your children are happy in school. We are following up on all issues arising, and will share the developments as a result of these findings with you.

### Curriculum News

Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA): This was resurfaced the last half-term break using artificial turf on top of the old and worn out tarmac. This has already made such a difference to pupils play-time and will improve their outdoor PE lessons.

For more information about what your child will be learning this year, please go to our school website. Details for each class have recently been updated.

### Parent Information

We use ParentMail regularly to keep in touch. Please can you check that all your details are all up to date regarding your home address, contact numbers and email addresses. Thank you.

Very Important Notice: Please note change to diary dates. Due to the requirement to add in an Additional Bank Holiday for the Queens Jubilee school will now close on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022

### School News

Congratulations to Miss Smith our Y1 Teacher who got married just before Christmas and is now Mrs. Rosenbrier. Her class were delighted, and they have been brilliant with remembering the change of name.

### Term Dates

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February – School closes for Half Term  
reopens Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April – School closes for Half Term  
reopens Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
School closed Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Bank Holiday  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – School closes for Half Term  
Reopens Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – School closes for Summer  
~~Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – School closes for Summer~~

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