



Fleming Field
Shotton Colliery
Durham
DH6 2JQ
Tele/Fax: 0191 5261531

Newsletter September 2019

Welcome

Welcome back. We hope that you have had a happy and well rested summer.

We would like to welcome all of the new children, families and staff to Our Lady of Lourdes School. We are excited that this year we have twenty eight new Reception children joining us and five other children joining KS1 and KS2, from other schools.

Staff News

Mrs Hoggarth, unfortunately has not been able to return to work for the start of Autumn Term. In her absence we would like to warmly welcome Mrs O'Brien who is an experienced Upper Key Stage 2 teacher and has worked in a range of schools across the country.

She is looking forward to getting to know you all over the coming days and weeks.

Meet the Teacher

We are holding an information meeting for parents in school, on Thursday 19th September, starting at 5:00pm. The session will start in the hall, where parents will be offered information about whole school procedures, and ways in which home and school can continue to work in partnership. Following this, parents will be given the opportunity to pop into class, meet the teacher and hear about year group expectations.

Parents' Evening

Our Autumn Term Parents' Evening dates are:

Tuesday 12th November 2019

Monday 18th November 2019

School Mass

Please join us for our whole school mass, the first of the year, led by Year 6. The mass will take place on Wednesday 25th September, at 9:30am. You are welcome to join us for refreshments after mass.

Friends of Our Lady of Lourdes School

We would warmly welcome new people to our Friends of the School group. The group meet every few weeks, for about an hour, to organise events and raise money for charity and school funds. If you are interested and would like further information, please see Mrs Weatherill or any other members of the FOOLLS group, alternatively give school a ring. If you aren't able to attend the meetings but would still occasionally be able to help out, then please let us know.

All help, no matter how small, would be greatly received—grandparents as well as parents are very welcome! **The next meeting is Friday 4th October, 9.10am, in school.**

**Macmillan Coffee Morning is Friday 27th
September at 9.15am**

**We would appreciate any donations of biscuits
and cakes, which we would ask be brought to
school on the morning of the event.**

PE /Health and Safety

PE Kits

Please ensure that children have their full PE Kits in school at all times. Please also note that PE sessions take place inside and outside and therefore it would be useful if children could have in school some warm outdoor clothes. (Please do not go out and buy new tracksuit bottoms, trainers etc, just old clothes that you don't mind being left in school would be perfect).

Earrings

There has been a noticeable increase in the amount of children returning to school wearing earrings. In order to keep your child, safe earrings **must** be removed before coming to school. If there is any reason why your child's earrings cannot be removed, then please speak to your child's teacher and remove them as soon as possible.

Safeguarding in school is everyone's responsibility. If you have any concerns, no matter how small, please inform us.

Reminder:

The designated safeguarding leads in school are:

- Mrs Ashton
- Mrs Wright
- Mrs Ferguson
- Mrs Smith

Fun Run

We would like to inform you about our sponsored 'Fun Run' that will take place in school on Friday 20th September. This will be an exciting event to raise school funds as well as focussing on being healthy. Children will come to school wearing their normal uniform and will then change into their PE kits. More information will follow very shortly.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs will begin the week beginning, Monday 23rd of September. Further information will follow soon.

School Website

Please remember to check our school website and blogs regularly.

Parking

Can I take the opportunity to outline, especially for new parents, the parking guidelines that must be adhered to in order to ensure safety for all.

- ◆ Obey the 5 mile per hour speed limit at all times
- ◆ **Reverse park into the bays**
- ◆ Follow the one way system **DO NOT EXIT VIA THE ENTRANCE**
- ◆ Do not park in any area that obstructs the zebra crossing
- ◆ At home time, cars **MUST** remain in the car park until you are told that it is safe to exit.

Please be respectful to members of our community and not park in front of the houses next to and opposite the school.

At dropping off and collecting times we would ask that Reception parents park at the top end of the school, near the reception classroom, and enter via the outdoor area– siblings may also enter and exit via this point.

School Admissions 2020/21

Parents whose children are due to start primary school in September 2020 can start applying for a place from Thursday 12th September 2019.

For children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016, parents need to complete an application form stating which primary school they would like their child to attend.

The deadline for applications for **primary and junior schools** is midnight on **Wednesday, 15 January 2020**.

You can apply online at www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. You will also be able to access a copy of the guide for parents "Primary School Admissions in County Durham 2020-2021" which will contain essential information that will help you in making your application.

If you cannot access the Council's website please contact the School Admissions Team, using the details below, and you will be sent a copy of the guide for parents and an application form.

Please note that the deadline for applications is midnight on 15th January 2020

The School Admissions and Transport Team. Telephone 03000 265 896



Dates for your Diary!



Thursday 19th September –5pm	Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 25th September– 9:30pm	Whole School Mass led by Class 6
Friday 27th September– 9.15am	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Friday 4th October—9.15am	Friends of the School Meeting
Friday 11th October -9.10am	Class 5 Assembly
Thursday 17th October-9.10am	Class 3 Liturgy
Thursday 24th October	Autumn Disco (Information to follow)
Thursday 24th October	School breaks up for half term
Friday 25th October	School closed for staff training day
Monday 4th November	Children return to school
Tuesday 12th November –3.30-6pm	Parents’ Evening
Wednesday 13th November– 9.30am	Whole School Mass led by Class 4
Monday 18th November– 3.30-6pm	Parents’ Evening
Friday 22nd November –9.10am	Class 2 Assembly
Thursday 28th November-9.10am	Reception Class Liturgy
Friday 29th November	Autumn Fayre (Information to follow)
Friday 20th December-9.30am	Whole School Mass led by Class 5
Friday 20th December	Break up for Christmas
Monday 6th January 2020	Children return to school

School Holiday Dates 2019/20 Academic

Holiday	Closing Date	Date re-opens
Summer 2019	Friday 19th July 2019	Thursday 5th September 2019
Autumn half-term 2019	Thursday 24th October	Monday 4th November 2019
Christmas 2019	Friday 20th December 2019	Monday 6th January 2020
Spring half-term 2020	Friday 14th February 2020	Monday 24th February 2020
Easter 2020	Friday 3rd April 2020	Monday 20th April 2020
May Day 2020	Friday 1st May 2020	Tuesday 5th May 2020
Summer Half-Term	Friday 22nd May 2020	Monday 1st June 2020
Summer 2020	Friday 17th 2020	

School will be closed on the following days for staff training:

Friday 25th October 2019 and Monday 20th July 2020