



Spring Term 2019- Dates for your diary

Wed 6th Mar (please note change of date)	Cinema evening 4.45p.m.- 6p.m
Wed 6th Mar	Church 9.30am – Ash Wednesday Service all welcome
Thurs 7th Mar	World Book Day Celebrations
Fri 8th Mar	Celebration worship 1.45p.m. parents and families welcome
Fri 8th Mar	Spring Coffee afternoon 2.30p.m
Thurs 14th Mar	YR class Collective Worship 9.15a.m. all welcome
Mon 18th Mar	Parental Consultation meetings
Tues 19th Mar	Parental Consultation meetings
Wed 20th Mar	Discos – YR/1/2 4.45-5.45p.m. Y3/4/5/6 6-7p.m
Thurs 21st Mar	YR 2 /3 Collective Worship 9.15a.m. all welcome
Wed 27th Mar	Someone Special lunch
Fri 29th Mar	Celebration worship 1.45p.m. parents and families welcome
Thur 4th April	Holy Week Service St Mary's 2.15 p.m. all welcome
Fri 5th April	Non-uniform day (in aid of School Fund)
Fri 5th April	School closes for Easter break
Tue 23rd April	PD Day School - closed for children
Wed 24th April	School re-opens

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

World Book Day is approaching and we will be celebrating all things book related. Children can dress as a book character for the day. If your child has the book that they are a character from, please send that in with your child on the dress up day so they can share this with their class. Attached you will find a World Book Day token for your child. Thank you for your continuing support in helping your child to develop a love of reading.

Family Friday

Thank you to everyone who attended our Family Friday this morning. We hope you all enjoyed creating your pictures together. You will have received a letter today from the PTA explaining how your picture can be transferred onto a mug. Our Reception Class enjoyed gardening this morning with parents and grandparents. A huge thank you from Ms Lilley for all the wonderful donations of plants from families; the EYFS garden is looking amazing. Thank you also to Alice Smith's Grandad who donated the fabulous spades that the children used this morning. Ms Lilley will be arranging time for our Reception children to complete their mug designs too and they will follow home.



Star Pupils Friday 1st March

Ms Lilley's Class	The whole Reception Class
Mr Beresford's Class	Hope Richardson
Miss Defty's Class	Corey – J Willis
Miss Swan / Mrs Mayer's Class	Harry Armstrong
Mr Churchill's Class	Matthew Delanoy
Pupils Pupil	Dylan Craggs / Zach Cummings

Attendance week commencing 25/2/19

Ms Lilley's Class	96.5
Mr Beresford's Class	98.8
Miss Defty's Class	99.6
Miss Swan / Mrs Mayer's Class	95.6
Mr Churchill's Class	97.8

Friday 8th March –

Celebration Worship 1.45pm and our Spring Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm

Following our Celebration Worship, we would like to invite you to our Spring Coffee Afternoon. This will take place on the school yard (weather permitting) straight after Celebration Worship.

Please could we ask for any donations of cakes, biscuits, pastries, tea, coffee, milk etc to be handed into the School Office on Thursday 7th March.



We really do appreciate your amazing support with donations. Keep your fingers crossed for gorgeous weather and we hope to see families there for another lovely event.

Hoopstarz

11 of our Year 2 children enjoyed a fantastic afternoon at East Durham College taking part in the Hoopstarz festival. A great time was had by all learning all things hula hooping. We hope to get the Hoopstarz champions into our school so that all of our children can access this fun, exciting activity.

Cinema Evening

A reminder that it is our Cinema Evening next Wednesday 6th March 4.30-6.00pm. Our children will be watching the Peter Rabbit movie and enjoying snacks 😊

Church – Ash Wednesday Service 9.30am

The whole school will be going over to St Mary's Church for the Ash Wednesday Service next week. It would be lovely to see families there too.

Morning Routine

A reminder that children should not be arriving at school before 8.45am. Any children arriving after 8.55am must be accompanied by an adult who will be required to register them by signing our late register. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mr Appleby



Youth@StMarys

St Marys Church Hall, Easington Village

Exciting activities, music, books, film, faith, discussion for 10-16 year olds

Come along and meet the team on Friday 8th March @6pm

First Session Friday 22nd March 6-8pm

Then...Every other Friday 6pm until 8pm

FREE...including food and drink every session!

Find us on Facebook & Instagram
[@YouthAtStMarys](https://www.instagram.com/YouthAtStMarys)

Ticket Event! £5

St Marys Church Hall Presents Friday Night at the Movies! BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY



St Marys Church Hall
 Easington Village

Friday March 29th

7:00pm until 10:00pm (includes an interval, film starts at 7:30pm)

This year most talked about blockbuster musical!

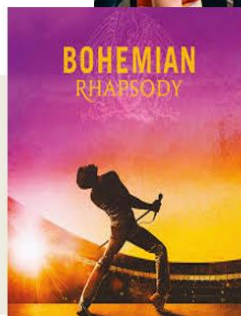
Bohemian Rhapsody

Tickets for the film & food evening are just £5 and you can bring your own drinks (alcohol included!) or why not reserve a table of 4 or above and bring your friends!

The food is a delicious hot pie and peas (vegetarian and vegan option available) served with a non alcoholic drink all created by one of Easington's finest chefs!

Call Calum on 07852 326 448 for tickets or see Hazel (the Church Warden at St Marys).

It's this years must do event!





Safeguarding information for parents

TikTok-What is it? 📱 📱 📱

Katie Cain (Police, Cyber Harm Reduction, Durham)

It's a social media app that gives users the opportunity to share 60 second short videos with friends, family, or the entire world. The videos range from funny sketches to lip sync videos with special effects. It is very popular with users under 16 years.

The minimum age is 13 according to TikTok's terms and conditions.

What are the risks?

When you download the app users can see ALL the content without creating an account, although they are not able to post, like or share anything until they've set up an account on the app.

By default, all accounts are public, so anyone on the app could potentially see what your child shares however only approved users can send them messages. There is the potential that users can be contacted by strangers on the app.

What can I do to keep safe on the app?

People should be aware of cyber bullying, and that any online platform can be a forum for this. Ensure you are aware of the reporting tools and how to delete users and report them.

Set your account to private: You can approve or deny users and limit incoming messages to followers only. However note that even with a private account, profile photos, usernames and bio's are still visible, so ensure that these do not give away personal information or are inappropriate.

Children may be tempted to gain more 'likes' or 'follows' on the app by doing something inappropriate, so it's important to have a conversation with your child about what they are sharing and who with.

Stress with any children using the app the importance of their digital footprint, and who they communicate with online. 'Stranger danger' is very much applicable in the online world as well as the physical world.

Further advice on keeping safe online, please visit www.internetmatters.org and www.getsafeonline.org

Parents are advised – as with other apps to help their child review their privacy settings and to be aware that: “Even with a private account, profile information – including profile photo, username, and bio – will be visible to all users. Counsel your child not to reveal personal information such as age, address, or phone number in his/her profile.”

Full link :- <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/>



Snapchat



Snapchat is a photo messaging app with a twist and appeals to people of all ages. You can take photos, record videos, add text and filters, and then share them with friends. These 'snaps' aren't saved by default, and you can control how long viewers can view the 'snap' (ranging from 1-10 seconds). If someone screenshots a 'snap' that has been sent to them, Snapchat will notify the sender of this.

Age restricted? **YES**

Snapchat is not intended for use by children under the age of 13.



Who can my child communicate with?

You can add friends from your mobile contacts, their snapchat username, by Snapcode, or with the Add Nearby feature. Ensure that your child's security settings are up to date and that they are only communicating with real friends on the app.



Can I control location settings?

There are 3 location settings to choose from on Snapchat: Ghost Mode, My Friends, and Select Friends. Ghost mode means that you are the only person who can physically see your location on the Map. You can still see your friends but they cannot see you.

My Friends means that all of your contacts on Snapchat can see your location.

Select Friends means that users can look through their friends list and then decide which of their friends they want to be able to view their location.

REMEMBER-Screenshots can be taken of 'snaps' that are sent, however the sender will be notified. Make sure your child is aware of the risks around this, and also with sharing inappropriate content.

What Can I do to protect my child?

Have regular conversations around who they are communicating with on Snapchat. If necessary, regularly sit down and get them to show you who is in their contact list. Explain the significance of a 'Digital Footprint', and also around sending appropriate messages. Remind your child that sending sexual messages and images is against the law. Urge them to report any inappropriate behaviour to Snapchat, and also make their parents/guardians aware so that it can be reported to the police if necessary.



Can you block users?

By blocking someone in Snapchat, this will mean they are prevented from sending 'snaps', chats, or viewing your stories. Deleting someone means they will no longer show up in your friends list, but it doesn't necessarily mean that they will not be able to view your 'snaps'.

Have a conversation with your child about who they have as their friends, and tell them to not communicate with unknown users. Blocking of users may be appropriate if they are contacting you/them inappropriately.



Further Information: www.internetmatters.org,
www.saferinternet.org.uk, www.thinkuknow.co.uk,
www.getsafeonline.org

