



Newsletter – November 2022

COME AND JOIN US - Open Morning – Reception

On Saturday 19th November – 10am-12 noon, we are holding an Open Morning for children who are due to begin Reception in September 2023. This is open to children already in our Nursery and children who attend other Nursery settings. Please do let any friends or neighbours know so they can come along to see how fantastic our school is.

COME AND JOIN US - Open Morning – Nursery

We are also inviting any children who are 2, 3 or 4 years old (and their grown-ups) to visit our fantastic Nursery provision on Saturday 19th November – 10am-12 noon, Please let your friends and neighbours know – it will be a fun packed morning with lots for your little one to do!

Attendance

Our minimum expectation for your child's school attendance is 96%. Attendance below 96% is considered to be unacceptable attendance.

If your child's attendance drops below 96% or if your child is regularly late for school, we will contact you to offer any support we can to help your child's attendance to improve.

As we are all aware, children who attend school regularly, and on time, make better progress with their learning and make and keep friends more easily. They are also much more settled in school as they are familiar with routines.

We want all our children to be HEROs (Here, Everyday, Regularly, On time)

Our attendance booklet (available on our website, on display outside school and given out every term) gives you detailed information about our expectations and support available.

Please contact us should you need any support

School Rules

To support the children in developing their understanding of our expectations in school, we have a simple set of expectations for everyone's behaviour in school.

- ▶ **Stay safe**
- ▶ **Show respect**
- ▶ **Include everyone**
- ▶ **Never give up**

Please ask your child about these expectations.

On-site Safety

Please be mindful of your child's and your own safety when on our school site and particularly when waiting for breakfast club to open.

Traffic should not be driving along our drive between 8am-8.15am, however should you arrive earlier that that, the driveway is occasionally used for deliveries before 8am..

Please ensure that you stand near the parent shelter to the left hand side of the main gates until the side gate opens for breakfast club.

Reading Books & Homework – reminder

At our school, we love reading and understand the value the benefit of 'repeat reading', meaning that children read a book more than once to ensure that they become confident and fluent. This means that children do not need to change their books every day but should re-read them instead.

Once children are given reading books, children make the most progress if they can read to a parent/carer every day, even if you read part of the book.

We also expect you to sign your child's reading record book to say that you have listened to your child read every day.

AT A MINIMUM WE EXPECT CHILDREN TO READ 3 TIMES PER WEEK BUT WE PREFER 5!

We will continue to track the number of times your child has read with you (indicated by the number of times you have signed your child's reading record) and give awards to those reading regularly at home using our 'reading clouds' system. Further information about our reading clouds reward system is in your child's reading book.

Your child will also bring home a reading for pleasure book which is for you to share with your child. Your child is not expected to read this independently.

Website Information

We are currently updating our school website to make it easier for you to find information about what your child is learning in school.

Each class has its own individual page with information for Parents/Carers and can be accessed by visiting Our school <https://www.southstanley-inf.durham.sch.uk/> and choosing the tab Our Classes and then selecting your child's individual class.

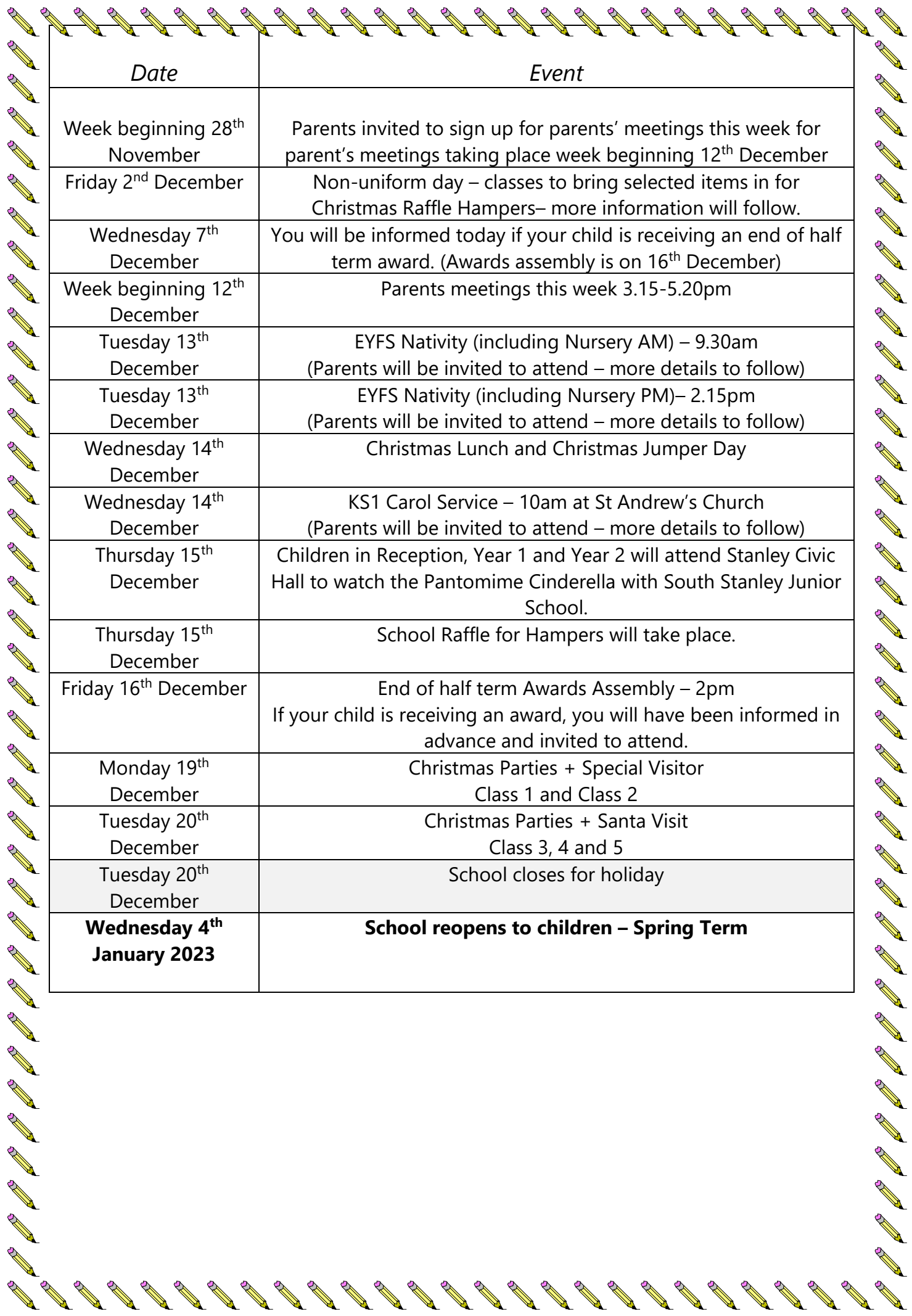
Breakfast Club and After School Provision

If you are interested in our breakfast club or after school provision which provides wrap around care between 8am-5.30pm on site for only £4 per day, please speak to Mrs Thompson, Head teacher or Miss Kaur, our Office Manager.



Dates for your diary...

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 7th -Friday 11 th November	Poppies and other items available for sale in school. Please send money in in a named envelope. Other items have a suggested donation of £1
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need – non-uniform day – children bring a £1 donation
Monday 14 th November	Anti-bullying Alliance - Odd Socks Day – Monday 14 th November – children to wear odd socks to celebrate how unique we all are. Anti-bullying week events take place this week



<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
Week beginning 28 th November	Parents invited to sign up for parents' meetings this week for parent's meetings taking place week beginning 12 th December
Friday 2 nd December	Non-uniform day – classes to bring selected items in for Christmas Raffle Hampers– more information will follow.
Wednesday 7 th December	You will be informed today if your child is receiving an end of half term award. (Awards assembly is on 16 th December)
Week beginning 12 th December	Parents meetings this week 3.15-5.20pm
Tuesday 13 th December	EYFS Nativity (including Nursery AM) – 9.30am (Parents will be invited to attend – more details to follow)
Tuesday 13 th December	EYFS Nativity (including Nursery PM)– 2.15pm (Parents will be invited to attend – more details to follow)
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 14 th December	KS1 Carol Service – 10am at St Andrew's Church (Parents will be invited to attend – more details to follow)
Thursday 15 th December	Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will attend Stanley Civic Hall to watch the Pantomime Cinderella with South Stanley Junior School.
Thursday 15 th December	School Raffle for Hampers will take place.
Friday 16 th December	End of half term Awards Assembly – 2pm If your child is receiving an award, you will have been informed in advance and invited to attend.
Monday 19 th December	Christmas Parties + Special Visitor Class 1 and Class 2
Tuesday 20 th December	Christmas Parties + Santa Visit Class 3, 4 and 5
Tuesday 20 th December	School closes for holiday
Wednesday 4th January 2023	School reopens to children – Spring Term