



# July 2016 Newsletter

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*All children and young people have a right to a primary education...Young people should be encouraged to reach the highest level of education they are capable of. (Article 28, United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child)*

We're already coming to the end of another school year. Again, we are very proud of all of our children's achievements this year and their behaviour. We would like to thank you all for supporting us in the education of your children and by participating in all of the events we have held over the year. It is so important that we work in this way together in order to benefit our children to the best of our ability.

All of the staff of the school have worked very hard to make lessons exciting for your children, as well as organising family events, fund raising events, after school clubs and so much more that is above and beyond their roles. I would personally like to thank them all so much, we are very lucky to have such a dedicated and caring team. I wish them all a well-deserved rest and enjoyable break.



## **Thankyou, thankyou, thankyou!!!**

As usual there are a lot of people to thank at the end of a school year:

- Our school governors who give up so much of their time voluntarily to support the running of our school.
- All of our volunteers who have been coming into school week after week, and for one off events.
- The wonderful Friends of the School who raise so much money for us.
- Fr. Ian and the parish for their support over the year.
- Our school council pupils and Mini Vinnies volunteers who have worked so hard for the good of our school and the wider community.

## **Performance of 'Troy Story'**

Congratulations to all of our children who have taken part in 'Troy Story'. They have performed brilliantly, we are all extremely proud of them.

## **Leave of Absence in Term Time**

Government legislation means that leave of absence in term time will not be approved except in the most exceptional of circumstances. Any requests must be put in writing for the attention of the head teacher.



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**PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOL OFFICE IF NEEDED**

### Packed Lunch Policy

Just a reminder that only **baked** crisps are permitted, and the children are able to have one treat such as a cake/biscuit in their lunch. **Chocolate bars & sweets are not permitted.**

### School Dinner Price Increase from September

Just a reminder that the cost of school dinners is increasing to £2 from September.

### Sponsored Hoopstarz

Thank you to all of the children who took part in this and to all of you for raising an amazing £302.50. We are so grateful as school budgets are becoming very tight now.



### Summer Fayre

Thank you, again, for supporting this as it raised an amazing £365.35. We really do appreciate your generosity and it has helped to fund an author to come into school to work with the children, and is going to help us keep the cost of school trips down.



### Uniform Policy

Please can I remind you of our school uniform policy, particularly the need for black school shoes. This is available to view on our website and a copy has been attached to this newsletter for your reference.

### Farewell

Mr. Jones leaves us at the end of term. He is moving on to qualify as a teacher in the future. We thank him for all of his hard work over the last few years and wish him every success in the future. We will miss him – particularly his IT skills!!

Finally, I would like to wish our Year 6 pupils all the very best for their future in the next stage of education and in their future lives. We look forward to hearing about all of their successes and hope they find true happiness.

*Circle them Lord  
Keep protection near  
And danger afar*

*Circle them Lord  
Keep hope within  
Keep doubt without*

*Circle them Lord  
Keep light near  
And darkness afar*

*Circle them Lord  
Keep peace within  
Keep evil out*

### And Finally:

It just leaves me to wish you all an enjoyable summer. Enjoy this special time with your children. We look forward to seeing you all in September!

## JULY NEWSLETTER

**Dates for the Diary** these are also on our school website - [www.st-marys-pri.durham.sch.uk](http://www.st-marys-pri.durham.sch.uk)

- 15<sup>th</sup> July
  - Reports go out to parents
  - Class 3 trip to the theatre
  - Class 1 and 2 have a 'Forest School' day
  - Film club 3.00pm-5.15pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> July
  - 9.15am—Brass & guitar/ukulele & steel drum children's concert in school hall
  - Leavers disco in the afternoon—please send in a change of clothes with your child
- 19<sup>th</sup> July
  - 9.15am Leavers' Mass in the school hall - all welcome
- 20<sup>th</sup> July
  - **BREAK UP FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

**TUESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER – SCHOOL RETURNS**