



March 2018 Newsletter

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)



Lent

We are currently in the season of Lent when we prepare for Easter through fasting, prayer and giving to the poor. We will have a variety of opportunities for the children to take part in such activities over this half term, please encourage your child to take part.

Friday 16th March—St. Patrick's Day—Children have been asked by Erin, our Head Girl, to come to school dressed in green and donate £1 which will go towards buying each resident in Divine House an Easter Egg. We are very proud of Erin for coming up with this idea.

Cafod— Class 3—Wed 14th March -are organising a cake sale.

Class 1 - Thurs 15th March— are organising a Fruit kebab and biscuit sale.

Class 2—Mon 19th March—are organising a Wine gum Challenge 50p to enter.

First Holy Communion Children

Three of our children are currently preparing to make their First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Lent in school

During Lent, Mrs. Reid has organized prayer groups and Liturgies for the children to take part in if they choose to with her Mini Vinnie group. Please encourage your child to attend—it is a wonderful way for our children to reflect on the needs of others, especially at this time of year.

Parents of Year 6 children

Just a reminder to please support your child in their regular revision by giving them a quiet space to concentrate and ensuring they get plenty of sleep. The SATs tests take place quite quickly after the Easter holidays, so Mrs Charlton will be providing a special set of work for them to work on between now and then. Please encourage them to do a little bit most days so that they don't forget what they have learned. Homework will also be set on the Mathletics online site.

They'll soon be over and the 'fun' lessons will begin again.

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Winter Weather

Please make sure your children come to school with a change of shoes & warm outdoor gear like hats and gloves. We encourage them to play in the snow when we have it, but we can only take children out if they are appropriately dressed.

A change of shoes is also important so they are warm all day and so that our floors do not get too slippery.

We have just had first hand experience of the effects of winter weather on the school. Again, I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding about the three days we closed. I hope you found the text messaging service useful. (Please ensure you inform school office of any change in contact numbers) We tried to make the decision to close based on weather warnings and advice about travelling the night before to aid those of you who needed to make alternative arrangements.



Food Bank in Wingate

Every Saturday between 10-12 at Holy Trinity Church

We have registered with Durham Food Bank to be a referrer for the food bank.

If you are experiencing any difficulties, through sudden redundancy, unexpected bills after Christmas or repairs, which means that you may struggle to buy food for your family, please let us know and we can give you a voucher which entitles you to 3 days of emergency food supplies worth approximately £26 to help you.

Jane Grieve would also like you to know that when the foodbank is open on Saturday mornings they will also be serving free breakfasts to anyone who would like to pop in, no need for vouchers to be actually collecting a parcel, just a welcome to all, hot drinks, cereals and toast. Your support for this cause would be most welcome.

Junior Education and Diversion Programme

This has begun for Class 3 children who found the first session very interesting. Hopefully we will be able to rearrange the session they missed due to the school being closed.

Easter Coffee Afternoon

Our Friends of the School have organised an Easter Coffee Afternoon for Monday 26th March from 2 p.m. There will be the usual cake sale in addition to the decorated egg and Easter bonnet competition.

They are also asking for donations of chocolate Easter eggs for a raffle. These can be brought into school in advance.



Thank you for your continued support in getting your child to school regularly. We are so pleased that in February, each class had at least the 96% attendance required.

Parish Links

A reminder that a copy of the Parish bulleting is available in school each week which includes times of masses and Diocesan, national and International updates.



WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day

Rearranged for Monday 12th March plus teddy bears in school for Class 1. We can't wait to see which book characters the children come dressed as. If you are struggling for costume ideas, please contact school. We have a selection of costumes for children to choose from.

Book Bags

Please could you send your child to school with a book bag for their reading books and homework books. We are becoming concerned about the size of some of the back packs and bags the children are using as they do not fit onto their pegs, causing coats to fall on the floor which could be come a tripping hazard. Book bags are available to buy in school priced £4.50. Thank you.

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*Please note, our holidays are different to many other schools around us –
so please make sure you have the correct dates in your diary.*

Dates for your Diary (these are also on our website, which is often updated)

9th March	Year 5&6 at a safety carousel
12th March	World Book Day
13th March	Balance Bike Sessions start for Class 1 children Y1/2 at football festival at Soccarena
14th March	Parents Evening
16th March	Cross Country finals day St. Patrick's Day Dress in something green day £1 donation
20th March	Year 3/4/5 Dance festival
21st-23rd March	Y5/6 Residential to Northumberland
23rd March	Some Class 1 children at a science event
26th March	9:15 Class 1 Palm Sunday Liturgy—all welcome 2:00 Friends of the School Easter Coffee Afternoon
27th March	9:00 Class 3 Holy Week Liturgy—all welcome
28th March	9:00 Class 2 Holy Week Liturgy
29th March (THURS)	Break up for Easter

Please note that our Easter holidays are different to some other schools

RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 16th APRIL