



# May 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)*

Welcome to our May newsletter. Please make a note of the diary dates, as there are a lot of them this term!! There will be more to come soon too!

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils for working so hard for their SATs tests. They all tried their best & worked really hard.

## **School Chaplain Change**

Our school chaplain is now in school every other Tuesday afternoon. Our Mini Vinnies are still leading Wednesday morning prayers. There is now a Mini Vinnies club on a Tuesday afternoon, every other week. If your child would like to take part please contact Mrs. Bottoms or Mrs. Wilson.



## **Summer Sun!**

Just in case a summer does arrive, can I please remind you to protect your child from the sun? On sunny days all children should have sun cream put onto them before they come to school and should have a sun hat with them, with their name clearly marked inside the hat.

Unfortunately, school staff are unable to put sun cream onto the children. However, you can send cream in with your child for them to put on them-

## **Uniform**

Can I please remind you that school uniform must be worn at all times – this includes school trousers – tracksuit/jogging bottoms are not permitted as a substitute.

Nail varnish is not permitted.

Could all uniform have your child's name in it, please.

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### Internet Safety

Thank you to those parents who have contacted school when something concerning has happened so that they can warn other parents. Your responsible attitude is really appreciated.

We have a new E Safety Policy on our school website that is very detailed about how we try to protect our children in school and how we support them to use the internet responsibly. Please take a look. If you would like a paper copy, please contact the school office.

Internet safety agreement forms will be coming out after the half term holidays for you to read with your child & return signed to school.

Please see the message below from Durham County Council about an app called KIK:

Kik messenger has become a popular app with some groups of pupils, however we have been warned by Durham Police that it is being used by offenders to groom children to obtain indecent photos and videos. Please be aware that:-

- Kik has a minimum age of 13, and it is not suitable for younger children due to risks associated with inappropriate and/or illegal sharing of images and videos
- Parents should manage their children's use of technology. Please set tablets and phones so that children cannot download apps without parental permission. (We have come across many cases where children have been abused through an app that parents and carers did not realise had been installed)

If your child is old enough to use the app, and is mature enough to manage its appropriate use please check the privacy settings so that your child's whereabouts and images are not being broadcast around the net without their knowledge. See further advice on <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safety-tools/kik>

### Wingate Forum Youth Club Volunteers Request - Wellfield School

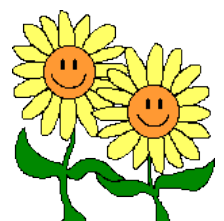
The youth club that has started at Wellfield School for primary aged children is really successful & is such a lovely thing to provide for our young people. The forum are desperate for volunteers to help with this. So if you have a couple of hours to spare on a Friday please contact us or John Lane at Wellfield School—it would be really appreciated

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*PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SHEET FOR OUR  
DIARY DATES, THANK YOU!!*

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

- 27<sup>th</sup> May** - **BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM HOLIDAY**
- 6<sup>th</sup> June - Back to school
- 8<sup>th</sup> June - St Bede's transition evening for parents
- 10<sup>th</sup> June - School Photographs
- 14<sup>th</sup> June - Year5/6 Athletics Tournament
- 15<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 St. Bede's transition visit
- 20<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 Shotton Hall Academy transition visit
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June - Year 6 St. Bede's transition visit
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Year 3/4 Athletics Tournament
- 24<sup>th</sup> June** - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Year 6 Shotton Hall Academy transition visit
- 28<sup>th</sup> June - Year 5 visit to St. Bede's
- 29<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 St. Bede's final induction evening
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>h</sup> July - Wellfield Year 6 pupils' induction days
- 5<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day – time to be confirmed
- 6<sup>th</sup> July - Hoopstarz in school
- 8<sup>th</sup> July - Y6 Catholic Schools cluster mass at St. Bede's
- 13<sup>th</sup> July - 1.30pm & 6pm - performance of our school play - Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 taking part  
details of tickets to follow
- 15<sup>th</sup> July - Reports go out to parents
- 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**