



May 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)

Partnership Youth Council

Our Parish is part of the St. Mary the Virgin Partnership. As part of this Partnership, a Youth Council has been set up with the aim of encouraging children to become more involved in their communities. To launch this, schools in the area have joined together to create a working group to come up with lots of ideas. They are spending the Month of May visiting all RC schools to lead an Assembly and discuss their ideas. Two of our children are part of this group and we are looking forward to hearing their ideas.



First Holy Communion.

Please continue to keep our children who are preparing to make their First Holy Communion in your thoughts and prayers. This is a very important time for them and their families.

School Lunch Changes

I have recently had a meeting with Taylor Shaw who provide our school lunches. Following feedback from the children we have made changes to the menu. Copy menus are available from reception if required.

Once a
week
take a
peek

Head lice is an on going problem in most schools.

Please remember to regularly check your child's hair.

School Meal Price Increase:

From September 2018 —Taylor Shaw will be increasing the daily price of school meals to **£2.05 per day = £10.25 per wk.**

Weather Hopefully we have seen the last of winter and we can look forward to some warmer days, where the children can spend more time learning outdoors. With this in mind, can you please make sure children are dressed appropriately for warmer weather, wearing sun-cream and sun hats / caps. School is not allowed to apply sun-cream to children and sharing of sun-cream is not allowed due to concerns over allergies.

The children are taking turns to take the 'Year Of Mary Bag' home. Please take time to read it with your child and say a decade of the Rosary together.



Parents of Year 6 children **Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils for working so hard in their preparations for SATS tests. They have all tried their best and worked really hard. We hope they enjoy their treat.**

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PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOL OFFICE IF NEEDED

Food Bank in Wingate

Every Saturday between 10-12 at Holy Trinity Church

We have now been issued with vouchers for the food bank.

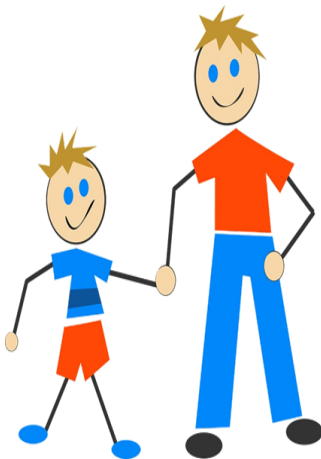
If you are experiencing any difficulties, through sudden redundancy, unexpected bills after Christmas or repairs, which means that you may struggle to buy food for your family, please let us know and we can give you a voucher which entitles you to 3 days of emergency food supplies worth approximately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

A reminder from Jane Grieve—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.

To help support this cause, we will be placing a box in the entrance if you would like to donate tinned, dry food and women's' toiletries etc. We will ensure that they are passed on.

Thank you for your continued support in getting your child to school regularly.
We are starting to see a big improvement in attendance across the whole school.

GREET YOUR CHILD WITH A SMILE, NOT A MOBILE!



Year 5/6 Windmill Engineering Project at Beamish Museum—7th + 8th July

Some of you may remember the children taking part in an engineering projects sponsored by Beamish Museum in Windmills last year. It was a huge success and so we are taking part in it again. The designs from schools will be exhibited there on the 7th and 8th July. More details about this will follow, but we wanted you to know the date in case you are interested in going.

MAY NEWSLETTER — DATES FOR THE DIARY

These dates are also on our website, which is often updated. Please check against April Newsletter as more dates have been added.

May

- 10th Reception—Year 5 children attending Mass at St Peter & Paul for Ascension Thursday
11th Medicine safety for Class 1 with school nurse
14-17th SATS Week - **All year 6 children entitled to FREE breakfast club all week**
18th Royal Wedding celebrations in school— [Children to dress in theme of red, white or blue.](#)
2 Children attending New Age Kurling tournament at Wellfield
Year 6 celebration at Jump 360
21st NSPCC Workshops with children
22nd Year 2 at Outdoor and Adventurous activities at Shotton Hall
25th Break up for half term

RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 4th June

June

- 5th Road Safety Officer working with Y5/6
7th Y5/6 Keeping Healthy Workshop with school nurse
12th Year 6 Class & Individual leavers photos
13th Class 1 at St. Bede's computer rooms
13th First Holy Communion children visiting church
14th Y5 puberty workshop with school nurse
Some Y5/6 children taking part in athletics festival
19th Hoopstarz day in school
20th Climbing Wall in school
21st Ceilidh workshops
Some Y3/4 children taking part in athletics festival
22nd PD Day—School Closed
25th Year 6 at Primary Youth Festival

July

- 3rd Year 5 at St. Bede's Transition workshops
5th Year 6 Arched Mass at Peterlee
7+8th 'Wind in your Sails' Beamish Family weekend
9-10th Year 6 transition to Wellfield
11th Class 1 trip to Blue Reef Aquarium
12th King Midas—First Performance
13th Year 6 transition to St. Bede's
16th King Midas—Second performance
17th End of term music concert.
18th Leaver's Disco