



# November 2017 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*

We are leading up to a very busy time of year as you will be aware. There will be many opportunities for you to visit us during our various celebrations and we look forward to seeing you there. Please take note of the dates for the diary so that you don't miss out on anything. We will also continue to send text reminders through our teachers to parents service. If you do not receive texts from school, could you contact us to give us an up to date contact number.

## Class 1 Staff

We were sad at the end of last half term to lose Mrs Jones who had been with us for such a brief time, but we would like to welcome Miss Cobon to our teaching team at St. Mary's. She is looking forward to getting to know our school community.

## Admissions to School—September 2018

Please note that the closing date to send applications to start Reception at primary school in September 2018 is 15th January 2018.

Applications to start Secondary school closed on October 31st but late applications will be considered if for whatever reason you did not apply before this date.

School Places and Admissions Team on 03000 265896.



## Messy Play

Mrs Hullock has started a Toddlers & Messy Play group for under 5's on a Thursday morning from 9:15—10:15. If you or someone you know would like to come along, we would love to see you. It will be free of charge. We are just asking for donations for refreshments for adults.

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**PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOL OFFICE IF NEEDED**

### Winter Weather

Please make sure your children come to school with a change of shoes and warm outdoor clothing such as hats and gloves and especially a warm coat. They do like to play in the snow, but we can only take children out who are appropriately dressed.

A change of shoes is really important so that they are warm all day and so that our floors do not get too slippery—black school shoes please, not slippers!

Please listen to local radio stations (Metro, Galaxy and Durham FM) on a snowy morning in case we have to close—this would only be in the most extreme circumstances, as we do like to stay open.

Our school website will also immediately be updated if we close the school, and, if possible, we will send out texts.



### Absence

If your child is going to be absent, please inform school **before 9.30am** so that we know that they are safe.

### Sporting Events

Well done to all of our children who took part in the Cross Country Festival at Peterlee. It was a tough course, but they all tried their best and showed resilience by not giving up.

Also to our Tag Rugby team who took part in a competition at Horden & Peterlee rugby club. Adults who attended with them were very proud of their attitude and team work.



### Shoebox Appeal.

Our Mini Vinnies are hoping to work with St. Bede's to collect items to fit in a shoebox in order to support the Apostleship of the Sea. This organisation helps seafarers who come to our country on cargo ships. The life of a modern seafarer can be dangerous and lonely. They may spend up to a year at a time away from home, separated from their family and loved ones and often working in harsh conditions. More details about suitable items to follow.

### Christmas Fayre

The Friends of the School are organising a Christmas Fayre on **Friday, 24th November at 2:30.**

There will be a meeting of the Friends on **Wednesday 8th November at 2:30** in school to organise this event. Please come along if you have any free time. We continue to raise funds for a variety of school items and events.

### **Cafod Harvest Appeal**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest Appeal and non-uniform day on the last day of term. A wonderful total of £76.90 was raised through a combination of donations for non-uniform and those great sports among you who came to Mass and took part in our auction.

The tinned and packet items were taken to our local food bank who were most grateful.

Well done to all who took part.

### **Medication**

No medication is allowed in school unless it has been prescribed by a doctor and must be taken 4 times per day or more. If this is the case, an adult must bring the medicine to school & collect it, and must fill in a medication form at the office. Please remember, school stocks some children's medicine. We will always contact you before giving this to your child unless you request this in advance.



### **Morning supervision**

Please remember that there is no supervision for children until 8.45am each morning. Until then, parents are responsible for the supervision of their children. We cannot admit children into school until 8.45am from which time we are able to supervise them.

### **Dogs**

No dogs on school premises please.



### **Book Fair**

We will be hosting our annual book fair in school from Monday 20th—Friday 24th November for those of you who are looking for present ideas.

The fair will be open both before and after school so that you can come and look with your children. It will also be here during the Christmas Fayre. If you would like to look without your child, please contact school.

### **Breakfast Club**

Thank you to those of you who have kindly volunteered to help at breakfast club. If you do find you have a spare half hour, we would love to hear from you.

Please remember that this includes free sessions with CNS Sports Stars twice weekly on a Tuesday and Thursday at no additional cost.

### **Remembrance Sunday**

**Thank you to all of our children and parents who will be taking part in Remembrance Day parade on November 12th. We are proud of them for taking time on a weekend to remember those who gave their futures for our todays.**

## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

***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)**

30th October	Children return to school
1st November	Children go to All Saints Day mass at church Some Class 3 children at Tag Rugby festival Fancy Dress Disco 5—6:30
3rd November	Some children at St. Bede's wind and brass band rehearsal
6th November	Resilience workshop with some year 4 & 5 children
7th November	Fun to Cook After School Club starts for some children for 4 weeks
8th November	2:30 Meeting of the Friends of the School
14th November	Class 2 and 3 trip to Shildon Railway Museum
16th November	Friends of the School Christmas Craft Club
20th November	Book Fair arrives in school for the week.
23rd November	Friends of the School Christmas Craft Club
24th November	Flu Nasal Sprays for Reception—Year 4 children Youth Friday Event for Year 3 & 4 children 2:30—Christmas Fayre—all welcome
29h November	9:15—Advent Mass in the school hall—all welcome
1st December	Adam Bushnel (Author) working in school
5th December	Whole school photographs
6th December	Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper day
13th December	2 p.m. Music Concert
14th—15th December	Y6 residential to the Youth Village
15th December	Children Carol Singing at Divine House
18th December	2 p.m. Class 2 & 3 Carol Service
19th December	2 p.m. Class 1 Nativity
20th December	Class 1 Christmas Party
21st December	Class 2 & 3 Christmas Party
22nd December	CHILDREN BREAK UP FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

**Please note that our Christmas holidays are different to some other schools**

**RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 9th JANUARY**

### **Parish Links**

**A copy of the Parish Newsletter is available in Reception if you would like a copy.**