

St. Mary's Primary, Wingate

October 2015 Newsletter

We're nearing the end of the first half term already! Please take notice of the dates, and please remember that you are welcome to speak to us if you have any concerns.

Harvest Mass, Non Uniform Day & Soup Sale for CAFOD's Refugee Crisis Appeal

We are celebrating our Harvest Mass on Thursday 22nd October at 1.30pm in the school hall - all welcome! We will be selling home-made soup from vegetables grown in our raised beds & greenhouse afterwards.

Our children can also pay 50p to come to school in non-uniform that day. All money raised will go to CAFOD's refugee crisis appeal.

We will also be asking Father Jackson to present our RRSA team with our official Level 2 Award after mass - as an official ceremony to mark this amazing achievement.

Children Arriving Late for School

Too many children are arriving late at school at the moment. There are regulations about your children arriving at school on time, and any repeatedly late arrivals are checked by the Education Welfare Officer and can result in a fine similar to attendance fines. Please remember that the school day starts at 8.55am, and children should be lined up in the playground at that time.

Breakfast Club Volunteers

We are still always looking for support for this. If you have an hour to spare on a morning we would love to hear from you.

If anyone would like to use breakfast club and is in financial difficulty for a time, please come and talk to us as the Parish have kindly offered donations towards supporting families in need.

Wednesday Prayer Group

Our pupil chaplaincy group run a prayer group at 8.45am every Wednesday morning before school. This is a lovely way to start the day. If your child would like to take part, they can come into school early for this.

Book Bags

Please make sure that your child brings their book bag with them each day so that we can change their books and retrieve their homework.

Medical Appointments during the School Day

Please try to avoid this if possible. If there is no alternative time, we will need to see a letter of appointment, or an appointment card from the GP surgery.

An Important Message from the Local Authority

Instagram and Twitter

Following an incident where children received obscene images and messages (which may not have originated in this country) we would like to remind schools to try and engage parents with online safety issues.

Both Instagram and Twitter have a minimum age policy of 13. Whilst many parents choose to allow younger children to use these services we cannot recommend this. To keep their children safe on social media parents should ensure that the correct privacy settings are enabled, and that appropriate adult supervision is provided.

Further information is available at the NSPCC site Net Aware

<http://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

Dates for your Diary so far

- 20th October
 - Some children at cross country competition
 - Year 1 & 2 children get flu vaccinations
- 22nd October
 - 1.30pm - Harvest Mass & Soup sale with RRSA Level 2 presentation
- 23rd October
 - BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM HOLIDAY
- 4th November
 - Some of Class 3 at Thomas Kenny Official Memorial 100 years Event
 - Some of Class 3 at Tag Rugby Festival
- 5th November
 - Class 2 trip to Beamish
- 10th November
 - Parents' Evening - please ring office to book an appointment to discuss your child's progress with their teacher
- 12th November
 - School's own Thomas Kenny 100 years memorial event & liturgy (Times & details to be confirmed)
- 27th November
 - 2pm - School Christmas Fair - all welcome
- 3rd December
 - Class 2 at gymnastics festival
- 4th December
 - 9.15am - Advent Mass - all welcome
- 8th December
 - Children have their Christmas lunch
- 14th December
 - 2pm - Key Stage 1 nativity play
- 15th December
 - 2pm - Class 2 & 3 Carol Concert
- 16th December
 - Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Christmas party
- 17th December
 - Reception, Year 1 & 2 Christmas party
- 18th December
 - BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Return to school on 5th January

