

MAY 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)

Welcome to our May newsletter. This half term is already half way over & the next holiday will be upon us before we know it! 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. We are keeping them all in our prayers.

Class 1 & 3 Student Teachers

In Class 1 we currently have a student teacher, Mr. Wolfe, who will be teaching the children for some of the timetable.

In Class 3, Miss Welburn, is on her final teaching placement and will be teaching some of the timetable in this class.

We welcome them both and wish them luck.

First Holy Communion

Please keep the following children in your prayers. They are preparing to make their 1st Holy Communion on June 27th:

Erin, Ella, Oliver

All are welcome at their special celebration in church on the 27th June at 10am.

School Chaplain Reminder

We do have a school chaplain who comes into school on a Wednesday morning once a fortnight.

She sets up a quiet prayer room each Wednesday morning in the small library in the hall with our Mini Vinnies children. Children, staff and parents are very welcome to go into this for a couple of minutes of quiet prayer. There is also a book of prayers in there for you to write the name of anyone you would like us to pray for in school.

Mrs. Wilson has also started a 'Mini Vinnies' group. This is linked to the SVP that many parishes support. The children do make prayer cards for people in the prayer book who need praying for, and other activities.

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 themselves.

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.

Summer Production of the musical, 'Oliver'

- Class 2 & 3 will be performing the musical, 'Oliver' at the end of term – the dates are below.
- The Monday performance will be held at 6pm – this is allow families who work to come to see it. ***ALL of Class 2 & 3 children will be asked to return to school for this performance please.***
- Dates & times are – Monday 13th July at 6pm; Tuesday 14th July at 9.30am

Education to develop each child's personality and talents to the full... (Article 29, United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child)

Sports Day

We have changed this slightly this year. Our sports day will be held on Friday 3rd July at 10am. This will then be followed by a family picnic on the field (weather permitting!!!). We thought this might be a nice social occasion altogether on the school field.

All children have the right to relax and play, and to join in a wide range of activities. (Article 31, United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child)

Islam Week

During the last week of the school term, the children will be studying Islam. This is part of the RE curriculum – to learn about other Abrahamic religions. I am sure in the current world climate, you will agree that it is important that we develop an understanding of this faith. As part of this week, we hope to get some speakers in to school to help develop the children's knowledge. Class 2 & 3 will also be visiting a mosque on the Tuesday which should be really interesting.

Children have the right to think and believe what they want, and to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Parents should guide their

children on these matters. (Article 14, United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child)

Dates for the Diary (these are also on our school website - www.st-marys-pri.durham.sch.uk)

- 8th May - Year 6 trip to London or Pizza Hut
- 11th-15th May - SATS Week
- 20th May - Year 2 Outdoor Activities Day
- 22nd May - BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM HOLIDAY**
- 1st June - Back to school
- 12th June - School Photographs
- 18th June - Year 6 at Diocesan Youth festival all day
- 19th June - SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 24th-26th June - Year 6 residential trip to the Lake District
- Saturday 27th June - 10 am - 1st Communion Celebration in Church*
- 30th June & 1st July - Wellfield Year 6 pupils' induction days
- 1st July - Year 5 visit to St. Bede's for the day.
- 3rd July - 10am – Sports Day & family picnic
- 8th July - Year 6 do a 1st Aid Course (in school)
- 9th July - Y6 Catholic Schools cluster mass at St. Bede's
- 10th July - Reports go out to parents
- 13th July - 6pm – 1st Performance of 'Oliver' – ***please ensure Class 2 & 3 children return to school for this performance.***
- 14th July - 9.30am – 2nd performance of 'Oliver'
- Class 2 & 3 afternoon visit to a mosque
- 15th July - 2pm – Leavers' Mass
- 16th July - 1.30pm – Leavers' Disco
- 17th July - **BREAK UP FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

THURSDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER – SCHOOL RETURNS

