



November 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)

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.

First Holy Communions

The first meeting for children who are interested in making their First Holy Communion next year will be held in school on Thursday 29th November at 5

Remembrance

We started our month of remembrance with a lovely Mass on All Saints Day at Church with the parish family and our friends from St. Godric's, during this month we will be remembering in our prayers our family and friends who are no longer with us and of course all those who gave their lives to protect us.

Cafod Harvest Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest Appeal, scarecrow competition and broth sale on the last day of term. A wonderful total of **£41.50** was raised. The tinned and packet items were taken to our local food bank who were most grateful. Well done to all who took part.

Please remember that our collection for Wingate Food Bank continues all year round. Our Mini Vinnies took lots of items to Holy Trinity Church and they were delighted with our support.

Class 1 & 2 Staff

As you know, Mrs Reid will be leaving us at the end of this term. Miss Cobon will be moving to Class 2 full time and we are currently advertising for a replacement for her in Class 1.

Admissions to School—September 2019

Please note that the closing date to send applications to start Reception at primary school in September 2019 is 15th January 2019.

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.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

Christmas Fayre

The Friends of the School are organising a Christmas Fayre on **Friday, 30th November at 2:00pm.** There will be a meeting of the Friends on **Wednesday 21st November at 2:30 pm** in school to look at last minute preparations. Please come along if you have any free time. We continue to raise funds for a variety of school items and events. Your support and generosity is always greatly appreciated!

Children's Page

Children In Need

One of our children has asked if both her and her mum could have their hair cut in school for Children in Need. We always try to support our children with their fund raising ideas and so on Wednesday 14th November a hairdresser will be coming in to school to cut 12 inches from their hair. Please try to support them with their fund raising efforts if at all possible. Thank you. We will also be having a non-uniform day on Friday 16th November in support of Children in Need. Children can come to school in their own clothes for a donation towards the appeal.

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. Mrs Charlton who attended with them was very proud of their attitude and team work. We also took a telephone call the next day from one of the School Sports Leaders who praised their skill level and attitude. Well done to all who represented our school so well.



Archie Dobson

We have been practicing our school play all about World War 1, it is from the point of view of a boy and what life was like for him during the war.

Family Groups

In our RRSa Family Groups, we have been learning about sustainable development. This means looking at different pollution and the effect it has on us. We have written postcards to the government, written letters to companies and designed posters to let people know that we have a right to a clean environment and fresh air.

Book Fair / Christmas Ideas

We will be hosting our annual book fair in school from Monday 19th—Friday 23rd 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. If you would like to look without your child, please contact school.

Our whole school photographs will be taken on December 4th for those of you who like to give personalised presents.

Class 2 & 3 trip to Beamish

We learnt about World War 1 and what life was like for people and soldiers in the past.

Marley said, 'I liked going down the coal mine.'

Finley said, 'I enjoyed learning about the school.'

Lewis said, 'The soldier's coat looked itchy.'

Remembrance Sunday

Thank you to all of our children and parents who will be taking part in Remembrance Day parade on November 11th. We are proud of them for taking time on a weekend to remember those who gave their futures for our todays.



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Please note, our holidays are different to many other schools around us – so please make sure you have the correct dates in your diary.

November

7th November	–	Parents' Evening – please contact school to make an appointment
12th November		Archie Dobson performance 1:30
13th November		Wallace & Gromit School Dinner— Packed lunch children can pay £2.05 to have a themed school lunch on this day—Please inform the school office
16th November		Class 1 Diwali Assembly
19th November		Book Fayre arrives for the week
21st November		Year 3 children going to St Bedes 9.15—Return 10.30am Food Technology
30th November		9:15 Advent Mass. All welcome 1:30 Christmas Fayre

December

3rd December	-	Reception – Y5 flu nasal sprays
4th December		Whole school photograph (Families can come in @ 8.45am with younger siblings)
6th December		Some children at Key Steps Gymnastics Festival
12th December	-	Music Concert – all welcome! (TBC)
17th December	-	Class 2 & 3 Carol Service – all welcome!
18th December	-	Class 1 Nativity – all welcome!
19th December	-	KS1 Christmas Party
20th December		KS2 Christmas party
21st December	-	BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Return to school on Tuesday 8th January

Parish Links

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

