

Together we follow Jesus' footsteps in our living and learning.

Article 17: Children have the right to access information

20 September 2022

Dear Families

Welcome to the new academic year. As the official mourning period has ended for HM Queen Elizabeth II, I would like to take the opportunity to welcome our new families to our school community. The children have settled in well and it is lovely to see them making new friends and enjoying learning. We also welcome Fr Michael Weymes to our Parish. It was lovely to welcome him last week when he led our new year school Mass with the children. It was a lovely celebration where we remembered Queen Elizabeth and prayed for our school community.



Meet the Teacher Curriculum Meetings

KS1 - 29 September at 3.30pm

KS2 - 27 September at 3.30pm

We would like to invite you to meet the class teachers for a short session to find out about your child's curriculum. The meetings will only be around 15 minutes and all the material will be available on the school website after the meeting. There is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher at the end of the session.

Safeguarding

The designated persons for safeguarding in school and child protection are:



Mrs Nealings



Mrs Binney



Miss Micklethwaite

You can liaise with any of the designated persons by contacting the school office.

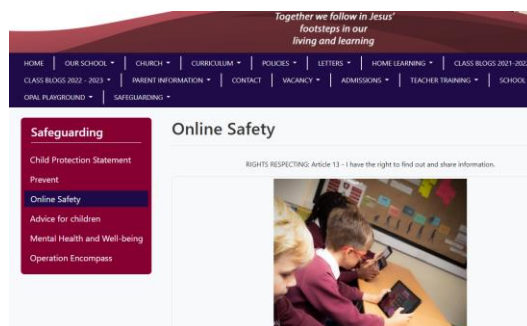
If your child is walking to and from school, please ensure your child is aware of the dangers and has a planned route that you are aware of.

Please ensure your child's collection list is up to date. You can add names of people who can collect your child so that you do not need to contact the school office daily.

Parents/Carers should ensure the school office have the most up to date contact details for all children. We need a minimum of 3 contacts for each child.

School Website

The school website is currently being updated. There is information regarding our curriculum and safeguarding. There is online safety information for parents which can be found on the safeguarding tab.



Keeping Children Safe Online in School

We use Netsweeper in school to filter content. This is an advanced content filtering platform that allows schools to monitor, block and report harmful online content across multiple devices. It is a hybrid solution that covers URL, dynamic content and crowdsourcing filters, all of which protect against a range of threats.

House Captains

Last week, all of the children voted for the school House Captains. Each child was given a vote and all children are made aware of the democratic process. Well done to everyone in Year 6 who put themselves forward. The speeches were very inspiring and we will find out who has been elected tomorrow.

That History Bloke

The children in Year 1, Year 4 and Year 5 have enjoyed visits from 'That History Bloke' this term as part of their History curriculum. They all thoroughly enjoyed his visits. He spoke about old and new in Year 1, The Roman Empire in Year 4 and Anglo Saxons in Year 5. I hope the children have shared this with you at home.



Recycle Week

Tomorrow our Laudato Leaders (previously Eco Council) will be sharing a message to the children about recycling.

Macmillan Activity Day - 30 September

The School Council have planned an event in school for the children to raise money for Macmillan. All children can take part and any donations will be appreciated. More information to follow.

Fundraising and Poverty Proofing

We are aware of the challenges for many families at the moment. We are being mindful of how often we ask for donations and we are trying to ensure that our school is 'poverty proofed'.

We are working with the School Council and Mini Vinnies to ensure that they make a difference in our community and wider world, but not always by fundraising.

With this in mind I would like to remind everyone that children should not bring in treats for their class when it is their birthday. It is lovely to share, but we celebrate with the children by singing happy birthday. This is part of our poverty proofing strategy.

Rights Respecting School

Article 28: All children have the right to an education

We are a Rights Respecting School. Last Summer we achieved the Rights Aware silver accreditation. We hope to continue our journey and work towards gold accreditation, where the rights will be fully embedded in our curriculum and culture.

Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you for adjusting to the new times of the school day. School officially starts at 8.50am and ends at 3.20pm.

We do encourage children to arrive from 8.40am so they can prepare for the school day, go to the toilet, unpack their bag and read with the teacher.

It can be very disruptive for your child and the rest of the class, if your child arrives late.

It is well known that a child who attends school regularly is more likely to perform better, is more likely to establish good friendships and is more likely to fulfil their true potential. We understand that children are unwell and when they are poorly they should not be in school. If your child is unwell, please inform the school office. If we have not had contact by lunchtime, our safeguarding procedures are then followed.

Authorised leave from school will only be granted in exceptional circumstances and is rare. Holidays will not be authorised in term time.

Mrs Bertenshaw leads on attendance and you can contact her via the school office if you require any support.

Extracurricular Activities

Please refer to the school website for information regarding clubs and activities outside of school. We do try and make these as accessible as possible for all our families.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals and you would like your child to attend a club, we can offer some support with this. Please contact the school office for further information.

Health and Safety

A reminder that children should not use the outdoor equipment before or after school. Thank you for your cooperation in advance with this.

Only the school dog (who we have risk assessments in place for) is permitted on the school grounds. No other dogs should enter the playground, school or school field.



Mrs Nealings
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Forthcoming Diary Dates

Day	Date	September 2022	Class
Friday	23/9/22	Learn to ride cycle sessions for KS2 children who cannot ride.	KS2
Tuesday	27/9/22	Reception Phonics and Reading Meeting This meeting should last approx. 30 minutes with Miss Micklethwaite. All information from the session will be available to access on the class blog.	In Reception Class 5pm
Tuesday	27/9/22	Curriculum Evening for KS2 Parents/Carers The presentation in each class will last approximately 15 minutes, starting at 3.30pm with a further 5 minutes to ask questions. If you have more than 1 child in KS2 you can ask questions at the end of the presentation in the classroom of your other child. All information from the session will be available to access on the class blog.	In KS2 classrooms 3.30pm
Thursday	29/9/22	Curriculum Evening for KS1 Parents/Carers The presentation in each class will last approximately 15 minutes, starting at 3.30pm with a further 5 minutes to ask questions. If you have more than 1 child in KS1 you can ask questions at the end of the presentation in the classroom of your other child. All information from the session will be available to access on the class blog.	In KS1 classrooms 3.30pm
Friday	30/9/22	Year 5 Bikeability – day 1.	Year 5
Friday	30/9/22	Macmillan activities in school. Refer to the letter from School Council.	

		October 2022	
Monday	3/10/22	Year 5 Bikeability – day 2.	Year 5
Monday	3/10/22	Harvest Assembly in School for children.	Whole School
Tuesday	4/10/22	Meeting with parents/carers of children in Year 4 to discuss the First Holy Communion programme.	Year 4 parents/carers 6.30pm Parish Centre
Wednesday	5/10/22	School Photographer in school. Taking individual photos of all children, sibling photos (of school children) and class photos of Nursery, Reception and Year 6. Families will have the opportunity to purchase these photos. However there is no requirement to do this.	
Thursday	6/10/22	Flu Immunisations.	Reception to Year 6 who have completed the NHS documentation
Friday	7/10/22	Science day in school to celebrate World Space Week.	
Wednesday	12/10/22	Hancock Museum trip.	Year 3
Thursday	13/10/22	Art Focus Day. Children to bring a shirt to protect their uniform. Nursery will put a message on Tapestry.	Whole school
Saturday	15/10/22	Year 4 First Holy Communion – Session 1.	3.45pm – 4.45pm Parish Centre
Monday	17/10/22	Parent consultation meetings after school. Meeting invites will be sent on 3 October.	From 3.30pm Whole school
Tuesday	18/10/22	Team Challenge Day – letter to follow	Year 6
Tuesday	18/10/22	Beamish trip.	Year 2
Wednesday	19/10/22	Team Challenge Day – letter to follow	Year 5
Wednesday	19/10/22	Parent consultation meetings after school Meeting invites will be sent on 3 October.	From 3.30pm Whole school
Friday	21/10/22	Last day of term.	School closes at 3.20pm
Monday	31/10/22	School reopens after half term	School opens at 8.40am

Monday	31/10/22	Commando Joe's Day – children to wear PE uniform	Year 2
November 2022			
Tuesday	1/11/22	Commando Joe's Day – children to wear PE uniform	Year 1
Wednesday	2/11/22	Commando Joe's Day – Mrs Bertenshaw will put details on Tapestry.	Nursery
Thursday	3/11/22	Commando Joe's Day – children to wear PE uniform	Reception
Friday	4/11/22	St Charles Feast Day / Mission Day. Volunteers needed. Please let the office know if you can help.	KS2 morning Mass at St Charles Church
Saturday	5/11/22	Year 4 First Holy Communion – Session 2	3.45 – 4.45pm Parish Centre
Monday	7/11/22	Commando Joe's Day – children to wear PE uniform	Year 6
Tuesday	8/11/22	Commando Joe's Day – children to wear PE uniform	Year 5
Wednesday	9/11/22	Commando Joe's Day – children to wear PE uniform	Year 4
Thursday	10/11/22	Commando Joe's Day – children to wear PE uniform	Year 3
Friday	11/11/22	Year 6 Remembrance Liturgical Worship	Year 6 Families welcome to join us at 9.10am in school
Monday	14/11/22	Antibullying week. NSPCC assemblies and workshop across school throughout the week. Speak Out and Stay Safe.	Whole school
Friday	18/11/22	Children in Need day in school – non-uniform day. Small donation welcomed.	Whole school
Tuesday	22/11/22	Trip to Pizza Express. Parent helpers required.	Reception class
Wednesday	23/11/22	Newcastle Cathedral and Laing Art Gallery – Lindisfarne Gospels	Year 5 and Year 6
Friday	25/11/22	Training day – school closed to children	Whole School
Saturday	26/11/22	Year 4 First Holy Communion – Session 3	3.45pm – 4.45pm Parish Centre

Day	Date	December 2022	Class
Friday	9/12/22	Christmas Lunch for the children	Whole school
Friday	9/12/22	Christmas Jumper Day – children should wear their normal uniform. If they choose they can wear a Christmas jumper, decorate a jumper or wear a non - uniform jumper.	Whole school
Monday	12/12/22	KS1 Nativity	9.15am for families for children in Year 1 and Year 2
Tuesday	13/12/22	KS1 Nativity	9.15am for families for children in Year 1 and Year 2
Wednesday	14/12/22	KS2 Carols at St Charles Church	KS2
Wednesday	14/12/22	Early Years Nativity	9.15am Nursery and Reception class
Tuesday	20/12/22	School Party Day Children can come to school in their party clothes. Ensure they are warm enough and have sensible shoes. Children to bring a small plate of party food, that they will have after their lunch.	Whole school
Thursday	22/12/22	Carols around the Christmas tree in school	Whole school 2.30pm. Parents/carers welcome
Thursday	22/12/22	Last day of term.	School closes at 3.20pm.
Monday	9/01/23	School reopens after Christmas break.	School reopens at 8.40am