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Our Lady Queen of Peace RC Primary School

Newsletter

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Baby Boomers!

2018 is an exciting year because Mrs Elder and Mrs Kebell will both welcome their first babies. Mrs Elder will commence her maternity leave next week and we look forward to hearing her wonderful news in the coming weeks. During her absence Mondrian Class will be taught by Mrs Cresswell. Mrs Cresswell's children in EYFS will be taught by Mrs Rowell, a familiar face in school as she frequently covers absence in EYFS.

Good luck Mrs Elder and enjoy every moment of your new little treasure!

Mrs Kebell's baby is due in the autumn and so we will update you nearer the time.

Visitors Into School

We were delighted to welcome No Limits Theatre Group into school to perform *Jack Ahoy*. They told the story of Jack Crawford, a local seafarer, as part of our preparations for the Tall Ships Race which will be in Sunderland this summer. Further activities will take place later in the term.

The NSPCC will be joining us for their *Speak Out* campaign which will be followed by workshops in Years 5 & 6.

Pupil Achievements

Well done to Jonny Luke for his recent Taekwondo success and to Jerome Bramley for gaining a distinction in his Grade 5 piano exam.

We would love to celebrate all children's successes so please let us know when your child

has some special news to share.

Well done to our Y5 debating team of Saffron Atchison, Owen Hill, Isla Haley, Poppy Williams and Abigail Killen who presented their views passionately about whether children should receive pocket money for doing chores during our St Benedict's Partnership Schools' Debate. The children were very persuasive and gained a majority of "ayes to the right" to win. Well done to all our children who know that their opinion is valued and that they should share it respectfully.

School App

In order to try to reduce our paper usage and to avoid confusion when letters disappear on the way home, we share all our important dates via the school app. This is available on mobile telephones and tablets and can be also accessed via a computer, simply search for "ourschoolsapp" and then register with the school postcode, (DH4 7JZ) If you download the app you will also receive alerts for upcoming events.

We also send out important information via text or email so please inform Mrs Ludford of any change to your contact details.

School Awards

We are delighted that once again our school has been awarded the Eco Schools Green Flag in recognition of the focus in school on protecting the environment

and promoting green issues. Our congratulations go to our Eco Team of Mrs Elder, Zach Domenech, Freddie Jordan-Banks, Kacie Nanson, Luke Hartley, Nina Parlett, Callum Fraser, Niamh Haley, Ruby Lamming, Scarlett Metcalfe, Isaac Knowles, Ryan Galer, Rowan Jardine, Noah Worthy and Lily Jessop.

We are also thrilled that the school has been recognised for its work on promoting British values and parliamentary processes and Mrs Maher has received the Teacher Ambassador Gold Award. We are the first school in the area to have this recognition.

The school was also successful in being awarded *Matilda Champion School* status by the Royal Shakespeare Company and we will commence a two year project to promote literature this term. Our Y4 and Y5 children will see a performance of *Matilda* at Sunderland Empire and Y5 will work with producers and artistic directors in school to learn performance skills.

Race For Life

On Friday 25 May all children and adults are invited to run the Race for Life to raise money for cancer research. Many of you may be aware that Senora Perez, our Spanish teacher, has recently been treated for breast cancer so our Race for Life in school will be in her honour and in celebration that she is in remission. Please join her army of pink ladies (and gentlemen!) and show your support for her and other

cancer sufferers. The race will take place on the school field after our May Procession and will be followed by a family picnic. Later in the day there will be an art exhibition where children's art work will be on sale. Please join us for a special day and to raise money for this worthy cause.

Ministry

Hannah will be leading our Y2 and Y6 children on retreat later this term. Our Y6 children will also be attending the Diocesan Primary Festival along with their Y6 peers from other schools. Children from Y5 will be staying overnight at Emmaus Village for our annual retreat.

Our Y4 children continue to prepare for their first Holy Communion which will take place during Mass in the coming weeks. Please keep all the children and their families in your prayers and join them to celebrate their big day if possible.

Family Day Out

Our annual trip to Lindisfarne will take place on Saturday 23 June. A coach will leave Station Road at 7.45am. The parish have once again agreed to pay for the children and adult seats on the coach are £10. Alternatively, you are welcome to make your own travel arrangements and join us on the island for Mass at noon in St Aidan's Church followed by a picnic near the beach. After an afternoon of free time the coach will depart at 5pm. This day is always a wonderful event and we do



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hope as many families as possible will be able to join us.

Parenting Together

A small group of parents have been meeting to discuss parenting and to give each other support. The demands on parents are huge in the modern world and therefore this group is a valuable source of encouragement and advice. The next meeting will be held on **Friday 4 May at 10am** and all are welcome.

We are hoping to commence a Parent and Toddler Group from September. If you are interested in helping with this please come to the Parenting Together meeting on 4 May or speak to Mrs Reilly-O'Donnell.

And Finally....

Well done to our Y4 children who represented the school in football for the first time. They had a successful tournament. Our thanks go once again to Mr Taylor for running our football club.

Dates for Your Diary:

Liturgies:

27 April	Dali
4 May	Seurat
11 May	Picasso
18 May	Kandinsky
22 May	May Procession
8 June	Rousseau
Thursday 14 June	Constable
22 June	Mondrian
29 June	Mini Vinnies
6 July	Goldsworthy
13 July	School Council
20 July	Caravaggio

Other dates:

25 May	Race for Life
25 May	Family Picnic
23 June	Family Day Out

13 July	Reports
16/17 July	Parents evenings
19 July	School Mass

Recommended Reading

New research released on World Book Day reveals that 72% of North East children enjoy reading. That means, however, that over one quarter of children don't enjoy reading. For ideas on how to get your child enthused visit <http://wordsforlife.literacytrust.org.uk/>

EYFS: The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Eric Carle

KS1: The Queen's Nose

Dick King-Smith

KS2: Flour Babies

Anne Fine

Adults: Watership Down

Richard Adams

Weekend Mass Times

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church

Sunday: 10am

Our Blessed Lady Immaculate Church

Sunday: 11am

6pm

St Bede's Church

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 8.30am

St John Boste Church

Sunday: 9.30am

Prayer to Our Lady

Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death
Amen.*