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Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Primary School Newsletter



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Autumn 1- 2019

What a wonderful start to a new academic year here in school! The children have all come back after the summer break looking very smart and ready to learn.

A special welcome also, to our new nursery and reception children, who have settled in to our school family beautifully.

Our Early Years children have been very busy and have wowed their families with an autumnal concert! Thank you to all who attended and kindly donated in order to improve our outdoor provision. The children enjoyed every moment and were wonderful! Thank you to Mrs Brown and the Early Years team for organising such a lovely event.

Years 3 and 4 have had some special visitors in school who took them back in time! They participated in a 'Viking Day,' where the children re-enacted a Viking battle and enjoyed stories from the past around a campfire. The children had a brilliant time as history was brought to life here in Penshaw!

Our Year 4 children are embarking on their journey of sacramental preparation for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. We wish them well and our prayers are with them. God Bless.

Year 5 recently enjoyed a trip to the mosque. They learnt a lot about Islam and were fantastic ambassadors for our school. Well done children!

Year 6 had a fantastic time at Derwent Hill. They had so many wonderful experiences including ghyll scrambling, canoeing and rock climbing and they all managed the challenge of the Big Swing! Thank you to Mr Quinn, Miss Al-Saffar, Miss Addison and Miss Green for looking after our fantastic children so well.

We all enjoyed a 'Super Learning Day,' recently, with a focus on reading for pleasure. Thank you to those of you who were able to come along; a wonderful day was had by all. Thank you to you all for continuing to support your child with reading at home.

Fundraising

A special thankyou to Mrs Duncan, Mrs Smith and our wonderful Mini Vinnies who recently organised a Macmillan Coffee Morning. The cake donations were beautiful and many were worthy of entering 'The Great British Bake Off!' We really appreciate your kindness and raised £281.66

The Mini Vinnies are also involved in a food collection for asylum seekers. Thank you to all who sent in donations and keep up the great work Mini Vinnies!

The children enjoyed a brilliant fancy dress disco in school recently. The costumes and dance floor moves were 'second to none!' Thank you for your support in

contributing to our school funds.

Our toddler group, 'Little Owls' continues to be popular and takes place every Thursday morning in school 9:15 until 10:30 am. All welcome.

Achievements

Well done to Grace Bell who became a Rock Star Hero recently – answering times tables questions in less than a second! Rock on Grace!

Also, special congratulations go to all of our talented children who have shared their 'out of school' accomplishments with us. We have footballers, gymnasts, swimmers, dancers, singers, golfers, musicians, Beavers Scouts, cyclists, mountain climbers, martial arts experts and even motor cross champions!

You're wonderful and we are very proud of you all!

Sports News

Our Year 5 children achieved wonderful success at a recent tag rugby tournament, hosted by Houghton Rugby Club. They excelled and managed to bring gold and silver trophies home. Very well done!

Some of our Y6 children took part in a cross country event hosted by St Robert's. The children were amazing and while they didn't win, we are very proud of the effort and great sportsmanship they demonstrated.

The school football team have started their season in excellent form playing 8 league games and winning 6 which leaves us in 3rd place at this early stage.

We have also recently played in the Grimes County Cup which was a mini league. We have won all of our games and are now in the semi-final which will be played after Christmas.

A special mention to Ethan Connelly who again, was selected to represent Washington Boys, a great achievement for our school captain.

A big thank you to Mr Taylor for continuing to coach the team so well, to the players for their enthusiasm and commitment and to our parents who always show excellent support, whatever the weather!

New Staff

We are delighted to welcome our new site manager, Mr Paul Mee and our new part time teaching assistant, Miss Anna Thompson, who will join us after half term. We know they'll be a great part of our team!



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Roles and Responsibilities

Well done to all of our children who have been elected to take on the following roles:

House Captains and Vice House Captains

House Group	House Captain	Vice-Captain
Mark	Joshua Jessop	Poppy Fury
Matthew	Liam Watkins	Alicia James Wilson
John	Mia Glass	Harry Lang
Thomas	Ruby Palfreyman	Millie Rivers
Aidan	Jimmy McGee	Maggie Cockburn
Luke	Anthony Barnes	Megan Surtees
Andrew	Macie Telford-Peake	Joe Conlon
James	Daniel Gaff	Isaac Wong

Mini Vinnies

Olivia Old, George King, Thomas Holbrow, Violet Fairclough, Louis Johnson, Aaron Gunn, Phoebe Gough, Spencer Mullaney, Josh Laws, Tilly Mason-Gage, Isabelle Murphy, Daniel Collings, Mia Glass, Ashton Wordsworth, Bethany Lindo, Rachel Shorttle, Thomas Reid, Leah Walker, Alicia James-Wilson and Isaac Knowles.

School Council

Jacob Marshall, Tilly Morgan, Callan Eden, Matthew Shorttle, Jack Mendham, Harrison Boyle, Millie Bennett, Adam McLoughlin, Adam

Surtees, Harriet Templeton, Amelia Bell, Charlie Dickman, Millie Rivers, Joshua Willey, Rebecca Stokoe, Joe Conlon, Sam Gallacher and Lola Worthy.

Eco Warriors

Fraser Robinson-Steel, Sophie McEvoy, Heidi Elliott, James Reed, Louis Walker, Thomas Young, Abigail Woods, Patrick Scrimger, Megan Goodings, Charlie Stephenson, Grace Bell, Holly Watkins, Olivia Marshall, Louie Slevin-Bradley, Oliver Cook, Jamie Parlett, Rose Hutton, Ruby Palfreyman.

A shout out from the Early Years Team to all keen gardeners out there! If you have any time to spare on a regular basis, we would really appreciate your help with the Early Years Outdoor area. Please contact the office if you can help.

We would also really appreciate any clean recycling materials for our Early Years Workshop.

Continued improvement

Our children and staff always work to the best of their ability and deserve to be proud of the success they have achieved and continue to achieve.

In our school, progress and attainment in reading was significantly **above** national and in the **highest** 20% of all schools in 2019.

Writing progress has also improved between 2018 and 2019.

Progress in mathematics was significantly above national and in the highest 20% of all schools in 2019.

In 2019, 91% of pupils achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics, significantly **above** national and in the **highest** 20% of all schools. WELL DONE EVERYONE!

And Finally...

Please be reminded that we have a no jewellery policy in school. Many children have come back to school after the summer holidays wearing earrings. Please ensure your child does not have earrings in; they will be asked to remove them and if they are unable to, we will contact you to come into school to do so. Please may we also remind children that long hair should be tied back.

Many items of new school uniform have been reported lost, therefore please check your child is wearing their own school uniform and it is clearly labelled. Please return any that does not belong to your child to school so it can be returned to its rightful owner.

Parking - when dropping off and collecting children from school, please park in the allocated bays. We understand that the church car park does get very busy, but the safety of the children is paramount.

Thank you for the continued support you give to our school; it is much appreciated! Have a lovely half term break.

Dates for Your Diary:

Half term – School closes on Friday 25th October and reopens on Monday 4th November 2019.

Christmas holidays – School closes on Friday 20th December and reopens on Tuesday 7th January 2020

Recommended Reading

EYFS: The Invisible String by Patrice Karst

KS1: Mr Gum and the Biscuit Billionaire: Andy Stanton

KS2: Frostheart by Jamie Littler.

Adults: The Sleepwalker by Joseph Knox.

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