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Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Primary School Newsletter



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Autumn 1- 2019

My goodness, where did the half term go? We have been so busy and it's such an exciting time of the year for all of our children.

Our Infant children recently enjoyed a classical music Hubhub performance at Kepier Academy. The concert had a Shakespearean theme and the children had a wonderful time.

Our Year 3 & 4 children got into the festive spirit and had a super time at the Cinderella pantomime at Sunderland Empire.

Congratulations to many of our Y4 children who will be meeting Jesus in a new way when they receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during advent. The children and their families will continue their journey of faith in the New Year and will receive Holy Communion for the first time next summer.

Year 5 recently enjoyed working on an art project with some very talented students from St Robert's. They produced some fantastic art work as a result, well done children!

Y5 and 6 had an excellent trip to the Centre for Life doing Christmas themed STEM workshops and ice skating!

Themed Weeks

As part of our Eco and Plastic Fantastic Week, we worked with our local artist, Mrs Reid to construct incredible sea-life

models from recycled plastics. Parishioners worked with small groups of children in school.

The sculptures will be on display in the school grounds in the near future. Well done everyone!

Anti-Bullying Week

The 2019 theme was Change Starts With Us. It was a great opportunity as a school to talk about bullying. This year the goal was to emphasise the collective responsibility required to stop bullying. Mrs Duncan took our Friendship Ambassadors to an anti-bullying workshop along with other schools and the children really enjoyed the experience.

A 'Kindness Poster Competition' was held back in school and our ambassadors judged the winners, who were as follows: Nina Parlett, Noah Meiners-Drummond and Ryan Galer. Well done children, the posters are brilliant and are now on display in school!

Earlier in the term, the children were invited to come into school wearing odd socks. This was to raise awareness of mental health and to show that we are all unique.

We had a fantastic response with our First Home Reading Project task. Both staff and the children enjoyed sharing their book boxes with one another and we hope you had fun creating ideas linked with a book. It was lovely to see so many of you at our Super learning Reading Day.

Each Child's name, who participated, went into a

draw. Congratulations to the following children who each received a book token:

- Caravaggio – Beth Lowden
- Dali- George Taylor
- Himid – Olivia Marshall
- Kandinsky – Owen Marshall
- Seurat – Zak Parkin
- Picasso – Daniel Collings
- Mondrian – Elizabeth Agar-Jones
- Constable – Louis Johnson
- Rousseau – Madeleine Storey
- Goldsworthy – Sebastian Turner, Melissa Jordan, Harry Garrett

Thank you for your continued support with home reading and watch out for a 2nd task coming next term.

Fundraising

We supported Children in Need by wearing our pyjamas to school and raised £230. Thank you for all of your support.

Our Poppy Appeal raised £104.88. Many thanks for your support.

Christmas Events

Our Christmas Fayre was really well attended and the stalls, along with the crafts created by our children, were fabulous! A staggering £1528 was raised, thank you all so much.

Well done to our Y4 children for their carol singing performance in Newcastle for the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation. A total of £380.29 was raised on the day. Thank you to our many supporters who joined us.

Thank you to Alexander McMonigle, Oliver Forster, Tobi Hill, Megan Goodings, Olivia Chase, Jessica Sloanes, Anna Royal, Phoebe Gough, Suzanne Sukal, Holly Watkins, Zoe Bell, Owen Marshall, Ruby Hill, Nina Parlett and Ava Glendinning who supported the parish at the recent Churches Together carol service. Thanks also to other children who attended the service.

Well done to our junior children for a beautiful carol service and thank you to Mrs Dewhurst. A special mention goes out to our instrumentalists and soloists, who were fabulous! Also, well done to all our fabulous nativity plays! A special thanks to our team of raffle ticket sellers and refreshment makers.

Our 'Kindness Elves' encouraged children to share an act of kindness each day during Advent. They also asked everyone to bring in food to donate to Sunderland Food Bank. We had a wonderful response and were able to send over thirty five bags to help those in need. Many thanks to everyone who contributed.

Achievements

We had great fun dressing as Rock Stars recently, as we launched our Christmas Rock Star Tournament! The winning house group were Matthew House with a staggering 33,377 points! Well done!



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Congratulations to Holly Watkins, Liam Watkins and Megan Errington who became Rock Star Heroes recently – answering times tables questions in less than a second! Rock on Holly, Liam and Megan!

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

Year 3 enjoyed great success at the skipping festival this year. They wowed everyone with their skills and the skipping dance to Baby Shark went down a storm! Well done for bringing the winning trophy home and thank you to Miss Addison and Mrs Fish for all of their hard work and choreography!

Over the term, the football team have been competing in the Futsal league and have produced some excellent performances, having played 8 games we have won 4, lost 2 and drawn 2. The team now break for Christmas but will return in January to take part in the Washington schools 5 a side tournament, which we are hoping to progress all the way to the national finals. We

then start again in March to finish our league fixtures were we are hoping to challenge to win the league.

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!

Revised Diocesan Academy Policy

The Diocesan Academy Policy has been revised with the aim that our Diocesan schools will become Academies within one of four Diocesan education trusts by July 2022. Underpinning the Diocesan Academy Policy is the desire and need to ensure the promotion, preservation, protection and future development of Catholic education within the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle so that it is fit for the mission of the Church. There are 156 schools in our diocese educating 53,600 children. 45 of our schools are currently Academies. The implementation of this policy will happen in two stages:

Stage 1: consolidation of existing academies and trusts into one base trust

Stage 2: conversion of voluntary aided schools to academy status within their regional trust

Whenever voluntary aided schools convert to academy status, they will join their single regional trust as equal partners with all schools within the trust. All schools in

the region will be included in the process from the outset. In establishing these trust structures and having a single system in our Diocese, we aim to ensure that the children and young people in our schools will continue to receive the very best educational opportunities and life fulfilling experiences, within communities which have the teachings of Christ and his Church at the very centre. A Catholic trust model where every school has its place will mean that no individual school will be left isolated or vulnerable in a rapidly changing environment. It will ensure that the uniqueness of each individual school is celebrated and the unique contribution of each is recognised and appreciated. In order for this policy to be fulfilled, the Bishop expects all schools to continue to work together as a Diocesan family for the good of Catholic education in our Diocese. Through the trust structures the aim is to facilitate greater sharing, adding strength and capacity to our system and ensuring that all schools are supported and included. In this way we will better fulfil the mission of Catholic education within the Church.

Congratulations to Mrs Helen Johnson who has been elected as parent representative on our Local Academy Board. Thank you to Mrs Sarah Prior who recently completed her term as parent governor.

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.

And Finally...

A special thank you to Mrs P, who has taught in Rousseau Class this term in Mrs Lamond’s absence. Hopefully this is ‘au revoir’ rather than ‘goodbye!’ We shall welcome Mrs Lamond back in the new term next year.

Please be reminded that we have a no jewellery policy in school. Many children are still 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.

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. Please also consider our neighbours who more recently have been inconvenienced by inconsiderate parking.



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Thank you for the continued support you give to our school; it is much appreciated! On behalf of all of the staff and children here at Our Lady Queen of Peace, we would like to wish you a happy and holy Christmas!

Dates for Your Diary:

Christmas Holidays

School closes on Friday 20th
December and reopens on
Tuesday 7th January 2020.

Half Term

School closes on Friday 14th
February and reopens on
Monday 24th February 2020.

Recommended Reading

EYFS: The Christmas Bear

Ian Whybrow & Axel Scheffler

KS1: The Jolly Christmas
Postman by Janet and Allan
Ahlberg

KS2: Bah! Humbug! By
Michael Rosen.

Adults: Crossfire by Malorie
Blackman

Christmas Mass Times

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church

Christmas Eve: 8pm

Our Blessed Lady Immaculate Church

Christmas Eve: 6pm
Christmas Day: 10:30am

St Bede's Church

Christmas Eve: 6pm
Christmas Day: 8:30am

St John Boste

Christmas Eve: 8pm