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Our Lady Queen of Peace RC Primary School Newsletter

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Goodbye and Good Luck!

At this time of year we are always sad to be saying goodbye to our year 6 pupils. The children have been wonderful members of our school community and have shared their talents willingly in school. We are very proud of the people they have become and wish them the best of luck at St Robert's. May God continue to bless you all, year 6. Don't forget to keep in touch!

Staffing

We are also saying goodbye and good luck to Mrs Swales who has recently decided to open a new chapter in her life and will be leaving us at the end of term. We are currently recruiting a permanent member of staff to replace her. In September Miss Al Saffar will take Himid class until a permanent appointment is made and Mrs Maher will continue to oversee the transition. Hannah, our Children's Ministry Coordinator, is also moving on to pastures new in Japan. We are currently discussing the possibility of replacing Hannah with the parish and our partner schools.

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Hannah !

What Has Been Happening?

Y6 competed in the annual athletics competition with our partner primary schools and were

triumphant! Well done Year 6! Our Reception children also met with friends from our local Catholic schools and enjoyed another teddy bears' picnic. Thank you to Mr Fisher and students from St Robert's for supporting all our get-togethers.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our annual visit to Lindisfarne. Over 140 pilgrims made the journey and another fantastic day was had by all. Save the date for next year- SATURDAY 22 JUNE 2019

Year 3 and 4 had a fantastic trip to the Centre for Life for a day of science exploration. They learned about electricity, bridge building and mechanical mechanisms. Some of the children said, "It was the best day ever!"

Sports Day was another day bathed in sunshine. Spirits were high and lots of fun was had by all. Well done to all our athletes-especially those that took part in our races for grown-ups -and thank you to all our supporters.

Because we have had such lovely weather it was great to host our family night outside. Mr DJ Man had everyone dancing and there was a wonderful atmosphere. Your attendance at these events is greatly appreciated.

The NSPCC ran workshops for Year 5 and year 6, urging them

to make wise decisions and to keep safe. The children were also given the clear message that when they are worried about something they should always SPEAK OUT.

All classes have enjoyed the opportunity to find out about the Tall Ships Races and there have been lots of floating and sinking experiments! Boats have been engineered and the history of Jack Crawford, a local sailor, has been studied. Year 5 were privileged to be invited to sing at St Peter's Wharf for the opening of the Tall Ships visit and as well as performing sea shanties to the crowds, they joined in with the "Big Sing " world record attempt. This was live streamed back to school where the rest of the children joined in and contributed to the world record attempt.

Year 3 and 4 have had several walks in the local area to find out about the history of Shiny Row and Penshaw. Mrs Kennedy was our expert!

All children took part in "Battle of the Bands" Times Tables Rock Stars competition with some incredible success. Well done to winning house, James, who will watch a film as a reward.

SATs

Once again, we are thrilled that children sitting their SATs were successful as a result of their hard work. Well done to

all our children and thank you to Mrs Swales and staff for supporting the children.

Sporting Success

Congratulations to a number of children who have had an excellent season with their football teams. Good luck to George Taylor in his trial with Hartlepool United. Good luck also to Ethan Connelly and Jakob Routledge who have been trialling for the district football team.

Well done to Isla McMonigle who has been selected for County Durham Girls Football Team; what an achievement! Well done also to our previous pupil, Jordan Pickford, who represented England at the World Cup. He played magnificently and we are so proud that he started his football journey here on our school team. What an incredible role model for our current pupils.

Alex Gordon has now been playing golf since he was 4 years old. After success at both local and county golf tournaments, he recently had a successful trial to become a member of the Under 14 Durham County Well done Alex!

Well done to Jamie, Nina and Alice Parlett and Megan Goodings for their sponsored swim raising funds for Autism Outreach. Particular congratulations to Jamie who

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can now swim 1000 meters. Incredible!

EYFS have been enjoying life outdoors and their plants have flourished despite the dry weather. Their potato crop is almost ready so we are all looking forward to some home cooked mash.

They also reared butterflies from tiny caterpillars and were so excited to set them free in the garden.

The latter few days have been focused on Year 5's performance of Matilda. This has been an incredible project in which the children worked directly with the Royal Shakespeare Company to develop their performance skills. The production is amazing so good luck to our cast for the final performances. Thank you so much to staff in school for supporting the children to do this and to Mrs Reid for making props. A special thank you goes to Miss Askew who has been so wonderful in encouraging the children to shine.

Fundraising

Thank you for your generosity in all our recent fundraising events. £3,827.60 was sent to Race for Life. This is incredible and we are so grateful for your support.

£280 was raised during EYFS sports day and this will be used to buy resources for their

garden.

We are particularly proud of the recent raffle organised by some of our parents. £1,925.21 was raised and £1,200 of this will be sent to the Air Ambulance in memory of Chris Economides; a very fitting tribute to him.

The remainder of this amount £725.21, will be used in school to support visits etc and, along with £433.80 from the sale of children's paintings, will be priced matched by Barclays Bank. Thank you to Mrs Domenech for organising this with her employer again.

Thoughts for next year

When purchasing equipment for next year please do not feel pressured into buying costly fashion items, particularly bags, pencil cases etc. These things can easily be damaged or lost in school and therefore basic items are more than adequate.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle as we encourage the children to drink water throughout the day. Please DO NOT send flavoured water or juice as this contravenes health guidelines.

May I also remind you that jewellery is not permitted in school? If your child has their ears pierced they will be asked to remove earrings for safety reasons.

All children require a school PE kit, available from our uniform provider. Plimsolls are also required.

Please do not bring pets on to school grounds. Thank you.

And Finally....

Thank you for the many gifts and kind wishes we have received in school; your thoughts are gratefully received.

Dates for Your Diary:

Liturgies:

19 July School Mass
20 July Caravaggio

Recommended Reading

For ideas on how to get your child enthused in reading please visit <http://wordsforlife.literacytrust.org.uk/>



Why not try to complete this year's summer reading challenge and join your child in reading six books over the summer holidays?

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, in this Year of Mary

*Peace, oh gentle peace,
Be our constant hope.
Queen of Peace accept our praise;
From all dangers protect us all;
in our troubles be with us.
Queen of Peace hear the prayers
of your children.
Amen.*

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