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Our Lady Queen of Peace RC Primary School Newsletter

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Once again we have had a busy few weeks and lots of good news to share with you.

Congratulations

We are all so proud of our 32 Year 3 children who entered in to a new relationship with Jesus through Holy Communion this month. Well done children and a huge *Thank you* to your parents and catechists for supporting you on your journey.

Staff

Mr Lane continues to recover and is taking the opportunity to enjoy his garden. He has been very thankful for the prayers and many cards sent to him.

Mrs Kennedy is beginning to feel better and is hoping to back to school shortly.

Mr Pullen is currently in hospital and is grateful for your well-wishes and kind thoughts. Please keep the nurses in your prayers as they will have a difficult job in getting him to rest!

As you are aware, staff absence is always difficult and I thank you for your support and understanding during these busy times. Please continue to pray for all our staff and especially for the swift recovery of Mr Lane, Mrs Kennedy and Mr Pullen.

SATs

As usual, the early summer half-term has been

dominated by SATs. Last week all our Year 6 children undertook tests in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar and Mathematics. The children were remarkable and we are hopeful that they will all achieve the success they deserve.

Our Year 2 children are currently undergoing assessments for Key Stage 1 SATs and they all seem confident and eager to succeed. Well done children!

Shortly our Year 1 children will undergo the national phonics screening check and Reception children will complete EYFS assessments.

My thanks go to all staff who are dedicated to ensuring all children succeed to the best of their ability and are nurtured and supported through a potentially stressful time. This year we are particularly grateful to members of St Robert's staff who have helped us prepare some children for Mathematics SATs in the absence of Mr Lane.

Healthy Surfing

Many children are now lucky enough to have access to tablets, telephones and laptops with internet connection. Sometimes the freedom this brings can mean children do not make wise choices and we are aware that some of our children

may have been victims of on-line abuse out of school. We regularly remind the children of e-safety and all school internet access is strongly filtered. For advice on how you can check your own internet access options and how to protect your child please visit www.thinkyouknow.co.uk.

I urge you to check the websites your child visits regularly and monitor their access to all social media sites. The terms of use for a Facebook account is that children should not hold an account until they are 13, Instagram states a person must be at least 13 years old before they use the service and a Youtube account should not be activated by a child under 13, with a warning that many images on the site are unsuitable for people aged 17 or under. When accounts are set up there is usually a verification check. We are aware that many pupils hold these accounts; please check the regulations of these sites before allowing your child to access them and be mindful that if you verify an account on behalf of a minor you are in breach of the terms of the site. We are hoping to host an e-safety session for parents shortly when more information will be available.

Fathers' Day Lunches

Our grateful thanks go to Mrs Dovey and the kitchen team for agreeing to provide lunches for our dads and male friends once again. This is a service above and beyond expectations and one which is very time consuming. These events are proving to be very popular and I know many adults welcome the opportunity to enjoy school lunch with their child. Unfortunately, we must limit numbers and I am grateful for your understanding with this; it would be a huge pity if events like this had to be cancelled because of lack of understanding.

500 Words

Congratulations to Aiyana Fenwick, Dominick Dagys, Kaitlyn Wallace and Anna Barnes who were all successful in the first round of the BBC's 500 Words writing competition. There were 120,000 entries, so this was a remarkable achievement. Well done to you all!

Lenterprise

Thank you once again for your generosity during Lent. Over £1,100 was raised for *St Cuthbert's Care* and some of our Mini-Vinnies will present this to the charity at the Good Shepherd Mass on 21st May.

Thank you also for taking part in our non-uniform



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day; £300 was sent to the Nepal Disaster Appeal.

Part of our Community

Every month Mrs Richardson and four children visit the residents of Gilwood Court. Whilst there, the children, (who are chosen because of their exemplary behaviour,) play games and chat to the senior citizens. This is proving to be a real highlight in our school calendar.

All of our EYFS and KS1 children are currently learning about our local community and are enjoying walks around our locality.

Our Year 3 children enjoyed another enjoyable visit to Elba Park, when they were pond-dipping.

Our Grateful Thanks

We are delighted that Co-op, Penshaw donated £700 for netball equipment and strips. Thank you also to Councillor Lawson who helped us to secure £500 from the Community Chest so that we can develop a new garden and to the Edina Trust who have donated a total of £700 for science equipment.

Sports' News

Well done to our many children who have taken part in a number of sporting activities, including tennis competitions. Thank

you to our helpers at all sporting events.

Una canción para Europa

Well done to members of Year 4 who sang in the "Song for Europe," competition at the Gala Theatre, Durham. The children performed *Vamos a ir al zoológico* which was written by Mrs Gibson and accompanied by Mr Coates. Well done everyone!

Parish Celebration

In June, Our Lady Queen of Peace Church is celebrating it's 50th Anniversary with Masses on Tuesday 23rd June at 7pm and Sunday 28th June at 10am. We are hoping that the children will sing at the Masses and so please put these dates in your diary.

Policies

Many of our school policies are available to view on our website. All policies are reviewed by governors on an agreed cycle and updated as necessary. There is also lots of other relevant information on the site, so please visit!

<http://olqoprcprimary.org.uk>

Don't forget you can also get up to date information from our blog at <http://olqop.blogspot.co.uk> or twitter account @olqopprimary

Dates for Your Diary

May Procession
Friday 22nd May, 2pm

Y5 Residential @ Emmaus Village
Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th June

Y6 Diocesan Primary Festival
Tuesday 16th June

Y6 Athletics @ St Bede's
Thursday 25th June

Y2 multiskills @ St John Boste
Thursday 2nd July

Curriculum evening
Monday 6th July

Y6 Bikeability
w/b 6th July

KS1 Sports Day
Monday 13th July

KS2 Sports Day
Tuesday 14th July

Race for Life followed by Picnic and Summer Concert
Thursday 16th July (Details to follow, dust off your trainers!)

Y6 Leavers Celebration
Friday 17th July 9am

And Finally....

We will be stripping our IT Suite during half term to make way for our 60 new laptops!

Weekend Mass Times

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church

Sunday: 10am

Our Blessed Lady Immaculate Church

Sunday: 11am and 6pm

St Bede's Church

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 8.30am

St John Boste Church

Sunday: 9.30am

Prayer for May:

The Holy Rosary

1. **Make the Sign of the Cross**

2. **Recite the Apostles' Creed**

On the crucifix, recite The Apostles' Creed.

3. **Pray the Our Father**

On the first bead above the crucifix, recite The Our Father.

4. **Pray the Hail Mary Three Times**

On the next three beads, recite The Hail Mary.

5. **Pray the Glory Be**
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6. **Announce the Mystery of the Rosary**

Announce the appropriate Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, or Luminous mystery for that decade of the rosary.

7. **Pray the Our Father**

On the single bead, pray The Our Father.

8. **Pray the Hail Mary Ten Times**

On the next ten beads, pray The Hail Mary.

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