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Our Lady Queen of Peace RC Primary School Newsletter

May 2016



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Another Busy Month!

Thank you to those of you who were able to join us for our May Procession in honour of Our Lady. Despite the cold weather we managed to lay our flowers at the foot of the statue of Our Lady Queen of Peace and continued the school tradition.

Thank you also to those who were able to join us to celebrate First Holy Communion Mass with our Year 3 children. It was lovely for all the children to be together to mark this wonderful time in their lives.

Next year we will not be celebrating First Holy Communion. Children in our partner parish schools receive the sacrament for the first time when they are in Year 4 and we are moving towards this in our church too so that there is consistency across the parish.

Staffing

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you that Mrs Burn has decided to resign from her post as School Bursar. As you are aware, Mrs Burn had an accident several months ago and despite an excellent recovery journey so far, she has decided that she needs to take further time to enable her to make a full recovery. Please continue to keep her and her family in your prayers.

I am delighted to inform you that Miss Joy Addison has been appointed as our new classroom teacher from September 2016. This new appointment has arisen because of the increased

number of pupils in our school.

Classes for next year will be organised as follows:

Einstein	YN	Mrs Brown Mrs Duncan Mrs Young Mrs Cresswell Mrs Smith Mrs Pike
Goldsworthy	YR	
Constable	Y1/2	Mrs Fraser
Mondrian	Y1/2	Mrs Elder (nee Robson)
Rousseau	Y1/2	Mrs Lamond
Key Stage 1 classes will be supported by Miss Christie, Mrs Edwards and Mrs Kennedy		
Kandinsky	Y3	Mrs Fish
Seurat	Y3	Miss Addison
Picasso	Y4	Mrs Swales
Dali	Y5	Miss Askew
Lower KS2 classes will be supported by Mrs Merrington, Mrs Moore and Mrs Richardson		
Potter	Y6	Mrs Gettins (nee Caldwell) Mrs Scott

Staff are now in the process of reviewing our pupils to plan groupings for next year. A number of factors are taken into account, including friendship groups and individual needs, in reaching a decision about mixed and split age-group classes. We will notify you shortly about which class your child has been allocated to, where relevant.

Family Day Out

Arrangements for our family day out are almost complete. A bus will leave for Lindisfarne at 8am on Saturday 18 June. The day is meant to be a relaxing opportunity to spend some time away from the hustle and bustle and you are invited to spend the day as

you wish on the island. If you would like to join us, Fr Mark will say Mass in St Aidan's Church or in the open air and then we will have a picnic. After an afternoon of sightseeing you may like to walk the causeway before the return journey home. Arrangements are as flexible as possible to accommodate all tastes! Some families may prefer to make their own travel arrangements but if you would like to book seats on the bus please contact Mrs Ludford in the school office. The parish are kindly subsidising the bus so the fare is £10 per adult and children travel free! Please note, all children must be supervised throughout the day. Further details about the causeway crossing times can be found at <http://orawww.northumberland.gov.uk/www2/holyisland/holyisland.asp?dt=0616> If you intend to travel by car, please could you also let Mrs Ludford know so that we can estimate numbers attending? Thank you.

School Council

Our school council continues to meet regularly and are currently continuing to think of ways of encouraging safe journeys to school. In order to further develop the role of the council our Parent Governor, Mrs Sarah Prior, has agreed to join. We look forward to updates on their work.

SATs

Congratulations to our Y6 and Y2 children who undertook their SATs with confidence and dignity, despite the many

challenges they posed. Our Year 1 children will shortly be undertaking their phonics screening checks and results from all tests will be shared at the end of the term. Please keep all of our children in your prayers.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is growing in popularity and we are looking at new ways to ensure that we make the best provision for our children. You will shortly receive a form to complete if you wish to request a place for your child. Please ensure it is returned to Mrs Ludford so that we can guarantee places.

School App

Important school information is now shared through our App. This can be downloaded from *Ourschoolsapp*. To register please use the school postcode, DH4 7JZ. If you do not have access to a smartphone or tablet, please let Mrs Ludford know and she will make alternative arrangements for keeping you informed. Don't forget also to follow us on our Facebook and Twitter accounts.

School Fun Days

Along with all the primary schools in the Parish of St John XXIII we will be holding a non-uniform, Peru themed day on Thursday 16 June. We will also enjoy a South American flavour to our menu that day! On Friday 17 June we will be celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday with a street party. The children are invited to wear red, white and blue.



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And Finally....

Thank you to Fr Mark and our Mini-Vinnies for blessing our very own Door of Mercy. This is a constant reminder of God's mission for us to love and serve one another with compassion.

Dates for Your Diary

Friday morning liturgies:

10 June	Eco Council
17 June	Whole School
24 June	Mondrian
1 July	Rousseau
8 July	Constable

19 July, 9.30am	Leaver's Mass
20 July, 9.15am	Potter liturgy

Recommended Reading

EYFS: Halibut Jackson	David Lucas
KS1: The Django	Levi Pinfold
KS2: Frozen in Time	Ali Sparkes
Adults: Honour	Elif Shafak

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 for May during the Year of Mercy:

We pray for those seeking refuge.

*Lord Jesus,
we remember that you were a
refugee
when your family had to flee
to Egypt to escape Herod.
Look with mercy on today's
refugees
who are fleeing from danger
and persecution,
hungry and afraid, separated
from loved ones and with
nowhere to call home.
We pray for aid workers as
they try to bring help and
comfort
to those who have had to
leave family, friends and all
they own behind.
We pray for world leaders
that they respond generously
to the needs of refugees
and that they work together to
find a solution to the refugee
crisis.
Help us to play our part
through our prayers and
actions.
We ask this in your name,
Lord. Amen*