

Newsletter

Dear parents, carers and parishioners,

We hope you have had a wonderful half term break; it has been lovely to hear all of the children's exciting news! After our very busy first half term, we are now looking forward to an even busier one! The season of advent will soon be upon us and we will be making special preparations to celebrate the birth of Christ.



Our wonderful Stars of the Week can be found shining on our school app in the news feed section. Very well done everyone, we are so proud of you!

We know our children are incredibly talented and we want to encourage, share and celebrate their achievements. If your child gains a certificate, medal, trophy or any acknowledgement of their efforts in interests outside of school, then we would like to hear about it! Please send any of the above mentioned into school with your child or let us know via the school app.

A new arrival! - Our warmest congratulations go to Mr Quinn and his family on the safe arrival of baby Samuel James Quinn! We are thrilled for them all and looking forward to meeting him!



Steering Groups - To coincide with Parliament Week, school elections have been taking place. We believe that the voices all of our children should be heard and want them to be proactive in affecting change for the common good.

Well done to all of the children who put themselves forward for the election process, and many congratulations to the children who were successfully elected to be representatives.

School Council - George Nazareth, Rose Kilty, Lucy Thompson, Joseph Brown, Lucy Derbyshire, Isabella Pybus, Sophie McEvoy, Olivia Old, Havishka Sutheswaran, Matthew Shorttle, Evie Hill, Louis Johnson, Nina Parlett, Oliver Liddle, Charlie Stephenson, Suzanne Sukal, Alex Enguita, Poppy Wood, Elise Crabtree, Cruz Hardy

Eco Warriors - Camilla Kelley, Rose Breckon, Henry Taylor, Anna Watson, Gabriel Bramley, Bane Scrimger, Oscar Thompson, Fraser Robinson-Steel, Thomas Holbrow, Jasmine Maddison, Beatrice Morrell, Lilly Mould, Oliver Forster, Kai Tomlinson, Harriet Hockey, Holly Watkins, Jonah Derbyshire, Isabella Scrimger

Mini Vinnies - Freddie Mustard, Macy Leask, Fearne Williamson, Harry Blewitt, Scarlet Gardner, Natalia Baddams, Melissa Jordan, Teddy McGee, Katriana Rowntree, Cassien Morton, Isla-Mai Finnigan, Amelia Aitchison, Anna Royal, Ashleyne Rowntree, Freddie Jordan-Banks, Sofia Palfreyman, Isabelle Conlin, Amelia Morris

Well-being Ambassadors - Pearl Fairclough, Xavier Zahra, Gia Jayanthan, Alfie Edwards, Esme Wilkinson, Jake Tomlinson, Heidi Elliot, Leo Palfreyman, Isaac Oyston, Tristan Prise, Isabelle Glass, Lewis Crabtree, Megan Goodings, Emilie King, Ava Glendinning, Amelie Ayre, Amelia Bell, Jessica Sloanes, Evie Dagg, Sam Haughey

House Groups –

Matthew House - Captain – Suzanne Sukal, Vice – Captain – Anna Royal

Mark House - Captain – Milly Bennett, Vice – Captain – Oliver Taylor

John House - Captain – Olivia Chase, Vice – Captain – Josh Laws

Thomas House - Captain – Alexander McMonigle, Vice – Captain – Jasmeen Nahal

Luke House - Captain – Makena-Myers Royal, Vice – Captain – Ava Glendinning

Andrew House - Captain – Owen Marshall, Vice – Captain – Freddie Jordan-Banks

Aidan House - Captain – Tommy McGee, Vice – Captain – Kacie Nanson

James House - Captain – Alex Reed, Vice – Captain – Jessica Sloanes



WELL DONE CHILDREN, WE KNOW YOU WILL DO A FANTASTIC JOB!



Derwent Hill - We were delighted that our Year 6 children were able to attend Derwent Hill for their residential outdoor activity programme. They had a fabulous time learning and experiencing new skills and were wonderful ambassadors for our school. A special thank you goes to Miss Mitchell, Mrs Cresswell, Miss Hill and Mr Mee for giving their time to support them.

Mindful Movement – Some of our year 5 children have been learning, through mindful movement, the art of meditation and breathing exercises. They have also been learning through discussing their feelings, how these exercises can help them. The children really enjoyed this experience and it has improved their well-being.



Buddies – This academic year will see the start of our new ‘buddy system’. This will see our year 6 children and our reception children building some wonderful relationships and memories in the coming terms. Further news of this will be shared via the app and in our next newsletter.

Cricket - Our key stage 1 children have been enjoying fantastic cricket taster sessions. It has been lovely to see them having so much fun and enjoying team sports again!

Football – Our school football team finally took to the pitch and did a fantastic job in representing our school!

A special ‘thank you’ to Mr Storey and Mr Hartley who have volunteered to give up their time to coach our team, we really appreciate it! A big ‘thank you’ also goes to Miss Green who is always our ‘top supporter’ and attends matches come rain or shine!



Results

Our Lady 1 -4 Colliery

Our Lady 0 - 4 Lambton

Our Lady 0 - 3 Rickleton

Our Lady 3 - 5 St Bede’s

Our Lady 1 - 0 Wessington

Our Lady 1 - 1 St John Boste

We have a girl’s tournament coming up very soon, and have some very enthusiastic girls waiting to showcase their talent! Watch this space (and the app) for updates.

Football training will take place on Monday’s after school, until the dark nights draw in. All year 5 and 6 children are welcome to attend.

Our team will be back in action in March 2022.

After school clubs - It’s wonderful to see our KS1 and KS2 after school clubs up and running again. The clubs on offer this term include dodgeball, multi sports and fencing.

Remembrance Mass – An invitation to our Remembrance Mass was extended to parents via the notice board on our app. As stated in the notice, there is a remembrance book in church that family member's names can be added so that they are prayed for regularly. Please contact school if you have any names you would like to be included.



Remembrance Day – We have poppies and other Remembrance Day merchandise on sale from the school office. We hope to take some of our children to the cenotaph to lay our poppy wreath on Thursday 11th November and will observe a 2 minute silence in school at 11am.

Breakfast Club - We are delighted our breakfast club has reopened again this term. Mrs Lines, our new cook is also providing sausage and bacon sandwiches each Friday morning alongside the usual provision. If you have any queries regarding your child attending breakfast club please contact the school office.

Parent's Evenings – If you don't already have an appointment with your child's class teacher and would like one, please contact them via Class Dojo.



Liturgical Prayer and Masses - A special thank you goes to Seurat, Constable, Mondrian and Rousseau classes for their beautiful and thought provoking liturgical prayer celebrations. It was wonderful to be joined by our families once again; the positive feedback and togetherness in prayer and in spirit was incredible. We will continue to share these celebrations on the app, so that other family members can enjoy the experience.

New priests – We are excited to have met with our new priests Father Unchenna and Father Vincent. They're very keen to become part of our school community and make contact with families. We are delighted that the children will once again be attending the parishioners Mass class by class, as of next week.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - A huge 'Thank you!' to all who supported us in raising money for this great cause. An enormous amount of cakes were donated and were absolutely delicious! Your generosity never fails to astound us! Thank you again!

COP 26 (26th Conference Of the Parties) - As you will be aware, the UK is currently hosting the United Nations summit about climate change in Glasgow from 1st - 12th November 2021. The summit is bringing together heads of state, climate experts and campaigners as they make important decisions to tackle climate change and shape the future of our global family.

Pope Francis has spoken out about the need to change our ways to protect our planet. In Laudato Si', which Pope Francis wrote in 2015, he calls us to listen to the cries of the earth and the cries of the poor. He recognised that the poorest people, who are the least to blame for the effects of climate change, suffer the worst of the impact.

We would like to share these films to help our children and families learn and pray during COP 26.

Eyes of the World film: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pv7PRf1fYUM>

A prayer for our earth: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jaTJF1AkwcA>

Laudato Si' for children: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Laudato-Si-for-children>

Thank you to each and every one of you, our wonderful parents, carers and extended families, for your unending support.

God Bless,

Mrs Maher

