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Our Lady Queen of Peace RC Primary School

Newsletter

Autumn 1 2016



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A Great Start to the Term

Term has begun well and already we have lots of news to share with you. All children have settled back into the routine of school life and our new children have made a fantastic start; we welcome them and their families especially and hope that our years together will be well blessed.

Thank you to everyone who has joined us for Mass and liturgies already this term. Your presence with us is very much appreciated, particularly by the children, and makes our celebrations special. Please feel free to join us on Friday mornings throughout the year.

Well done to our football team who have had a positive start to the season, winning the majority of their games. Fixtures are now on hold until the clocks change again but details of training sessions and tournaments will be shared shortly. Our grateful thanks go to Mr Taylor and Daniel Smith, our new managers. (We're keeping their success under our hats, however, as we fear that they may be poached by the Stadium of Light.)

Our pupils enjoyed celebrating Roald Dahl's 100th birthday with a dress-up day and lots of activities based on his characters. Thank you, as always, for your support in making happy memories for the children.

Don't forget to keep up to date with events through our

school app, Twitter and Facebook accounts.

Elections

Well done to all our children who offered themselves for election onto our councils. Congratulations to Adam Stamper, Alice Parlett, Benedict Bramley, Megan Goodings, Marcus Tritton, Joshua Jessop, Francesca Allen, Jerome Bramley, Bethany Lindo, Amelia Morris, Lyla Alsop, Isla Haley, Jude Anderson and Bede Walker who are the new members of our school council. Along with governor, Mrs Prior, these children will continue to campaign for safer journeys to school and will review school clubs, as well as assist in the decision making across many aspects of school life

Congratulations to Lola Worthy, Daniel Collings, Anna Bavlsikova, Brock Scrimger, Josh Sloanes, Millie Rivers, Zac Tait, Scarlett Shearing, Olivia chase, Thomas Marshall, Lucy Bell, George Dickman, Josh Sherriff and Lara Clapperton who are our new Eco council. Together with Mrs Elder they are monitoring our energy consumption and are organising a big "switch off" shortly. They are also looking to reinstate our allotment and will continue to advise us on how to be good custodians of the planet.

Well done to Scarlett Metcalfe, Joshua Willey, Sol Wake, Ruby Palferyman, Theo Economides, Isla McMonigle, Summer Shearing, Emma Shorttle, Kacie Nanson, Oliver

Cook, Charlotte Coates, Jessica Thirlbeck, Lauren Gibson and Violet Stokoe who have all been elected as Mini Vinnies. Already these children have joined the parish for the rosary and a soup lunch during October and have plans, with Mrs Duncan, for charitable work in the coming months.

Our Children's ministry Worker, Hannah, is getting to know our children and together they are making plans for a presentation based on the Year of Mercy at Mass in church on Sunday 13 November at 10am. Hannah has also rewarded some of our great citizens with a visit to Grangewood Court to play games with residents. We hope this will be a monthly event once again.

Out and About

Already many of our children have had the opportunity to go on visits. All our Key Stage 1 children visited the Baltic, Centre for Contemporary Art. They had the chance to explore different ways of creating works of art and enjoyed critiquing the exhibitions.

Thank you to Max Gothard, Carl Charlton, Jacob Hanna, Evie Wilkinson, Matthew Gibson, Katie Grey, Jude Anderson, Eve Gordon, Bede Walker, Olivia Briggs, Aidan Smith, Scarlett Aitchison, Emily Dodd, Jenny Taylor and Luca Guisti for taking part in the Houghton Feast opening ceremony. The children paraded with paper lanterns made in school with artists

and joined in a drumming performance with African drummer, Fanwell.

Further plans for this term are trips to Elba Park and Y5 will be visiting our MP, Brigid Phillipson, at the Palace of Westminster.

Superstars

Well done to Isla and Alexander McMonigle who have roles in ITV's *Dark Angel*. What an achievement to be on such a high profile TV drama! Congratulations also to Summer and Scarlett Shearing who will be dancing in the pantomime at Consett Empire this Christmas. It is wonderful to see so many of our young people developing their talents in so many ways.

A Few Reminders

As we start this academic year I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of a few things:

- You will be aware that there is a government funded initiative to fund free school meals for 4-7 year olds. Uptake in our school is strong and parents of our Reception expressed their delight in the quality of the meals offered when they accompanied their children for lunch. The fact that all Reception and Key Stage 1 children are entitled to free school meals has caused confusion with Pupil Premium funding. This funding is available to school to support children from low income families.



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If your family income is less than £16,190 or you are in receipt of Welfare Benefits your child may qualify and it is important that you let us know. Please ask Mrs Ludford for the relevant forms, which will be processed confidentially.

- Please send all money into school in an envelope, clearly labelled with your child's name and what the money is for. We cannot accept "loose" money any longer.
- Please pay dinner money on Mondays. The child MUST take it to class in a named envelope. Please do not take money to the office. Please inform us if you are having difficulty in paying for school meals so that we can support you; outstanding payments otherwise will be pursued by Sunderland Council legal team.
- Please ensure children wear sensible black school shoes. Trainers/plimsoles are not permitted except for P.E.
- Jewellery (except a watch) is not permitted and children will be asked to remove earrings.
- Please ensure that all uniform has your child's name in it.
- To ensure we do all we can to care for your child, please inform us of allergies or other health issues. If your child requires medication please ensure you give medicines/ inhalers/

epipens to Mrs Ludford. Please try to remember to replace medication at its expiry date. Prescribed medicines for short-term illnesses can be administered in school upon completion of a permission form (provided medication is required 4 times daily). Please note, only medicines prescribed by a doctor, in the original packaging and with a chemist 'label' can be administered.

- E-safety is a growing concern. For advice about how to keep your child safe please visit www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/ or www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/

Thank you for your continued support with these matters.

Health Survey

Sunderland City Council is reviewing Public Health Services for children and young people 0 to 19 years. To give your views click on the link below and respond to the survey.

<https://nwa.researchfeedback.net/wh/s.asp?k=147553470497>

Growth Mindset

Staff in school have undertaken training in developing growth mindsets in order to encourage all our pupils to develop resilience and perseverance. A number of our school assemblies have focused on this also. Please

ask your child about our "#yet" slogan.

Building Work

Hopefully I can stop talking about this very soon! As you will be aware, half term was a busy week when many of the building work jobs were completed and the temporary classrooms were removed. All children are now in their correct classroom and normality is beginning to emerge. We are thrilled with the developments and the children are delighted with the improvements.

The car park is now complete and can be used by parents. Please note that the marked spaces parallel to the path are for drop off purposes only and we encourage you to use this if you have an older child. The club car park will also be available shortly and so we will have very good parking facilities. Please, therefore, do not park in the entrance to the car park or in front of church as this is causing difficulty for Fr Mark and church goers. In response to many complaints from our neighbours, may I also ask that you do not leave engines running whilst you are parked?

And Finally....

In all aspects of school life we are eager to promote the British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. We are alert to the fact that some people can be radicalised and we do all that we can to make sure that our

young people are not coerced into extreme ways. For more information please visit our website.

Recommended Reading

EYFS: Zog and the Flying Doctors

Julia Donaldson

KS1: The Jolly Postman and Other People's Letters

Allen Ahlberg

KS2: The Girl of Ink & Stars

Kiran Millwood-Hargrave

Adults: The Snow Spider

Jenny Nimmo

Dates for Your Diary:

Friday morning liturgies:

11 November	Rousseau
18 November	Constable
25 November	Dali
2 December	Whole School
9 December	School Council

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 October during the Year of Mercy:

Loving God, we pray for all those who struggle to get enough to eat. We ask that they may know they are not forgotten and that they may come to share in the abundance given for us all. Help us to follow your example of mercy to build a brighter future and a fairer world as we work together to end poverty and injustice.

Amen