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Our Lady Queen of Peace RC Primary School Newsletter

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Thank You

Once again our pupils have been remarkable ambassadors for our school.

Thank you and well done to Summer Shearing, Scarlett Shearing, Harriet Dodd, Isaac Dodd, Theo Economides, Kaitlyn Wallace, Molly Smith, Marco Guisti, Aidan Curran, Matthew Finnigan, Niamh Walker, Emma Shorttle, Francesca Allen, Jerome Bramley, Saffron Atchison and Noah Worthy for representing our school at Houghton Feast Opening Ceremony and/or Houghton Feast Dash. Thanks also to Mrs Maher, Mrs Dickman and Mrs Swales for accompanying the children and to our parents and carers.

Well done to our cross country team who competed in the deanery competition, finishing third overall. Great stuff!

Well done to our football team who have only lost one game and drawn one so far this season. Fingers crossed that we'll be at the top of the league in the summer term! Thank you to Kenny and Jenny Taylor, manager and assistant manager of the team.

Free School Meals

All applications for free school meals must now be completed online by parents and carers using the Family Portal. There is a link to this on our school app named: [L.A. Parent info link](#) or you can use the link below:

<https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/families/free-school-meals>

Please note that school receives pupil premium funding for every child who is entitled to free school meals from families with a low income whether they take up the meal or not. Please speak to Mrs Ludford if you have any questions.

Parish Mission

In November, the Parish of St John XXIII will be holding a mission. There will be lots of events across all four churches in the parish as well as events in school. Please look out for further information and join us when possible; it promises to be an uplifting and rejuvenating experience.

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan coffee morning earlier this month. An amazing £607 was raised. Wonderful!

We also have been notified of the final amount raised by pupils taking part in the North East Children's Cancer Run in May. Thank you so much to Carl Charlton, Jack Reid, Thomas Reid, Kai Wright, Tobi Hill, Summer Shearing, Niamh Walker, Zoe Bell, Jake Bell Scarlett Shearing and Ava Turnbull who raised an incredible £1,155. We hope to swell the participants even further next year and raise another huge amount.

Annual Consent and Information Forms

Despite many reminders we still have a small number of consent and medical forms which have not been returned.

Please ensure that we have all information as soon as possible so that we can keep your children free from harm.

Congratulations

Well done to Jonny Luke who was awarded a silver medal at the northern region karate championships. Well done also to Maddie Burrows who had success in the regional gymnastics competition. You are both fantastic examples of how dedication, hard effort and perseverance lead to success. Thank you for being terrific examples to us all.

Safeguarding

In our school we are committed to the safeguarding and well-being of all our pupils and we expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We politely request that all parents, carers and visitors to school to uphold this culture of vigilance and care.

All staff, students and regular volunteers in school must undergo DBS checks. We also carry out similar checks on our after school clubs providers. We are routinely informed whenever the police are called to a home because of a domestic incident and seek to support families in any way possible when they are facing challenging times. Please speak to Mrs Reilly-O'Donnell in confidence if you feel you need extra help or if you have worries.

Please also take care when posting comments on social media sites. All inappropriate posts by children or adults will be investigated and the school

will explore legal options if necessary.

Curriculum

At the beginning of term the children were asked what they felt were the important things to learn about. As well as specific subject areas, the children said they wanted to learn about understanding and tolerance of one another, how to build good friendships, how to co-operate and how to behave well, even when they found this difficult. We hope to address these areas in our pastoral curriculum and welcome further suggestions if you have ideas about what you think is important for your child.

Social Evening

We are holding a Social Evening on Thursday 2nd Nov in the school hall. There will be a disco and raffle on the night. Tickets are £5 or £3/family and are available from the school office. Raffle tickets will be available on the night but if you are not joining us you can purchase them from the school office £1/ticket or £5 for 8 tickets. All proceeds will go towards a much requested bike shed.

And Finally...

Y4, 5 and 6 had a wonderful morning with their friends from St Joseph's and St Bede's when we hosted a concert by John Burland, a Catholic musician from Australia. The behaviour of our children was exemplary and a great time was had by all.



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Important Dates

You are welcome to join us for all the following events.

Friday morning liturgies, 9.15am in school:

3.11.17	Picasso
10.11.17	Rousseau
16.11.17	Constable
24.11.17	Mondrian
1.12.17 2.30pm	Dali
8.12.17	Caravaggio

Other Important dates

2.11.17 6pm	Family Night
6.11.17 3.15-6pm	Parents' evening
13.11.17 3.15-6pm	Parents' evening
13.12.17 1.30pm	KS1 Play
14.12.17 10am	KS1 Play
14.12.17 1.30pm	EYFS Play
15.12.17 10am	EYFS Play
18.12.17	Year 3, 4 Party
19.12.17	EYFS Party
20.12.17	KS1 Party
21.12.17	Mass in church
21.12.17 9.30am	Year 5, 6 Party
22.12.17 11am	Carol Service in church

Recommended Reading

EYFS:

Wolfman

Michael Rosen and Chris Mould

KS1:

Shark In the Park!

Nick Sharratt

KS2:

Stormbreaker

Anthony Horowitz

Adults:

Cloud Atlas

David Mitchell

For wonderful advice on helping your child to read, please visit

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/>

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