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Welcome Back

Welcome back to school for the autumn term: I hope you all had a restful summer break with lots of opportunities for family time. We particularly warmly welcome all our new children and their families.

As term begins, we are delighted to welcome Miss Green to our staff team. Miss Green will be supporting learning in our Early Years classroom.

Over the summer, work continued on replacing the roof. The work is now completed and hopefully we will be water-tight for many years to come. There will be an article about the messages the children wrote on the roof tiles in next month's *Northern Cross*.

Mass was celebrated in church to mark the start of the new year. On Wednesday at 6pm we will be returning to church with our Reception class and their families for a short welcome liturgy followed by refreshments in church. Please join us if you can.

Term got off to a roaring start for the children and the highlight so far has been the Year 6 residential visit to Derwent Hill. If you haven't yet had the chance to look at the pictures, please log on to our twitter account (@olqopprimary) to view them. The children have had an amazing time climbing mountains, gorge walking, kayaking, farming and even *strictly come dancing!* Extra-

curricular activities cannot go ahead without the support and dedication of staff and I am extremely grateful to Mrs Maher, Mrs Kebell and Mrs Cresswell for taking the children.

We are hoping to continue to enhance the learning for all children with a range of visits as we know these are inspiring for the children. We are very grateful for the voluntary contributions you make to support trips out. Although some visits are costly the amount we request is based on transport and entry costs. The school budget always subsidises trips and therefore your contribution is vital to offset this. No child would be excluded from a school outing because their family did not contribute so please talk to Mrs Reilly O'Donnell if you have concerns. Thank you once again for your support; it makes a huge difference to the learning opportunities offered to your child.

Mr Taylor selected our new football team in preparation for the new season. Congratulations to Isla McMonigle, Benjamin Perry, Marco Guisti, Gabriel Kerr, Zac Tait, Jakob Routledge, Jake Ward, Sam Fenton Theo Economides, Owen Hill and Noah Worthy, team captain. The first match of the season brought success with a 2-0 win against Holley Park. Well done team and thank you Mr Taylor.

Hustings are now complete and class elections have concluded. Well done to

Grace Bell, Daniel Collings, Zoe Bell, Abigail Thompson, Faye Lang, Samuel Haughey, George Taylor, Rachel Shortliffe Max Smith, Macie Telford-Peake, Ashton Wordsworth, Olivia Marshall, Faye Younger, Akadn Bolam, Emma Shortliffe and Jerome Bramley who have all been elected as school councillors.

Congratulations also to our new Eco Council: Isaac Knowles, Scarlett Metcalfe, Ryan Galer, Jimmy McGee, Rowan Jardine, Grace Rushworth, Noah Worthy, Lily Jessop, Zach Domenech, Freddie Jordan-Banks, Kacie Nanson, Kuke Hartley, Nina Parlett, Callum Fraser, Niamh Haley and Ruby Lamming. The Eco team have already been in discussions with Gentoo about a partnership project, so watch this space!

Well done to our newly elected Mini-Vinnies, Lola Worthy, Maggie Cockburn, Harriet Hill, Luke Darcy, Libby Phillips, Christian Morpeth, Grace Woods, Niamh Walker, Aidan Curran, Holly Watkins, Amelia Morris, Oliver Liddle, Rebecca Stokoe and Joseph Conlon. Their first task is to support our Macmillan Coffee Morning this Friday.

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 at 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. 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.

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.

Reminders

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of a few school procedures.

- Please send all money into school in an envelope or purse, clearly labelled with your child's name and what the money is for.
- Please pay dinner money on Mondays. The child MUST take it to class in a named envelope. Please do not take money to office.
- Please ensure children wear sensible school shoes. Trainers/plimsoles are not permitted except for P.E.



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- Jewellery (except a watch) is not permitted and children will be asked to remove earrings.
 - Please park in the designated areas and be aware of the times of day when traffic is not permitted on the drive.
 - Please do not allow children to play on the field or on equipment at the end of the school day.
- Thank you for your continued support with these matters.

To ensure we do all we can to care for your child, please ensure you have returned the contact form and medical information form. Please also inform us of allergies or other health issues that occur during the year. 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.

If your child lives at two addresses please inform Mrs Ludford to ensure that both parents receive relevant text messages.

Congratulations

Well done to George Dickman who was successful in securing a role in *Vera* during the

holidays. George's episode will be broadcast in the new year.

Well done also to our school choir who have been selected to represent City of Sunderland in the *North East Choir of the Year* competition. This is a remarkable opportunity and is possible because of the hard work shown by our choir members and the dedication of Mrs Purvis. To prepare for the event, Mrs Purvis will now be running a choir after school club. Details will follow. Sadly, the *City Sings* event will not take place this year so this event will be the major focus for the choir.

Mrs Purvis will also be preparing our Year 5 class to sing at the *Tall Ships* launch next year. We'll keep you posted about this is due course.

British Values

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.

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.

And Finally....

Thank you so much for your continued support. We know that when children are helped at home to complete their homework and are given the opportunity to read regularly they are more confident in lessons and are more likely to progress. If you would like advice on supporting your child please speak to their teacher.

Important Dates

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

Friday morning liturgies, 9.15am in school:

6.10.17	Kandinsky
13.10.17	Seurat
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

29.9.17 9am	Macmillan Coffee morning
4.10.17 6pm	Relationships Education meeting
20.10.17	CPD Day, school closed
2.11.17 6pm	Family Night

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	Year 5, 6 Party
22.12.17 11am	Carol Service in church

Recommended Reading

EYFS:	Pirate School	Jeremy Strong
KS1:	The Man Whose Mother Was a Pirate	Margaret Mahy
KS2:	The Railway Children	E Nesbitt

Adults:
Olive Kitteridge
Elizabeth Strout

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



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