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Our Lady Queen of Peace RC Primary School

Newsletter

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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 Mr Quinn to our staff team. Mr Quinn will be teaching Caravaggio, (Year 6) class. We are also pleased that Miss Al-Saffar will be teaching Himid (Year 5) class this term. We wish Mrs Kebell the best of luck as she starts her maternity leave shortly. We look forward to sharing the news of baby Kebell's birth in October but until then please keep them both in your prayers.

Over the summer, the flat roofs of school were replaced. The work is now completed and this sees the end of extensive building work undertaken in the last five years in which four classrooms, an entrance suite, (with improved site security,) drainage to the school grounds, underpinning of foundations, a new car park, new pitched and flat roofs throughout and decoration to the main corridor have been completed. We now hope to bid for funding to refurbish our pupils toilets in the near future.

We have improved the opportunities for outdoor play

also this summer with the installation of outdoor gym equipment and a bike shed. Please note that this is for use during school time only, however.

Mass will be celebrated in church to mark the start of the new year on Thursday 20 September at 10am. On Wednesday 27 September 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 swift start in all classes and hustings are currently taking place for our House Captains, School Council, Eco Team and Mini-Vinnies. Good luck and thank you to all children who offer themselves for the service of others. We will update you with election results in our next newsletter.

Mr Taylor has selected our new football team in preparation for the new season so watch this space for an updated team list and news of our fixtures.

As always, we are hoping to continue to enhance the learning for all children with a range of visits. We know these are inspiring for the children and 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. Children entitled to Pupil Premium funding are given financial support but 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.

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.

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/plimsolls are not permitted except for P.E.
- 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 beginning or end of the school day.
- Animals are not allowed on the school playground or tethered to the school fence.

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

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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 or more 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 Year 5 for their wonderful production of *Matilda* at the end of last term. The children were all thrilled to have the opportunity and the audiences left feeling uplifted. Our special thanks go to Miss Askew and her team of staff helpers- Mrs Merrington, Mrs Moore, Mrs Cresswell, Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Fraser.

The year 5 children also took part in the opening ceremony of the Tall Ships Races in Sunderland and were a credit to the school. Thank you children.

Well done to so many children who completed this year's Great North Run, some of whom raised lots of money for charity. Our congratulations go to Violet Stokoe, Isabelle

Doran, Zoe Bell, Nina Parlett, Harriet Hill, Megan Goodings, Joshua Breckon, Olivia Hedley, Rebecca Stokoe, Lola Worthy, Ruby Hill, Beth Lowden, Scarlett Metcalfe, Joseph Frost, Evie Hill, Ashleyne Rowntree, Seth Morrell, Fraser Thompson, Amelia Aitchison and James Steingberg.

Coming Up...

We have been selected to work with the Sunderland Echo on a project called, "Armistice 100," which will recall the contribution made by so many local people to World War I. Throughout the summer many of the children attend a parish poppy-making event and we look forward to the sculpture which will be exhibited in church in November.

Lizzie Stephenson (Year 5) is in training for a huge challenge as she is going to be climbing Mount Toubkal in the Atlas Mountains. The Mountain is 4167m high and she will feel the effects of altitude from 2500m. This will make it very difficult to breathe. The trek will take 4 days in total and she is attempting it in October half term in order to raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Care. Well done so far Lizzie and good luck with the rest of your training.

Our Y6 children will be taking part in the Houghton Feast opening ceremony and teams of Year 5 and Year 6 have the opportunity to complete the

Houghton Feast Dash on Saturday 6 October. Year 6 will also be visiting Derwent Hill for the annual residential trip and Year 5 will have the opportunity to go to London to visit parliament. Lots more exciting learning opportunities are planned and details will be shared by teachers in 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.

Our Mission Statement

Our school mission statement, which was developed collaboratively by governors, staff, parents and children three years ago is recorded at the bottom of the newsletter and is displayed around school. The key message that we share with the children is that they were "created to flourish in God's image." This is a celebration to mark the fact that they are unique and we seek to enable them to grow and develop to enhance their unique abilities and talents. Everyone in school has a wristband as a constant

reminder of our mission and they are encouraged to wear them every day.

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:

28.9.18	Rousseau
THURS 4.10.18	Constable
12.10.18	Mondrian
19.10.18	Picasso
9.11.18	Seurat
16.11.18	Kandinsky
23.11.18	Caravaggio
30.11.18	Dali
7.12.18	Himid
14.12.18	Goldsworthy
21.12.18	Carol Service

Other Important dates

21.9.18 9:15am	Macmillan Coffee morning
19.10.18	School Photographer
2.11.18 6pm	Family Night
12.12.18 1.30pm	KS1 Play
13.12.18 10am	KS1 Play
13.12.18 1.30pm	EYFS Play
14.12.18 10am	EYFS Play
17.12.18	EYFS Party
18.12.18	KS1 Party
19.12.18	Year 3, 4 Party
20.12.18, 10am	School Mass
20.12.18	Year 5, 6 Party
21.12.18 10am	

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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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