



NEWSLETTER - APRIL

Attendance Award

The winner of the Best Attendance Award for March is YREC.

Well Done! As a reward YREC will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 4th May.

We have a whole school attendance target for the year of 96%. Currently we are just below target at 95.5%.

The Percentage for each class for last month was:



REC	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
98.3	94.5	95.8	95.8	96.1	95.6	97.2

A reminder that parents/carers are invited to join their children in class this Thursday (26th April) at 9.15am to see how they tackle problem solving activities in their mathematics lessons. You will also have the opportunity to look at your child's work. Please note, if you have children in more than one class, you are welcome to move between rooms. Teaching activities will take place 9.15am-9.40am approx. and book browsing will run 9.40am-10.00am approx. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served in the school hall 10.00am-10.30am for those who are able to stay.

There will also be a **Whole School Mass** on **Tuesday 1st May** at 9.30 am in church to celebrate St Joseph's Day (The Worker). Please come along with friends and family to celebrate Mass with us.



LUNCHTIME NEWS

Themed Lunches

Our Lunchtime team are busy preparing a number of theme days for the children to enjoy. On each of the days, the main meals will remain the same, but the dessert that day may be slightly different to coincide with the event.

The theme days already planned are:

Friday	18 th May	Royal Wedding
Thursday	19 th July	Seaside Day

As the weather improves (hopefully), please remember to protect your child from the sun. Please make sure they have a **sun hat or cap**, a **drink of water** (unflavoured, still) and apply some **sun protection** before they leave the house if the forecast indicates high temperatures. **There are high factor sun lotions available that can be applied before the children come to school that would last them the entire day which would save the children having to reapply lotion.** If necessary, children can bring sun protection cream to school to be applied at lunchtime, however as children are responsible for applying their own cream they may not get the necessary protection or get it in their eyes, therefore we strongly advise the use of long lasting protection. Any cream/lotion brought into school should be clearly marked with your child's name and left in the office. Please also ensure your child's uniform has their name marked on the labels as when the weather is hot the children take their jumpers off more often. Please regularly check your child's uniform to ensure they haven't taken the wrong sweatshirt home.



Dates for your Diary

26 th April	Maths Reasoning Open Lessons and Book Browsing	Parents/carers are invited to join their children in class to see how they tackle problem solving activities in their mathematics lessons. You will also have an opportunity to look at your child's work	9.15 am - 10.15 am
29 th June	Sports Day - school yard	KS2 KS1	9.30 am - 11.00 am 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm
5 th July	Whole School trip to Gibside	If any parents are able to help on this trip can you please contact the school office	All day
6 th July	Reports out	Annual class teacher reports to parents	
9 th July	Drop-in session	Parents to see class teacher if they have any questions about annual report	3.15 pm - 4.30 pm
12 th July	Y6 Presentation Evening		6.00 pm - 7.30 pm
16 th July	Y6 Play		6.00 pm - 7.30 pm
18 th July	Y6 Leavers Mass/Disco		6.00 pm - 9.00 pm



FATHER'S DAY
HAPPY

St Joseph's RC Primary School
Wednesday 20th June

Menu

Roast Turkey and Stuffing with Gravy
Cheese and Tomato Quiche

Mashed or Roast Potatoes
Peas, Carrots
Coleslaw
Salad Selection

Syrup Sponge with Custard
Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

#1 DAD

Durham County Council
Taylor Shaw
Seeing food differently

We would like to invite dads to a special lunch with their children to celebrate Fathers' Day. The lunch will be held on Wednesday 20th June in the school hall. The price of the adult meal is £2.40. Children's meals are £2.00 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 only as YR, 1 and 2 are free). If Dad is not able to come along then another male adult can attend, e.g. granddad, or uncle. Due to the size of the hall and the number of tables, we must restrict this offer to one adult per family. Once we have final numbers we will send out details of arrangements/time.

Please complete the slip attached to select one of the 3 options

- I would like to join my child for lunch
- No adult attending - my child will have their normal school lunch
- No adult attending - my child will have their normal packed lunch

and return it to school by **Monday 4th June** at the latest.

We need a reply for every child even if no adult is coming along (so that we know what your child wants to eat that day).

Partnership of Pontop Royal Wedding Picnic



Invitation to all our Parishes, Families and Primary Schools.

Come and celebrate the Royal Wedding on **Saturday 19th May 2018**, with a **Family Picnic** and activities arranged by Mission Development Group, Parents and "Friends" Groups of our Primary Schools.

Venue: St. Patrick's Primary School Consett. 11.30 am—2.30 pm. Entry is free, but tickets will be needed and children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Competition for Best Wedding Hat, plus Face painting and Raffle, plus many other activities..

Father's Day Lunch - Reply Slip

Name of Child

Class.....

My child normally has a school dinner	<input type="checkbox"/>
My child normally has a packed lunch	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please choose one of the following options

I would like to join my child for lunch	<input type="checkbox"/>
I will not be attending	<input type="checkbox"/>

PLEASE TICK ONE MAIN MEAL AND ONE DESSERT CHOICE

Child's Menu Choice (please complete for every child)	<i>Roast Turkey Dinner</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	or	
	<i>Cheese and Tomato Quiche</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	<i>Syrup Sponge</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Or	
	<i>Yoghurt or Fruit</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Own Packed Lunch</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Adult's Menu Choice	<i>Roast Turkey Dinner</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	or	
	<i>Chees and Tomato Quiche</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	<i>Syrup Sponge</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	or	
	<i>Yoghurt or Fruit</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Own Packed Lunch</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If your child normally has a packed lunch but is having a dinner on this occasion please enclose £2.00 per meal (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 only), otherwise please pay dinner money on a Monday morning as normal.

Amount enclosed (£2.00 per child meal Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 only).....

Amount enclosed (£2.40 per adult meal)

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP BY MONDAY 4TH JUNE AT THE LATEST
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