

# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents / Carers,

## **Brighten Up Day for CAFOD**

It was wonderful to see all the children dressed in their bright clothes to celebrate the day. Pupils have been learning about the important role, which CAFOD plays in the charitable sector.

## **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

We had a wonderful turn out to this event in school last Friday and raised an amazing £183.42. I really appreciate all the support given by all the parents/carers either who attended or who offered the most wonderful array of cakes for us to sell.

## **Attendance of the Week**

As you are all aware attendance is hugely important, we want all of our pupils to be in school learning. The attendance for this week is as follows:

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| Reception | 91.4% |
| Year 1    | 97.0% |
| Year 2    | 100%  |
| Year 3    | 99.0% |
| Year 4    | 95.3% |
| Year 5    | 98.7% |
| Year 6    | 96.0% |

Many congratulations to Year 2 who, once again, have the best attendance this week, they will be rewarded with an extra slot of outdoor time in the sunshine! The overall attendance for the whole school in September was 97.9% - it is wonderful to have as many of our children in school as possible – remember your child needs to be in school to learn!

## **Appointments**

If your child has a medical appointment during the school day, please bring the letter into school for us to copy – I appreciate your support with this.

## **Free School Meals for R, Y1 & Y2**

As you are all aware, all of our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are entitled to a free school lunch every day. As the winter months draw in and it is cold outside, it is a great time of year to take up this free opportunity. Please could you return your menu choices to school as soon as possible?

### **After School Clubs**

Could all parents/carers note that after school clubs will continue as this week. The last session will be on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018 with the exception of Multiskills on a Tuesday and Netball on a Thursday, which will both run to the 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December respectively.

### **Dropping off and collecting arrangements**

Could all parents/carers please ensure that they stand behind the cones when the children are lining up in the morning as too many adults standing too close to them in a bunch overawe some of our children? After school when collecting the children I would once again ask parents/carers to stand behind the cones and not next to the classrooms, the children in Year 5 and Year 6 are still in lessons and find parents leaning on the windows and chatting a real distraction to their learning. I really appreciate all your support and help in this matter.

### **House Points**

House points for this week are as follows, well done to everyone for all their hard work.

**St Bede – 329 House Points!**

**St Cuthbert – 340 House Points!**

**St Aidan – 349 House Points!**

**St Oswald – 284 House Points!**

### **Pontop Partnership Worship evening**

All our Year 5, Year 6 and Year 7 pupils from the parish are invited to attend the Pontop Partnership Worship evening.  
Venue: St Mary's, Pemberton Road, Blackhill, Consett DH8 8JD

### **NSPCC**

As you know, the NSPCC has been in school giving free safeguarding assemblies and workshops, so if any parent/carers would like to donate to this worthwhile charity we would happily forward your donation.

### **School Fair**

Tonight, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October there will be a school fair held in the hall from 3:30pm – All are very welcome to come and support this mini event!

### **St Joseph's Sacristy**

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in helping to sort out St Joseph's sacristy, to enable the parish to have their first Coffee Morning on Thursday morning. If anyone would like to be part of a rota helping with the coffee mornings please sign the list at the back of St Joseph's church. The parish is always looking to welcome new volunteers.

I hope you all have a safe and restful weekend ready for the new week on Monday morning

Kind regards,

**Mrs A. D. Thorpe**  
**Headteacher**

# The Autumn Term 'Dates for the Diary'

| Date                       | Details of the Events (Updated 05/10/2018)   |
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| <b>September</b>           |  |
| 13/09/2018                 | Roald Dahl Day – Pupils to come dressed in a costume related to their favourite character from any of his books  |
| 19/09/2018                 | NSPCC in school delivery of Key Stage appropriate assemblies encouraging children to keep themselves safe  |
| 20/09/2018 9:30am          | Whole school Welcome Mass in church – All are Welcome  |
| 20/09/2018 4:30pm          | Welcome meeting for all parents wanting their child to attend the First Holy Communion Preparation Programme at St Joseph's Church. A list of dates will be handed out for you to add to your diaries  |
| 24/09/2018 9:15am          | Year 6 Families are invited to come to the Childs Class Liturgy in the school hall   |
| 26/09/2018                 | European Day of Languages – Pupils are all invited to come into school wearing the colour of the country they will be learning about. Pupils will take part in lots of fun activities associated with the country they are learning about<br>Reception – France<br>Year 1 – Spain<br>Year 2 – Germany<br>Year 3 – Portugal<br>Year 4 – Belgium<br>Year 5 – Italy<br>Year 6 – The Netherlands |
| 26/09/2018                 | NSPCC Workshops in school with Year 5 & Year 6   |
| 26/09/2018 2:00pm          | NSPCC Safety Workshop for parents and carers in school – All Welcome   |
| 28/09/2018                 | Macmillan Coffee Morning in the school hall – All are welcome<br>We would gratefully accept any donations of cake to sell and all monies raised will be forwarded to Macmillan Cancer Care   |
| <b>October</b>             |  |
| 1/10/2018                  | Brighten Up day for CAFOD – Pupils to come to school dressed in their most colourful clothes to celebrate the work they do across the world  |
| 04/10/2018 8:30am – 9:30am | Nurse Alison is available for a drop in session for parents/carers   |
| 5/10/2018                  | School fair in the school hall   |
| 5/10/2018 – 10/10/2018     | World Space Week – Events happening during the school day for pupils   |
| 8/10/2018                  | Faith in Action Workshop in school – Year 6 pupils only  |
| 10/10/2018                 | Big Soup Event for Reception and Year 1 parents – Straight after school<br>We would appreciate any volunteers to come into school and help to refurbish the outdoor area and then enjoy soup made by the children using vegetables grown in the school garden.<br>Please see Mrs Hull or Mrs Quiney for details  |
| 15/10/2018 9:15am          | Year 5 Families are invited to come to the Childs Class Liturgy in the school hall   |
| 17/10/2018 6:00pm – 7:30pm | Year 5, Year6 and Year 7 pupils from the parish are all invited to attend the Pontop Partnership Worship evening. Venue: St Mary's, Pemberton Road, Blackhill, Consett DH8 8JD   |
| 19/10/2018 9:30am          | Whole school Harvest festival Mass in church – All are welcome   |
| 20/10/2018 – 28/10/2018    | Half Term Holidays   |
| 31/10/2018 5:00 – 6:30pm   | Halloween Disco – Ticket details to follow   |
| <b>November</b>            |  |

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| 1/11/2018 8:30am               | Nurse Alison – Whole school Health Profile  |
| 1/11/2018 11:00am              | All Saints Day Mass in Church – Year 5 & Year 6 to attend – All are welcome   |
| 7/11/2018                      | Flu immunisations for R to Y5 in school   |
| 11/11/2018                     | The Bishop will be saying Mass at church – All are welcome to come and join the celebration   |
| 12/11/2018 9:15am              | Remembrance Service in school followed by a Y6 memorial at the church Cenotaph  |
| 12/11/2018                     | 'Odd Socks Day' for Anti Bullying week  |
| 12/11/2018 – 16/11/2018        | Anti-bullying Week – There will be a number of events going on in all the classes at an age appropriate level                       |
| 12/11/2018 – 16/11/2018        | Parliamentary Week – Pupils will be learning about the British Values of democracy and fair elections                               |
| 19/11/2018 9:15am              | Year 4 families are invited to come to the Childs Class Liturgy in the school hall  |
| 26/11/2018 9:15am              | Advent Liturgy 1 – Year 1 & Year 2 Families only in the school hall   |
| 27/11/2018 – 28/11/2018        | Northern Dance – in school working with all pupils on the meaning of our Northern Saints: St Bede, St Oswald, St Cuthbert, St Aidan |
| 29/11/2018 – 30/11/2018        | Parents Evening for all pupils  |
| 30/11/2018 2:00pm              | Christingle Service in the school hall – All are welcome  |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 | Last Afterschool Club Session for the term except for multiskills and netball   |

## December

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| 03/12/2018 9:15am | Advent Liturgy 2 – Year 3 & Year 4 Families only in the school hall                      |
| 4/12/2018 5:30pm  | Bedtime Stories in Church – All welcome  |
| 10/12/2018 9:15am | Advent Liturgy 3 – Year 5 Families only in the school hall                               |
| 11/12/2018 5:30pm | Bedtime Stories in Church – All welcome  |
| 12/12/2018 4:30pm | Christmas Drive in Movie Night – Tickets will issued nearer the time                     |
| 13/12/18          | Last afterschool club for multiskills (11/12/218) and netball (13/12/18)                 |
| 14/12/2018 2:00pm | Carols by Candlelight in the school hall – All welcome                                   |
| 17/12/2018 9:15am | Advent Liturgy 4 – Year 6 Families only in the school hall                               |
| 18/12/2018 9:30am | Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Nativity Families                                   |
| 18/12/2018 2:00pm | Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Nativity Families                                   |
| 18/12/2018 5:30pm | Bedtime Stories in Church – All welcome  |
| 19/12/2018 9:30am | Year3, Year4, Year5 & Year6 Christmas Production Families                                |
| 19/12/2018 2:00pm | Year3, Year4, Year5 & Year6 Christmas Production Families                                |
| 20/12/2018 9:30am | End of Term Mass in Church – All are welcome   |
| 20/12/2018        | Christmas Disco in school (Children can change into party clothes at school after lunch) |

## Christmas Holidays

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| 21/21/2018-06/01/2019 | Christmas Holidays including an Inset Day on 21/12/2018 |
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