



NEWSLETTER 11: MAY 2021

Star of the Week

The following children have received a Star of the Week certificate this week:



- Nursery - Azan for sharing his wonderful imagination with us
- Reception - William for being so welcoming to our visitors in school this week
- Year 1 - Ella C for using her own initiative and being very helpful in class
- Year 2 - Ava for her excellent reading this week
- Year 3 - Molly for her excellent organisational skills & being so helpful
- Year 4 - James P for his brilliant work ethic and determination to keep going
- Year 5 - Lyla W for her effort and determination in learning BSL and performing a solo to raise money for National Deaf Children's Society
- Year 6 - Jack W for his infectious love of reading!



The class with the best attendance each month will be rewarded with an extra 10 minutes of play time. **The Winner for April is Year Reception**

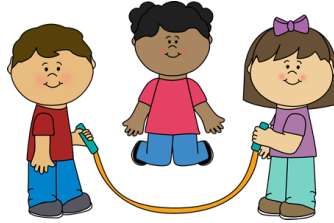
April's attendance was:

Nursery	Reception	Year1	Year2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.0%	98.8%	98.7%	96.4%	97.1%	98.0%	92.3%	97.6%

This week's attendance is:

Nursery	Reception	Year1	Year2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.7%	98.1%	96.4%	99.1%	94.0%	100%	89.6%	97.2%

Attendance this week for the whole school is 96.3%



Durham Virtual Skip Week- Skip into Spring

The whole school will be taking part in Durham's Virtual skip week. Skipping has a positive impact on children's health, fitness and mental wellbeing. The aim of the project is to inspire and engage children to get active, have fun and to create sustainable activity levels, boost self-esteem, confidence and overall wellbeing. Children will be taking part in challenges during the week at playtime and lunchtime finishing with a skipping festival on Friday.



National Deaf Children's Society - Deaf Awareness Week

Well done to the children in Y2, Y5 and Y6 who have been taking part in a variety of activities to raise awareness and funds as part of Deaf Awareness Week. All videos have been posted on our Facebook page. Donations for this charity can be made via ParentPay. Thank you.

Friends of St Joseph's

School are looking to set up a new "Friends of St Joseph's". This is a great opportunity for parents to help support the school and to meet new people. If any parent/carer is interested in being part of the "Friends of St Joseph's" please send an email to

stanleystjoseph@durhamlearning.net



First Holy Communion - Year 5

Year 5 children will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 10th July at 10.00am in St Joseph's Church. Further details to follow



Reception #LitterHeroes

Look out for our Reception #LitterHeroes. Over the coming weeks Reception children may be seen around Oakey's Park with their litter pickers. #LitterHeroes is for everyone who wants to do their bit to create a better environment on their doorstep. If you see them give them a cheer and a wave for helping to keep Stanley Tidy.



School Meals & ParentPay

A polite reminder that **all** school meals must be booked via ParentPay. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, meals are free and can be booked for the full term. Nursery & KS2 children meals can be booked on a weekly, monthly or termly basis and must be paid for at the time of booking. As I am sure you can appreciate, it can be distressing for a child if they haven't been booked in to have a school meal and they don't have a packed lunch. Staff will obviously then contact parents/carers to arrange a meal but children may have to have whatever is available at short notice and it is not always their choice. Please help us ensure your child has the meal of their choice by booking meals by a Sunday at the latest for the following week. If you have any queries about booking on ParentPay, please contact Mrs Cowan who will be more than happy to help.

Smarties Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who has helped us to raise funds for books for our new library. We are half way there having raised a total of £501.07 so far. We are aiming to raise £1,000.

There is still time to send in your Smarties tube or alternatively, you can donate via ParentPay

Thank you for your generosity and support.



If you have any queries, please contact us at
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