



NEWSLETTER 19: JULY 2021

Star of the Week Award

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



- Nursery - Karan for being a good friend and joining in so well with others
- Reception - Louie for being a great reader and supporting others
- Year 1 - Isla for her positivity and confidence during drama this week
- Year 2 - Ryan for his excellent geography work about Tynemouth
- Year 3 - Ava for being a hard-working role Model
- Year 4 - Sophia B for putting a lot of effort into her work
- Year 5 - Jack for being a wonderful member of year 5
- Year 6 - Molly for a very poignant poem about the meaning of true frame



Fun Day

We will be ending what has been a very difficult year for everyone with a fun day in school on Monday 19th July. All children can come to school in non-uniform. We will be having lots of games and activities throughout the day. We ask for a voluntary contribution of £3.00 per child which will go towards snacks and refreshments. Please send your donation using ParentPay. Thank you.

Goodbye and Good Luck

We say a fond farewell to Mr Grogan, Miss Cossey and Mrs Scott who leave us at the end of term. We wish them all the very best for the future.

We also send our best wishes to Miss Eastham and Miss Gill for their forthcoming weddings. They will return in September as Mrs Spinks and Mrs Smith.



ParentPay

Please can we ask that all parents/carers make any final payments for this year by Sunday 18th July, this includes meals for Monday 19th July as well as contributions for the Fun Day on Monday.

We will be processing the following refunds as soon as possible

- After School Clubs
- Y6 Middleton Trip
- Y6 School Meal and Breakfast Club overpayments (unless they have a younger sibling in KS2 and the balance was under £10 then the money will be transferred to the siblings account).
- Nursey School Meal overpayments

Credit balances for School Meals and Breakfast Club for Rec to Y5 will be carried forward to next year.

Entrance & Exit to School from September 2021

From September children in Nursery & Reception Class will use their own entrance opposite the Job Centre.

On a morning parents need to bring children in Year 1 - Year 6 to the KS2 Yard which is accessed via the church entrance. Parents are welcome onto the yard.

Children in Nursery & Reception Class will leave on an evening via their own entrance. If they have an older sibling in school, they will leave with them.

All other children in Year 1 - Year 6 will leave school via the KS1 yard which is opposite MayFair Carpets. We ask parents to wait on the Front Street for the children to be brought out by the teachers.

September 2021

A reminder that our uniform policy can be found on our website at <https://www.stanley-pri.durham.sch.uk/?s=uniform>

- Absolutely no jewellery (except watches) allowed. Please note this includes earrings, regardless of when a child's ears were pierced.
- No oversized or brightly coloured hair accessories are allowed. Please stick to blue, white, grey or black plain hair ties/bobbles or slides.
- Long hair must be tied back at all times.
- No oversized bags are allowed. Most year groups have a cloakroom area within the classroom and therefore we recommend school book bags and PE bags as space is limited. Book and PE bags are available to order with uniform (again this is optional).
- Children must not come to school with dyed hair, shaved in lines or any extreme styles.

It is essential that school clothing and personal property be clearly marked with your child's name. (Uniform ordered through the school's supplier can have your child's name embroidered at the time of purchase.)

TIMINGS OF THE SCHOOL DAY – September 2021

Early Years (Nursery)		
Morning Session (3hrs)	08:45	11:45
Afternoon Session (3hrs)	12:15	15:15
All Day (6hrs) Including lunch at 11:45	09:00	15:00

Early Years (Reception)		
Morning Session	8:45	11:45
Lunch	11:45	12:45
Afternoon Session	12:45	15:15

Key Stage 1		
Bell rings at 8:50 to bring children to classrooms		
Morning Session	8:50	11:50
Morning Break	<i>10.15 10.30</i>	
Lunch	11:50 to 12:50	
Afternoon Session	12:50	15:10
Afternoon Break	<i>14:00 – 14:10</i>	

Key Stage 2		
Bell rings at 8:50 to bring children to classrooms		
Morning Session	8:50	12:00
Morning Break	<i>10:15 – 10:30</i>	
Lunch	12:00 to 13:00	
Afternoon Session	13:00	15:15

School Meals

From September the cost of school meals for pupils will be:

- £2.15 for KS2 children
- £2.26 for Nursery children



I would like to say a huge thank you to all the children and their families for the support, kind words and dedication to school during the last year.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer break and I look forward to welcoming you back safe and well in September.

A message from Amanda Healy - Director Of Public Health for County Durham

Be Aware, Be Safe.

We are currently seeing increasing Covid-19 infection rates in the north of County Durham and it is therefore really important that we all follow public health guidance and remain vigilant.

The majority of cases across our communities are the Delta variant, currently the main variant nationally, which is more transmittable which means that contacts of cases are now more likely to become infected themselves.

However, measures to control the variant are the same and the more robust you are in following these measures, the better protected you and your loved ones are.

As always please follow the Hands, Face, Space, Fresh Air guidance. Socialise outside wherever you can. While restrictions are being lifted on 19 July please continue to exercise great caution when mixing indoors beyond this date, as the virus can spread more easily in enclosed spaces.

Two doses of a coronavirus vaccination provide the best protection against the virus. Please attend both appointments as soon as you can.

If you get any symptoms you must self-isolate and book a free test via the NHS website: www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test If you are identified as a contact of a case, you too must self-isolate and arrange to have a test as soon as you can. It is a legal requirement that anyone with symptoms or who is a contact of a case self-isolates until they get their test result.

People without symptoms are encouraged to do twice weekly Lateral Flow Device tests at home and to report the results online. Testing kits are available at council venues and pharmacies.

All the latest guidance and information on how to access testing can be found at www.durham.gov.uk/coronavirus.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR APPRENTICE

School Administrator Apprenticeship Level 3

£244.20 per week

Term Time only

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a School Administrator Apprenticeship here at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Stanley. There is an excellent opportunity to progress for the right candidate who is enthusiastic and willing to learn new skills. The successful candidate will play a crucial role in the day-to-day life of the school by providing a wide range of administrative support to keep everything running as smoothly as possible. Please see the advert at the end of this newsletter for details.

For more information and how to apply, please contact info@accesstraining.org.



SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR APPRENTICE

Vacancy ref no: 1632

Location: Stanley

Employer: St. Josephs Catholic Primary School

Hours of Work: 37 hours per week, Mon – Fri 8-4 (30 mins for lunch)

Salary: Competitive salary

St Joseph's School is part of Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust, a family of 5 secondary schools and 24 primary schools from across Gateshead, Sunderland, Durham and Northumberland, in the west of the Diocese. St. Joseph's School is a learning community where the spiritual, moral, intellectual, social and physical development of the children is nurtured and developed, in a secure environment, based on Gospel values of God's Kingdom, revealed through Jesus and the teaching of His Church. The school is committed to giving recognition, respect, understanding and value to each individual within the community and to fostering the development of personal and interpersonal growth in an atmosphere of trust and openness. St. Joseph's is a Voluntary Aided Primary School, founded by the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, providing places for boys and girls aged 4 years to 11 years. In September 2020 a new nursery provision opened offering 15 & 30 hours provision to children aged 3 – 4. The nursery caters for 26 children. At present, there are 220 children on roll.

Job Description/Skills Required:

SUPPORT FOR THE SCHOOL

- Ensure all visitors entering the school follow safeguarding procedures & policy
- Establish constructive relationships and communicate with other agencies/professionals
- Assist with marketing and promotion of the School

- Contribute to the planning, development and organisation of support service systems/procedures/policies
- Manage manual and computerised record/information systems
- Respond to all telephone calls & enquiries in a polite, professional manner and relay information to appropriate staff and students when expected to do so
- Record & sign on receipt for deliveries to the school and arrange for distribution
- Maintain & update school staff & student data as required
- Word processing, photocopying, routine administration tasks, and finance tasks where directed by line manager
- Operate room booking systems
- Reception duties
- To undertake filing, photocopying, collation of information and general clerical work on behalf of the Admin department.
- To undertake standard word-processing, presentation work, spreadsheet work and database input as required.
- To keep up to date with the school's requirements (policies and procedures).
- Undertake training and CPD as required
- Appreciate and support the role of other professionals
- Attend and participate in relevant meetings as required

PROFESSIONAL VALUES AND PRACTICES

- To set an example to pupils, have high expectations of all pupils; respect their social, cultural, linguistic, religious and ethnic backgrounds; and be committed to raising their educational achievement
- Work collaboratively with colleagues as part of a professional team; and carry out roles effectively, knowing when to seek help and advice from colleagues
- Reflect upon and seek to improve personal practice
- Build and maintain successful relationships with pupils, parents/carers and staff.

Training and development

- To attain the Level 2/3 qualification by attending tutorials and completing all assignments within the set timescales.
- To attend training sessions as appropriate, this may include off-site training days.
- To undertake responsibility for improving your own practice through observation of more experienced colleagues, participating in all available training opportunities, coaching, working with a mentor, self-evaluation and performance management, including the school's training days.
- Attend college/training provider as and when required.

Meet deadlines of college/training provider

Qualifications Required:

- 5 GCSEs, grade A-C (or equivalent), including English and Mathematics.
- 3 A Levels or equivalent (Desirable)
- Experience of working with children in a primary school. (Desirable)

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