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*'Together we strive for excellence, inspired by the joy of the Gospel.'*

5th July 2019

## Reception Parents Evening - 8th July 6 p.m.

A reminder that an evening has been arranged for Monday 8th July, starting at 6 p.m. in the school hall, for all parents of children starting reception Class in September 2019.

## Year 6 Cluster Mass

The children in Year 6 will be attending Holy Mass at Corpus Christi Church in Gateshead on Wednesday 10th July at 10 a.m. All of the Year 6 classes in all Gateshead Catholic schools have been invited to attend to celebrate the end of their primary school year.

## Visitors from China

This week, Anny has spent time with us in Year 5, she is 10 years old and lives just outside of Shanghai. Next week we are expecting another group of children from Beijing and Shanghai to join us in school for 6 days.

## School Closures

School will be closed to pupils on Friday 12th July and Thursday 18th July

## Beach Trip

Children from Years 1 & 2 will be spending the day at South Shields on Monday 15th July. On Tuesday 16th July, years 3, 4 and 5 will be going to South Shields.

## Year 6 Leavers Mass

A leavers Mass has been arranged for Year 6 in church on Wednesday 17th July at 7 p.m. The Mass will be followed with light refreshments in the school hall.

## End of Year School Mass

Our end of year school Mass will be celebrated in church on Friday 19th July at 9.15 a.m. and all are welcome to attend.

## Records of Achievement

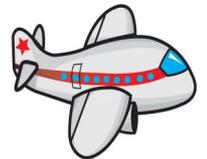
Records of Achievements for all pupils will be sent home with your child on Thursday 11th July. We apologise for this delay but we don't receive Year 6 Sats results until 9th July.

## Summer Holidays

School closes at 3.15 p.m. on Friday 19th July for the summer holidays and re-opens again on TUESDAY 3rd September 2019.

## Airport Day

A reminder that the whole school will be organising an 'Airport Day' on Thursday 11th July to celebrate the end of this terms topic. Children have been invited to come to school that day 'dressed up' as a worker from the airport such as; pilot, cabin crew, ground staff etc.



## Staffing for September 2019

Nursery	-	Mrs Robinson (4 days)
		Mrs Foster ( 1 day)
		Mrs Lamb ( 5 days)
Reception	-	Miss Wilson
		Mrs Bowden
Year 1	-	Miss O'Sullivan
Year 2	-	Mrs Gourley
		Mrs Humble
Year 3	-	Mrs Bishop
Year 4	-	Mrs Myers
Year 5	-	Mr Craig
		Mr Patterson
Year 6	-	Mr Knox
		Mrs Horne

## Staff leaving

Congratulation, goodbye and goodluck to Mr. Reeson as he takes up his new post as Headteacher on 1st September 2019 at All Saints C of E First School in Morpeth.

## Welcome

In September we welcome Miss Siobhan O'Sullivan who will be teaching in Year 1. Miss O'Sullivan currently teaches in Manchester and is re-locating back to the North East.

### **Congratulations**

Well done to Charlie S who came 1st in Division 1 Tyne and Wear Breast stroke 'Diddy League'.  
Charlie and Max T also came 3rd in 4x25m freestyle & Mixed relay for Gateshead and Whickham.

### **Apologies**

Sorry for the late cancellation of Year 1 Mass and Reception Liturgy.

### **Dinner Money**

If possible can you log into Sims Pay to finalise dinner monies for the end of the school year.

### **Hot Weather**

Can I please remind you how important it is for the children to keep hydrated in hot weather. We sell water bottles for £1.50 if they don't have one at home.

### **Sun Lotion**

Staff are not allowed to apply suntan cream to children. If they are capable enough to put their own on they should only apply it to themselves and not let anyone else use it in case of allergies.  
You can get an all day cream suitable for younger children.

### **Flying high ... with Mrs Cox!**

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June we were delighted to welcome Mrs Cox, a cabin crew member for British Airways. Mrs Cox worked with the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to give them a wonderful, engaging airport and aircraft experience.

Each child was given a role; check in staff, security, baggage handlers, sales assistant, air traffic control, pilot, cabin crew and passengers wearing uniforms and props to assist their role. The passengers worked their way through the airport before boarding the flight to New York. The pilots and cabin crew worked hard to make the flight as comfortable as possible for their 'demanding' passengers.

The session ended with Mrs Cox answering many of the children's questions.

The children all thoroughly enjoyed this very engaging experience; they learn lots and above all had lots of fun. Thank you very much Mrs Cox.



### **Easy Jet Pilot comes to School !**

On Wednesday, as part of the Erasmus Project, the school was visited by EasyJet Pilot, Graham Brooks who talked to children in both KS1 and KS2. The children enjoyed learning about what had inspired Graham to learn to fly and what a day in the life of a pilot involved. Graham showed us some fantastic pictures of what the weather looks like at 35,000ft and the inside of the cockpit. We even got the chance to learn how to take off and land a plane! I'm sure he has inspired a generation of budding pilots!



### **Food Bank**

'Thank you very much for all the donations we have received for the Foodbank so far. We will be delivering all the donations within the last week of term, so if you have any further donations please send them into school by Tuesday 16th July.'

### **Easy Fundraising**

The next Amazon Prime day is on the 15/16th July. If you are going to have a shopping spree or book a family holiday don't forget to use 'EasyFundraising'. We have already had donations of £181.03.

## Sports Page

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the very recent quadkids, athletics festival and netball competitions. We got through to the Gateshead finals, won a silver medal and came second in the netball! Fantastic sportsmanship all round.



**It's been a great year for sport in our school!**



## Staff Car Park

Can we please gently remind all parents and children to enter and exit school by the internal path. If you are accessing Keystage 2, then please **DO NOT** cut through the staff carpark. Everyone should be keeping on the paths and using the zebra crossing to guide you.

Once again we have had a member of staffs car scratched as some children and parents weave buggies through the parked cars.

**PLEASE USE THE FOOTPATHS**