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

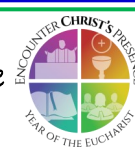


17th June 2022



## Year of The Eucharist

Go out and serve the world through the nourishment of the Eucharist.



## Our School Prayer

*Father in heaven, bless our school, the teachers, children and all who work within these walls.  
Dear Holy Spirit stay here with us, so that we may always be wise and good, always doing our best, doing harm to no-one and respecting everyone.  
Dear Jesus, when we are happy share our joy, when we are sad comfort us. Father, Son and Holy Spirit make our school your home. Amen*



## Year 1 Dance Festival

Congratulations and well done to all our 'Super Stars' in Year 1 who performed at The Gateshead Sage this week. The childrens' dance performance was superb and we have received lots of very favourable comments from other people who were in the audience.  
Well done Year 1 children.



## Year 6 Holy Island

Our Year 6 children have had a amazing time this week on Holy Island. They have been on long walks including a night walk, a visit to the castle, beach combing, a trip on Billy Shields boat around the Farne Islands, and spent the day with More than Dance. Let's hope they still have enough energy left for next week when they spend four days at Newburn Activity Centre!

## Sports Days

We apologise again for any inconvenience and disappointment in having to cancel Sports Day. Unfortunately, we have been informed that our field is not suitable for fast competitive sports following a risk assessment. Moving forward in the future, we are currently looking at hosting our Sports Day at one of the local stadiums where parents will also be welcome to come along.  
This year however, we have booked Newburn Activity Centre for Years 3, 4 and 5. Each class will be spending a day at the centre where in the morning they will be taught by the centre coaches getting involved in skills such as archery, climbing etc. The afternoon will be more competitive where children will be involved in the traditional competitive sports such as running, relay etc. Each class will be divided into their 'houses' and therefore competing against their peers in the hope that their house wins overall.  
I'm sure that the children will have a great time and fully enjoy the sporting activities arranged for them.  
Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be staying in school where a 'fun activity' afternoon has been organised. More information will be sent nearer the time.

## Apologies

Apologies to Year 2 parents for any inconvenience caused in the change of Mass date for Year 2 .

## MASS DATES UNTIL END OF TERM - Please note some changes

**Thursday 23rd June** - Year 4 Mass - children are invited to come to Mass wearing their First Holy Communion outfits. Parents are welcome to attend.

**Thursday 30th June** Year 3

**Thursday 7th July** Year 5

**Thursday 14th July** Year 2

**Thursday 21st July** Year 6

## Year 5 Cycling Skills Sessions

This has been arranged for Friday 24th June for those pupils in Year 5 who signed up.

## Jungle Book

A theatre group will be presenting their version of The Jungle Book to children in Keystage 1 on Thursday 30th June

## Coffee and Chat Mornings

We have arranged a series of informal Coffee and Chat mornings where parents are invited to come into the school hall and meet the teachers and staff. In September we have a number of new staff starting therefore this will be a good opportunity to meet the staff who will be teaching your child next year.

The coffee mornings will be hosted in the school hall from 8.30 - 9.30 a.m.

Please come along and have a coffee and chat.

Friday 24th June - Year 4 parents can meet Mrs Bennison and Mrs Lesniak who will be teaching their child next year.

Wednesday 29th June - Year 5 parents can meet Miss McArthur, Mrs Bennison and Mrs Pearson.

Monday 4th July - Year 2 parents to meet Mrs Gourley, Mrs Dobson and Miss Robinson.

Thursday 7th July - Reception parents to meet Mrs Holmes, Miss Wilson and Mrs Bowden

## Welcome Evenings

Welcome Information Evenings have been arranged for parents who have children starting Nursery and Reception class in September. We hope that as many parents as possible are able to attend the relevant evening where class teachers will give an overview of the years curriculum, assessments etc. Please make a note in your diary.

Reception Welcome Evening - 5.30 p.m. Monday 4th July

Nursery Welcome Evening - 5.30 p.m. Tuesday 5th July

## Year 4 Communion Photographs

Your child should have brought home a proof copy of their Holy Communion photograph.

If you wish to purchase this photograph can you please return it to school with the payment by Friday 24th June.



## Year 4 Swimming

Next week Blaydon pool will be supporting The Royal Life Saving Society UK's Drowning Prevention Week. Can the Year 4 children bring in some clothing to wear in the pool for their lesson. This could be spare school shirt/trousers or other lightweight clothing like pyjamas. They should also bring an additional carrier bag to place the wet clothes in after the lesson.

To find out more about Drowning Prevention Week please go to <https://www.rlss.org.uk/Pages/Category/drowning-prevention-week-campaign>.

**WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH**

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SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**

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Whilst thinking about this week's Gospel, search for at least three differences between this picture and the colour one. Then draw them in before colouring.

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