



St. Mary's Newsletter

24th May 2024

World Day for Children



Today was a wonderful way to end the half term. The children really enjoyed wearing 'something that made them feel special' and they talked about why they had chosen their items of clothing. The Minnie Vinnies did a grand job at leading an assembly that explained the importance of World Children's Day. We hope you get the chance to spend some quality time with your children during the half term break and do something that brings you together as a family and celebrates how special each child is. This could be something as simple as reading together for 10 minutes every day or spending a day at the beach hunting for hermit crabs. Whatever you decide to do, we wish you well.

Clubs after Half Term

Clubs: will run from Monday 3rd June until Friday 12th July (there will be no after school clubs on Fri 21st June and in the final week of term). **You can pay for clubs via Arbor from 5.30pm today.**

Day	Club	Year group	Staff	Collection time	Collection point
M	Multi-Sport: fun games and sports chosen by children	YR - Y6	Joe from Grass Roots	16.30	Main entrance
Tu	Construction: Lego, blocks etc.	YR - Y2	Mrs Maxwell	16.20	KS1 yard
	Cinema: movies will be under the rating of 'U' and 'PG' please contact the office if you DO NOT want your child to watch a 'PG' rated movie	Y3 - Y6	Mrs Bennett	16..20	KS2 yard
Th	Jigsaw, word-search and mindful colouring: chill out and unwind	YR - Y2	Mrs Lee	16.20	KS1 yard
	Drawing, comic strip and computing: does what is says on the tin	YR - Y6	Mrs Greener	16.20	KS2 yard
	Ball games: a range of fun team games, e.g. bench ball, dodge ball	Y3 - Y6	Miss Armstrong	16.20	Main entrance
F	AE Sports Club: fun games and sports chosen by children	YR - Y6	Shaun from AE coaching	16.30	Main entrance
	Creative Kitchen: fun and interactive cooking classes	YR - Y2	Emma from Creative Kitchen	16.30	KS1 yard

Attendance: Whole school: 95.4%; Best class this week: Year R 98.3%; Best class this term: Year 1 97.7%

Stars of the week and dates for your diary are on the following pages



Question of the week

- YR What happened to the chrysalis this week?
- Y1 Which materials are suitable for building a house?
- Y2 What is metamorphosis?
- Y3 How are volcanoes formed?
- Y4 Can you translate the Spanish word 'domingo' into English?
- Y5 Why are composite volcanoes more volatile than shield volcanoes?
- Y6 Where is the Grand Canyon located?



Summer Fair

Stalls: If there are any parents who have a **small business**, please contact the school office **if you would like a stall** at our summer fair. We are asking £25 per table only. Any profit made will be yours. Stalls booked so far include Creative Kitchen (pizza making and biscuit decorating); possibly Scoops and Sprinkles.

Non-uniform days: on Friday **7th June** we kindly request **chocolate bar donations**; On Friday **14th June** we kindly request **bottle donations** (bottles should be full and unopened - no bottles of water).

Toy and book stall donations: please send these into school **week commencing 1st July** (items must be in good condition).



Believe and Be, the award winning Role Play Centre is hosting a session for any children who will start in our Reception class in Sept. If you know any parents who may be interested, please spread the word.

Date: 14th August; Time: 12.30-2.30.

Address: 39 Medomsley Road.

Contact: 01207 437 670

hello@believeandbe.co.uk

Stars of the Week

- YR **Lewis** for working with your friends to build some amazing structures outside
- Ruby** for being a kind and caring friend to everyone in our school
- Y1 **Christopher** for showing a great attitude and resilience in all of his learning
- Tommy** for working hard in maths and showing great progress in reasoning skills
- Y2 **Elaina** for trying really hard with her story writing and spellings
- Leo** for showing good focus and concentration on his work all week
- Y3 **Katie** for always being ready and respectful
- Dylan** for excellent work in maths working out the digital time
- Y4 **Harper** for engaging in all lessons and giving her best
- Jax** for an excellent non-chronological report on The Shang Dynasty
- Y5 **Miles C** for excellent work in English and some really excellent ideas for our own Greek myths
- Jacob M** for fantastic work in your Maths work focusing on decimals
- Y6 **Grethyn** for having a positive learning attitude
- Florence** for always giving her all in her learning

Dates for your diary are on the following page

Dates for your Diary

Event	Date	Time	Details
Fri 24 May break up for Spring 1/2 term - Mon 3 June return to school			
Non-uniform bring a chocolate bar	Fri 7 Jun	10am	Children only
Y5 at Church for Mass	Fri 7 Jun	10am	All parents welcome
Y1 trip to Beamish	Wed 12 Jun	All day	Children only
EY & KS1 Mass in school hall	Thu 13 Jun	Time to be confirmed	EY / KS1 parents welcome
Non-uniform bring a bottle	Fri 14 Jun	All day	Children only
Y2 trip to Beamish*	Fri 14 Jun	All day	Children only
Y6 at Church for Mass	Fri 14 Jun	10am	All parents welcome
INSET day	Fri 21 Jun	All day	School closed to children
Sports week	Mon 24 - Fri 28 June		Children only
Y6 @ Youth Village	Mon 24 Jun	All day	Children only
Y3 trip to Shildon Locomotion Museum	Wed 26 Jun	All day	Children only
Whole school sports day	Fri 28 June	2.00-3.30pm	All parents welcome
Toy & book stall donations	1 - 5 July		In good condition please
Y6 transition day @ St Bede's	Mon 1 July	All day	Children only
Y6 transition day @ St Bede's	Tue 2 July	All day	Children only
Whole school moving up day	Tue 2 July	All day	Children only
Y6 residential to Kingswood	3 - 5 July		Children only
School Summer Fair	Sat 6 Jul	11am-1pm	All welcome
Y5 taster day at St Bede's	Fri 5 July	All day	Children only
Y5 Trust Athletics	Mon 15 July	All day	Details to follow
Fri 19 July break up for Summer holidays			
INSET day	Mon 2 Sept	All day	School closed to children
INSET day	Tue 3 Sept	All day	School closed to children
Wed 4 Sept return after Summer break			

New Dates

*Children in Y2 can wear non-uniform on their trip to Beamish