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In God's love we learn and grow

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Upcoming events

Monday 13th March
Kindness Matters Liturgy 9.10am
Mindful/Art Club Y5/Y6 lunchtime
Y3 swimming pm
Special Reconciliation Mass 2.00pm
After school Football 3.15-4.15pm

Tuesday 14th March
Rock Kidz Day!
Digital maths/homework club lunchtime
Digital Leaders lunchtime
Eco Club lunchtime
Little Movers after school
Y6 SATS Booster after school

Wednesday 15th March
Possible school closure due to NEU strike action
Y5/6 Inter Counties Swimming Gala (8 pupils) 12.30 - 3.30pm (arrival from midday for changing)
First Holy Communion Session 6 in Church 3.30-4.30pm

Thursday 16th March
Possible school closure due to NEU strike action

Friday 17th March
Super Learning Day
Girls Football 3.15-4.15pm

Monday 20th March
Y2 visit to West Boldon Lodge
Y3 swimming pm
After school Football CANCELLED
Family Maths games after school 3.15-4.30pm

Tuesday 21st March
Digital maths/homework club lunchtime
Little Movers after school club
Y6 SATS Booster after school
Football Gidney League
Music festival Y4 Performance 6.30pm Customs House

Wednesday 22nd March
Family Learning in Church Hall 1.00-3.00pm
KS2 Tag Rugby 3.15-4.15pm

Dear Parents and Carers

The end of another busy week! I hope that you found the Parents' Evenings informative, and that the half yearly assessment sheet gives you an understanding of how your child is doing. Thank you for the responses to our RE survey. An analysis of the results, plus points of action, will be shared in the coming weeks.

Kindness Matters

Thank you for the returned 30-day Kindness Challenge journals. There are so many wonderful examples of kindness in these, and we will be sharing some of these in our Kindness Matters week, beginning on Monday.

We begin the week with a liturgy led by our Y6 pupils. All members of our community are welcome. Tuesday is 'Rock Kidz' day, with a focus on self esteem. Further information is available here. We do ask for a £2 voluntary contribution for the day. Thank you.

We end the week with a visit from John Magee, the Kindness Coach, who will lead us in a Super Learning Day. It is all very exciting!

Special Reconciliation Mass

We are holding a Special Reconciliation Mass this Monday in Church at 2pm. This is for all Y5 & Y6 pupils who completed their First Holy Communion, as well as the Y4 pupils who are currently on the programme. ***This is for pupils only.***

Proposed NEU Strike Day

Information regarding the next proposed NEU strike days was shared yesterday - link. An update will be shared on Tuesday 14th March.

Family Maths Games Evening

We are holding our first Family Maths Games event on Monday 20th March. All are welcome, and there promises to be a lot of exciting mathematical fun, led by our own number guru, Mr Charlton. The letter with more information can be found here

World Book Day

Well done to all the children and staff who made World Book Day a great success. It always is a highlight of the year. Thank you for the many book donations. If you would still like to donate a book, you can here. We also have some photos of the day to view here

School Council Cake Morning for the earthquake victims, Friday 24th March

Our School Council have been discussing the horrendous situation in Turkey and Syria, and would like to offer some aid. They are holding a Cake and Biscuit Morning on Friday, 10th March. A letter regarding the event will be shared by the School Council next week.

Bulbs

Our eco council planted some bulbs that were kindly donated by the Grandad of the Ceolin children. These are next to the path outside the office. We kindly ask that you stay on the path and allow the bulbs to grow.

Music festival Y1 performance
6.30pm Customs House

Thursday 23rd March
Y5 Class Mass in Church 9.15am
Choir lunchtime
School Council lunchtime
KS2 Gymnastics 3.15-4.15pm

Friday 24th March
School Council Cake Morning for the earthquake victims
9.00-10.00am
Girls Football 3.15-4.15pm
CANCELLED
Movie Night 3.15-5.15pm

Sickness/Diarrhoea

The NHS guidelines are that children remain absent from school for at least 48 hours following an episode. Please do not send your child back to school until at least 48 hours have passed.

Cool Milk Scheme

Our school will be providing a new milk scheme **after Easter** that is available to all of our pupils. School milk is free for under-5s, and for over-5s it is available at a subsidised price of 28p per day. Further details will follow with instructions of how to register. Each child that registers with Cool Milk will receive a 189ml portion of semi-skimmed milk every day, delivered fresh and chilled to the classroom. Their school milk will not only provide them with essential nutrients, but as it is rehydrating and energy boosting it also bridges the gap between breakfast and lunch to help children stay focused. For more information on how milk can benefit children visit www.coolmilk.com/why-milk-is-great.

Movie Night

Our 'Friends of St Joseph's' Spring term movie night takes place on Friday 24th March from 3.15pm till 5.15pm. A letter with further details will be shared at the start of next week.

Scooters

There are three scooters in our bike shed that have been there since before the New Year. If these are not claimed by Monday evening, we will donate them to a local charity.

Dates for next half term

All dates for next half term are below. Any changes to these dates will be communicated with you as soon as possible.

Take care,
Mr P Craig
Headteacher

Nursery Reception Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6

March	Monday 13th March	**Living Eggs**
		'Kindness Matters' Week
		Kindness Matters Liturgy for parents led by Y6 9.10am
		Mindful/Art Club Y5/Y6 (lunch every Monday)
		Y3 Swimming until 27th March pm
		Football club 3.15-4.15pm
	Tuesday 14th March	**Rock Kidz in school**
		RE Ambassadors lunchtimes
		Digital maths/homework club lunchtimes
		Eco Club lunchtimes
		Little Movers after school club
		Y6 Booster classes

	Wednesday 15th March	**Proposed NEU Strike Action day**
		Y5/6 Inter Counties Swimming Gala (8 pupils) 12.30 - 3.30pm (arrival from midday for changing)
		First Holy Communion Session 6 in Church 3.30-4.30pm
	Thursday 16th March	**Proposed NEU Strike Action day**
	Friday 17th March	**'Kindness Matters' Super Learning Day**
		Girls' Football 3.15-4.15pm
	Monday 20th March	**Y2 visit to West Boldon Lodge all day**
		Family Maths games after school
	Tuesday 21st March	**Girls football AM at Hebburn Comp (rearranged from 10 March)**
		Y4 Music Festival rehearsal am
		Football Gidney League 3.30pm
		Y4 Music Festival Performance 6.30pm
	Wednesday 22nd March	**Y1 Music Festival rehearsal am**
		Family Learning in Church Hall 1.00-3.00pm
		Tag Rugby 3.15-4.30pm
		Y1 Music Festival Performance 6.30pm
	Thursday 23rd March	**Y5 Class Mass in Church 9.15am**
	Friday 24th March	**School Council Cake Morning 9.00am**
		Movie Night
		Girl's football cancelled
	Monday 27th March	**Y6 Heights & Weights in school**
	Tuesday 28th March	**Easter Egg Competition**
	Wednesday 29th March	**Girls Football CV League pm at Temple Park**
		Family Learning in Church Hall 1.00-3.00pm
		First Holy Communion Session 6 in Church 3.30-4.30pm
	Thursday 30th March	**Y5/Y6 Tag Rugby League am**
		KS2 Gold Book Assembly 2.15pm
	Friday 31st March	**Stations of the Cross service in Church 9.15am**
		End of term
	Monday 3rd - Friday 14th April Easter break Pupils return on Monday 17th April	