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Newsletter no. 6

18th October 2024

Upcoming events

Monday 21st October

CAFOD Club in lunchtime
Girls' football in lunchtime
Year 6 swimming pm
Lego Club 3.15-4.15pm
Football Team Training at
Community Centre 3.15-4.15pm

Tuesday 22nd October

All day Y6 Dodgeball at Temple
Park

School Council in lunchtime
Little Movers 3.15-4.15pm

Wednesday 23rd October

Rosary Club 8.30am
Friends of St Joseph's Coffee
Morning in church hall 9.00am
Reception Mass in church 10.00am

Guitar club in lunchtime
Laudato Si club in lunchtime
MFL club in lunchtime

Thursday 24th October

Choir in lunchtime

Friday 25th October

EYFS/KS1 Gold Book Assembly
9.00am

END OF HALF TERM

Monday 4th November

CAFOD Club in lunchtime
Girls' football in lunchtime
Year 5 swimming pm
Lego Club 3.15-4.15pm
Football Team Training at
Community Centre 3.15-4.15pm

Tuesday 5th November

School Council in lunchtime
Little Movers 3.15-4.15pm

Wednesday 6th November

Rosary Club 8.30am
Y6 Mass in church 10.00am
Guitar club in lunchtime
Laudato Si club in lunchtime
MFL club in lunchtime

Thursday 7th November

Open morning for new parents
9.30am

Choir in lunchtime

Friends of St Joseph's Autumn
Fancy Dress party

Dear Parents and Carers

Hope everyone is well. We're close to the end of another busy half term, and Autumn has well and truly arrived!

Parents' Evening

You should have received an invite this week to book a slot for our Autumn Parents' Evening (Reception – Y6 only). The booking gives you an option of a telephone appointment if this works better for you. If there is no note stating that you want a telephone appointment, we will assume you are attending in person. If you have not received the invite, please contact the school office.



New parent visits sessions

We are holding sessions for new parents to visit school on 7th and 19th November. This is an ideal opportunity to see school 'in full flow.' If you know anyone who is interested in our school, please share the details below.

Thurston

We have booked another week in Thurston Outdoor Education Centre for 2025. This will be for the week of 17th-21st March and is for pupils in Years 5 and 6. Information has been shared today. We hope to, as usual, receive a grant that will help subsidise the cost of the experience. In previous years, this has reduced the cost by £20-£40.

Changes in calendar

There have been a couple of changes to the calendar:

- **Movie Night is now on Thursday 19th December**
- **Christmas Jumper Day is also on Thursday 19th December**

If you have any spare Christmas jumpers that your child may have grown out of, please can you send them into the school office? This will ensure that all our pupils get to wear one on the day. Thanks.

First Holy Communion

Thank you to the parents and pupils who attended our initial First Holy Communion meeting on Wednesday. If you are interested in your child following the programme, and they are in Years 4-6, please contact Mr Craig.

Wellbeing Week

As part of the BCCET staff support initiative, we are holding a staff 'Wellbeing Week' from November 25th-29th. In this week, there will be no lunchtime or after school clubs led by staff (Little Movers and Guitar will still take place).

Football Team Training

From next week, Miss Crooks and Mrs Lipscombe will be taking football team training on Mondays afterschool 3.15-4.15pm at Hedworthfield Community Centre. Parents must collect their child from the centre.

Asda Rewards

Wow! We have raised £365 so far through the Asda Cashpot for Schools scheme. There is just over a month to go before the scheme closes, so please join the rewards scheme if you haven't already done so. Every Little Helps (I know...wrong supermarket!)

Reception/KS1 4.00-5.00pm
 KS2 5.30-6.30pm
Friday 8th November
 Saints Day in school
 SSOC Launch (4xY6 pupils) 12.30-2.30pm

Swimming

After half term, Year 5 pupils will be receiving swimming tuition every Monday. Please ensure that the pupils bring the required kit on the first day back.

	
School visit booking form	Asda Cashpot for Schools
	
Easy Fundraising for Schools	Virtual Library

Take care,
 Mr P Craig
 Headteacher

	DATE	EVENT	Parents invited?
OCTOBER	Tuesday 22 nd October	Y6 Dodgeball at Temple Park 9.30am-3.00pm	
	Wednesday 23 rd October	Friends of St Joseph's Coffee Morning in church hall 9.00am	☺
		Reception Wednesday Mass 10.00am	☺
	Friday 25 th October	EYFS/KS1 Gold Book Assembly 9.00am	☺
		End of Half Term	
Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November HALF TERM BREAK			
NOVEMBER	Monday 4 th November	Pupils return to school	
		Y5 swimming begins (until 15th December)	
	Wednesday 6 th November	Y6 Wednesday Mass 10.00am	☺
	Thursday 7 th November	Open Session for New Parents 9.30-10.30am	☺
		Friends of St Joseph's Autumn Fancy Dress Parties Reception/Y1/Y2 - 4.00-5.00pm Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 - 5.15-6.15pm	
	Friday 8 th November	SSOC launch (4 pupils from Y6) at Temple Park 12.30-2.30pm	
	Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th November	Anti Bullying Week	
	Monday 11 th November	Remembrance assembly in school 9.00am	
		KS2 Girls' Football team match at Hebburn Comp 12.00-3.30 (Parents to kindly collect from Comp)	
	Tuesday 12 th November	Parents' Evening A (booking to follow)	☺
Wednesday 13 th November	Y5 Wednesday Mass 10.00am	☺	
	First Holy Communion pupils' meeting in church 3.30-4.30pm		

	Thursday 14 th November	Reception and Y6 Buddy Assembly 9.00am	☺
	Friday 15 th November	Nursery Stay and Play sessions 10.45am and 2.30pm	☺
	Sunday 17 th November	Special Liturgy for FHC pupils in church 11.00am	☺
	Monday 18 th November	Parents' Evening B (booking to follow)	☺
	Tuesday 19 th November	KS2 Parallel Sportshall Athletics (10 pupils from KS2) 9.30am-12.00pm) TBC	
		Open Session for New Parents 2.00-3.00pm	☺
	Wednesday 20 th November	Y4 visit to Vindolanda all day	
		Y3 Wednesday Mass 10.00am	☺
	Friday 22 nd November	Y2 Mini Tennis at Temple Park 1.00-3.00pm	
		RE Ambassadors meeting at St Mary's Cathedral, followed by Christmas Market	
	Tuesday 26 th November	First Holy Communion parents' meeting in church 7.00pm	☺
	Wednesday 27 th November	Y4 Wednesday Mass 10.00am	☺
		Y5 Sportshall Athletics at Temple Park 12.30-3.00pm TBC	
		First Holy Communion pupils' meeting in church 3.30- 5.00pm	
DECEMBER	Sunday 1 st December	Special Liturgy for FHC pupils in church 11.00am	☺
	Tuesday 3 rd December	Advent Mass 9.15am	☺
		Reception Co-ordination challenge at Urban Factory 10.00am-12.00pm	
		Jarrow Cluster 'Sing of a Child' Concert at St Matthew's (School Choir) 6.00pm	☺
	Wednesday 4 th December	First Reconciliation Service for FHC pupils in church 6.00pm	☺
	Thursday 5 th December	Santa's Swap Shop	
	Friday 6 th December	Nursery and Reception Nativity in church 10.30am	☺
		Friends of St Joseph's Christmas Fayre 1.00-3.15pm	☺
	Wednesday 11 th December	KS1 (Y1/Y2) Nativity 9.15am and 5.00pm	☺
	Thursday 12 th December	Y5/6 Christmas Party pm	
	Monday 16 th December	Y3/4 Christmas Party pm	
	Tuesday 17 th December	Y3 visit to Hancock Museum all day	
		Y1/2 Christmas Party pm	
	Wednesday 18 th December	Reception Christmas Party pm	
		Carols by Candlelight service in church 5.00pm	☺
	Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Jumper Day!	
		Christmas Lunch	
		Nursery Christmas Party pm	
		Christmas Movie Night 3.15-5.15pm	
Friday 20 th December	KS2 Gold Book Assembly 9.00am	☺	
	End of term (early finish at 1.00pm)		
Pupils return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025			

Weekly clubs

All after school clubs must be booked via Arbor or ParentPay (even those that are free and organised by staff)

Day	Time	Club	Pupils	How to book	Staff
Mon	Lunch	CAFOD club	KS1/2	N/A	Mrs Jordan
		Girls' Football Team Training	Y5/6	N/A	Mrs Armour/ Miss Doran
	3.15-4.15pm	Lego club	All pupils	Arbor	Mrs Burns/ Mrs Armour
	3.15-4.15pm	Football Team training	Y5/6	N/A	Miss Crooks/ Mrs Lipscombe
Tue	Lunch	School Council (every other week)	KS2	N/A	Mr Maratty
		Open the Book club (every other week)	All pupils	N/A	Mr Craig
	3.15-4.15pm	Little Movers (paid)	Reception & KS1	ParentPay	South Tyneside Council
Wed	8.30am	Rosary Club	All	N/A	Mr Craig
	Lunch	Guitar club (paid)	KS2	ParentPay	Mr Marley
	Lunch	Laudato Si club	KS2	N/A	Miss Hunt
	Lunch	MFL club	Y3/Y4	N/A	Mrs McMillin
Thu	Lunch	Choir	Y4-6	N/A	Miss McCrimmon
	3.15-4.15pm	Mindfulness club	All pupils	Arbor	Mrs Arthur/ Ms Crooks
Fri	Lunch	Open the Book club (every other week)	All pupils	N/A	Mr Craig
Every day	8.20am	Library club	All pupils and families	N/A	Mrs G Ball