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w/e Friday 17th January, 2025

Welcome, Ласкаво просимо, добро пожаловать, Witamy, Sveiki, Bienvenido, Bienvenue, ยินดีต้อนรับ to our weekly newsletter.

Term Dates

School closes for half term on
Thursday 20th February, 2025
and reopens on
Monday 3rd March, 2025

Details of 2025 & 2026 term dates are available on our website. Click the calendar icon or see the documents section in My Child At School.



NEW PE Lessons for Spring Term

Reception Class - Thursday & Friday

Year 1 - Wednesday & Thursday

Year 2 - Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 3 - Monday & Wednesday

Year 4 - Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 5 - Tuesday & Wednesday (Swimming)

Year 6 - Monday & Thursday



Pilgrims Of Hope

Pope Francis has declared that the year 2025 will be a Jubilee year for the Catholic Church. A Jubilee takes place every 25 years and the theme for this Jubilee is Pilgrims Of Hope - hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of the pandemic and a climate crisis.

'In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite not knowing what the future will bring.'
POPE FRANCIS

We have a wonderful new display in the main school entrance to celebrate, which includes quotes and information to explain this year's theme. Please come along and take a look.

Celebrating The Railway

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the modern railway in the UK. To celebrate this occasion and the links that Darlington and the local area has with railway history, we are changing our four school houses, as follow.

St Dominic	will change to	Locomotion
St Elizabeth	will change to	Stephenson
St Luke	will change to	Pease
St Maximillian Kolbe	will change to	Rocket



Absence Due To Illness



Please allow children to have 48 hours clear of any sickness, upset tummy or illness before they return to school. This will allow them to recover, start eating properly again and help to stop illness spreading. Please inform the school office by email or telephone of any illness before 9.10 am. Thank you.

Happy Birthday

to pupils celebrating their birthday during the next week.

Erin W Alexander SS Cassie C Jake SB Jessica P



To celebrate National Handwriting Day, we would like to invite children to enter our handwriting competition.

It's easy to enter!

Step 1 - Each child will need to use the Handwriting template, which is available from their Teacher or our website.

Step 2 - Children should then copy the special poem selected for their year group onto the template in their neatest handwriting. These are available from their Teacher or our website.

Step 3 - Children should hand in their amazing work to their Teacher. The closing date for entries is Thursday 23rd January, 2025.

<https://holyfamily.bhcet.org.uk/curriculum/writing-competition>



Sunrise Breakfast Club & Sunset After School Club

We would like to remind families about our great wrap around care clubs. Full details on our website, link below.

Please could you ensure that if places are needed for breakfast club and / or after school club, these are booked in advance via My Child At School. Bookings must be placed 24 hours in advance of the start of the club. Please can accounts be kept up to date, as arrears may affect future bookings. Thank you.

<https://holyfamily.bhcet.org.uk/information/wrap-around-care>



After School Interest Clubs

A few places are still available. Please book via Clubs in My Child At School. Children who qualify for pupil premium funding are eligible for a part subsidised place, see below.

Y1 & Y2 Sports Club

With Sporting Futures

Tuesday 14/1/25 to Tuesday 18/2/25

3.30 pm to 4.30 pm

£21.00 per child

or £15.00 per child using pupil premium funding

Y3 & Y4 Darts Club

With Primary Stars

Wednesday 15/1/25 to Wednesday 19/2/25

3.30 pm to 4.30 pm

£21.00 per child

or £15.00 per child using pupil premium funding

Y5 & Y6 Football Pundits Club

Thursday 16/1/25 to Thursday 20/2/25

3.30 pm to 4.30 pm

£18.00 per child

or £12.00 per child using pupil premium funding

If you would like your child to attend Sunset After School Club after any of the clubs above, please book them into Sunset Club via My Child At School and select S2 for session 2.



Attendance Stars

The Class with the best weekly attendance will be rewarded with an additional activity.

This week's Attendance Stars
are

Year 6

Congratulations!



N-ICE PAINTING !



Reception Class have been taking advantage of the cold weather, creating some lovely ice art.



In Science, Year 3 have been experimenting to see if they can filter dirty water to make it clean again. They tested three funnels filled with rocks, sand and kitchen roll. The class were impressed with how well the kitchen roll filtered the water.



Bench Competition Finalists

The bench has arrived! Last term we were very proud to announce that some of our children's designs had reached the final of a book bench competition, organised by Cockerton Library and Cockerton Business Group. The children had a wonderful morning when they went to see the bench, meet the artist and talk about how their artwork inspired the final design. The bench is currently on display inside Cockerton Library, go along and see it!



- The Chinese New Year menu is available for all children. For Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 the cost is £2.20 which can be booked and paid for via My Child At School or ordered in class on the day.
- There is no charge for children entitled to free school meals and children in Reception Class, Y1 and Y2 as they qualify for Universal Infant Free School Meals. The usual charges apply to nursery children.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Special Menu

on Thursday 30th January, 2025

Chinese Chicken Curry

or

Veggie Noodles

Served with

Mini Vegetable Spring Rolls

Boiled Rice

Broccoli

Sweetcorn

Jelly and Ice-cream

Fresh Fruit Salad

Cookies



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