

“For I know the plans I have for you.” Declares the Lord. (Jeremiah 29:11)

Dear Families,

We have finally reached the end of the summer term and I think you would agree that we have had a wonderfully busy time. Thank you for your continued support. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year as Head Teacher of Holy Rosary. Of course, we have had our challenges, however, I feel very lucky to work with such incredible children, hard working, dedicated staff and supportive parents. Thank you.

Before we leave for the summer break, I'd like you update you on a few things.

After School Clubs

From September, teachers and support staff are going to run an afterschool club. These will run alongside our daily 'After School Fun Club.' Each club will last for 55 minutes, 3.20 - 4.15 and will be £4 each. The clubs include: Ocarinas, Reading, Computers, Parent/Child Drumba, Sports. Arts and Crafts and Games. I will send further details on how to book when we return in September.

Timings of the school day

A gentle reminder that the new start and finish times will officially begin after the October half term on 4th November, however, from September, we will open the school gates at 8.30 (EYFS/Key stage one) and 8.35 (Main gate). Collection times will remain the same as they are now during September and October. I will send a further reminder of changes in the Autumn term.

ELSA

Mrs Vipond is now a fully trained ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) and will be able to provide ELSA sessions to those children who need it, in the Autumn term. If you would like more information on what an ELSA is and how they can



support you child, please follow the link below. If you feel that your child would benefit from ELSA support, please contact school.

[What is ELSA Intervention? - Elsa Support \(elsa-support.co.uk\)](https://www.elsa-support.co.uk)

Appointments

We have had a slight change around in roles and responsibilities within school. Mrs Desborough has joined the senior leadership team and will be overseeing the teaching and learning of Literacy across the school with a particular focus on Reading. Miss Whalen will also be joining the senior leadership team in September and will be supporting Mr Darling in continuing to improve our provision for children with SEND. Mrs Symington will continue to be EYFS lead as well as Key Stage 1 lead. I am really excited to begin the new year with such a strong team with a joint determination to improve our pupil outcomes in a happy and safe environment, where all our children are listened to and treated equally.

Goodbye

Today, we say a fond farewell to our lovely Year 6 children; they have been a wonderful class throughout their time at Holy Rosary and have finished their final year here as exemplary role models for the rest of our children. We wish them lots of luck as they take the next step in life and in their educational journey. We are all very proud of you Year 6!

We also say good bye to three members of staff. Mrs Wilson will begin her new role as Deputy Head Teacher at St Mark's in Stockton from September. We wish her the very best, and know that she will be a huge asset to her new school. Mrs Kay will also be leaving us as she has been given the role of business manager at St Bega's in Hartlepool. You will be amazing. Holy Rosary's loss is certainly St Bega's gain.

Paul, our resident lollipop man, is also retiring and will not be returning in September. We will now have to watch the news for our weather updates!! Thank you, Paul for keeping our children safe for over 7 years. You will be a huge miss!

Attendance and Late Collection - reminder

A high number of requests for leave of absences (holidays) in term time continue to be submitted. Family holidays should be taken during school holidays and leave of absence requests will not be authorised unless exceptional circumstances are found. Our current whole school attendance for the year stands at 95.1%. Our target is anywhere above 96%.

We also have a growing number of children being collected late from school. This puts added pressure on our teachers who are waiting around for children to be collected. If, for whatever reason, you are late to collect your child, we will place them in the After School Fun Club with a minimum payment of £4.

Have a wonderful summer break. School will reopen for children on Tuesday 3rd September

Take care and God bless,

Mrs L. Flaherty

Happy Birthday - July and August Birthdays

Caleb L	Harvey C	Frank A	Sadie C
Seb M	William J	George W	Myles N
Amelia G	Emily R	Rayn A	
Lanya I	Teddy T	Amber P	
Ava C	Ella-Rose C	Lilly-Rose M	
Ellissa L	Saba S		
Summer E	Crosby K		
Jack W	Ralphie M		
Charlotte W	Olivia M		



School Attendance

95% Attendance	9 Days Absent	2 Weeks Absent	50 Lessons Missed
90% Attendance	19 Days Absent	4 Weeks Absent	100 Lessons Missed
85% Attendance	29 Days Absent	6 Weeks Absent	150 Lessons Missed
80% Attendance	38 Days Absent	8 Weeks Absent	200 Lessons Missed
75% Attendance	48 Days Absent	10 Weeks Absent	250 Lessons Missed
70% Attendance	57 Days Absent	11.5 Weeks Absent	290 Lessons Missed
65% Attendance	67 Days Absent	13.5 Weeks Absent	340 Lessons Missed



5 Minutes late each school day
= 3 school days lost each year



Reception	93.29%
Year 1	96.81%
Year 2	95.36%
Year 3	94.63%
Year 4	95.39%
Year 5	95.74%
Year 6	88.53%