



Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely, restful half term and are ready for all the wonderful things we are doing, in school, before the Easter holidays.



World Book Day was a huge success. The book that we chose to base our work on was 'Happy' by Nicola Edwards and Katie Hickey. It is a beautiful book that explores different ways we can help our mental health. Each chapter focuses on aspects of our lives including taste, smell, listening and feeling. Children were all involved in different activities which also included a Mindfulness session with our fantastic Mindfulness Lead, Mrs McNamara.



If you want to know more about the book follow this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2VxP7_zjymc

Thank you to everyone who attended our Nursery Open Morning today, I think it was the ducklings, that have hatched, that have drawn in the crowds. The children in school are definitely excited by the arrival of Happy (named after our World Book Day book), Lucky, who took a while to hatch, Rainbow and Quacker! Expect more photos next week when are children will be able to hold them.



Year 4 Skipping

Our Year 4 children are enjoying using their new skipping ropes and it is lovely to see them skipping with such enthusiasm. Some of the children will be involved in a town-wide skipping festival in the coming weeks.

Holy Family Parish News

We are now in Lent, a time of solemn observance and preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. From its start on Ash Wednesday until its conclusion on Easter Sunday, Lent is a traditional time for fasting or giving something up or abstinence. Just as we carefully prepare for events in our lives, Lent invites us to make our minds and hearts ready for remembering Jesus' life, death and body resurrection. During Lent, children will be involved in thinking about others and we will be taking part in the CAFOD Big Lent Walk. More information about this will be in next week's newsletter. For more information about CAFOD and the Big Lent Walk can be found here:

<https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/big-lent-walk>. From Monday, we will be selling purple ribbons for 50p. These are available from your child's class teacher.

Our next mass, in school, will be Thursday 9th March at 9.15am. The Year 4 pupils will be leading it. For more information about what is happening in the Holy Family Parish please follow this link: <https://sacredheart.bhcet.org.uk/parish/>

Special Person Stall

On Monday 13th March, we will be holding our world-famous special person stall. This stall brings the shop to the children and allows them to purchase an item (secretly) for someone special in their life to be given on Sunday 19th March. Items are £1.50 and children can purchase 1 item. If we do have items leftover children will be able to purchase an additional item on Tuesday 14th March.

Books

Many of our reading book boxes are empty. Can you please have a look at home for any reading books your child has not returned to school and please return them next week. As you can appreciate, books are expensive and there aren't additional funds to replace books that have not been returned to school.

Collecting children from the main yard (opposite St Luke's Church)

To enable us to dismiss children safely, can I please ask parents to remain on the grass and not stand on the tarmac part of the playground. This means that staff and children can see parents who have come to collect. I appreciate your co-operation.

Dogs

Just a reminder, dogs are not allowed past the school gates. If you are bringing your dog to school when collecting your child, please ensure the dog is away from the gate as many children and adults are afraid of dogs.

Strike

At present, school is open as normal to the majority of pupils.

The classes that were closed to pupils at the beginning of February will be closed again to pupils.

Strike dates are:

Wednesday 15 March 2023

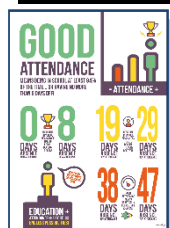
Thursday 16 March 2023

Virtue Wednesday

Well done to all the children who received the 'Responsibility Virtue Award' certificates this week.



ATTENDANCE



Well done to everyone!! Attendance, this week, has been the second highest since we returned to school in September! This week, our overall attendance was 96.2%. Well done!!
Special shout-out to Class 8, who have had 100% attendance this week. Well done Class 8!

Please remember to telephone the school office by 9.15am each day your child is absent. Any unexplained absences are recorded as 'unauthorised'.

Vacancy – Lunchtime Supervisor

If you know of anyone who would be interested in working in our school as a Lunchtime Supervisor, please direct them to our school website for further information:

<https://bhcet.org.uk/vacancies>

SCHOOL MEALS – Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6

We have been informed by Hartlepool Borough Council that the cost of a school meal will rise after Easter from £2.13 per day to £2.41 per day (£12.05 per week). If you wish to change your child's meal arrangements, please inform the school office (not via Class Dojo) by 27th March to allow us to give accurate meal numbers to the cook before she places her food order.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 7 th March	Phonics Workshop for Year 1 parents 2.15pm in school.
Thursday 9 th March	Mass, in school. Year 4 children leading 9.15am.
Sunday 12 th March	First Holy Communion Preparation: 9am St Joseph's and St Patrick's, 10am St John Vianney.
Monday 13 th March	Special person stall. All items £1.50
Wednesday 15 th March	NEU Strike Day – school open to most classes apart from those that have been closed previously for strike action.
Thursday 16 th March	NEU Strike Day – school open to most classes apart from those that have been closed previously for strike action.
Friday 17 th March	Special Person Liturgical Service Year 1 parents.
W/B 27 th March	Parent Consultation Evenings
Friday 31 st March	School closes for the Easter holidays.
Sunday 2 nd April	First Holy Communion Preparation: 9am St Joseph's and St Patrick's, 10am St John Vianney.
Monday 17 th April	School reopens at 8.30am, 7.45am for Breakfast Club children.
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday Monday, school closed.
Saturday 6 th May	King Charles III Coronation.
Monday 8 th May	Additional Bank Holiday Monday for the King's coronation, school closed.
Tuesday 9 th May	Year 6 KS2 SATs week.
Saturday 13 th May	Children to make their First Holy Communion: 10am St John Vianney, 12pm St Joseph's and 2pm St Patrick's.
Thursday 18 th May	Year 5 Class 11 trip to Danelaw £28 per child.
Friday 19 th May	Year 5 Class 12 trip to Danelaw £28 per child.
Thursday 22 nd June	Year 1 trip to Life Centre in Newcastle £15 per child.
Wednesday 28 th June	Year 4 trip to Life Centre in Newcastle £15 per child.
Thursday 29 th June	Year 6 Diocesan Youth Festival
Wednesday 5 th July	KS2 Sports Day all day - Grayfields
Thursday 13 th July	Year 6 trip to Flamingoland

Items in red are new this week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Headteacher

