



Easter Newsletter

Wishing you a Happy and Holy Easter

Holy Week

Mass Times in Billingham

Maundy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper at St John's Church, 7.00pm

Good Friday—Children's Stations of the Cross at Holy Rosary Church, 10.15am

Good Friday—Celebration of the Lord's Passion at Holy Rosary Church, 3.00pm

Holy Saturday—Easter Vigil at St John's Church, 8.00pm

Easter Sunday—Mass at Holy Rosary, 10am

'Let us prepare to celebrate Easter in the joy of God! Christ is Risen! Christ is Alive!'

Pope Francis



Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

As the end of the Spring term draws to a close, it's a wonderful opportunity to reflect, with gratitude, on the many successes of this term. Some of our successes are shared in this newsletter, others you may have seen via social media. As always, the best success comes from the children; they are just fabulous and make us so proud.

I hope that you are able to enjoy some family time together to enjoy this time of year. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us so we can enjoy the beauty of the great outdoors, helping us return to school refreshed and revitalised.

The children have worked exceptionally hard this term and it was a real pleasure to be able to share their work with you at the Parents' Meetings this week. There was a lovely 'buzz' around school! Thank you for your attendance and kind words.

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who continues to support our school—governors, staff, parents and carers, the Friends of St Paul's and a special thank you to Fr Butters for his continued support of our school and parish.

Wishing you all a happy, holy and peaceful Easter,

Sheena Sinclair
Headteacher

Lenten Acts of Charity

Our Mini Vinnies have been really active making sure that their motto "Turning Concern into Action" is lived out.

We raised nearly £180 to send to CAFOD for their "Big Lent Walk" campaign to fight global poverty. Collectively walked over 600km on that afternoon alone. Amazing!

We also sent a huge contribution to Billingham Food Bank who said, 'We are truly humbled at your kindness and hard work.'

Thank you also for your support and generosity.



**We return to school on
Monday 15th April 2024**



We are delighted to share the news that St Paul's has achieved the LiveSimply award following an assessment by CAFOD's Jo Woodhead and Shelagh Fawcett. Our Stewards of Creation pupil ambassadors, along with Mrs Peacock and Mrs Craft, have led our school journey towards achieving this award which demonstrates our commitment to taking actions to live simply, sustainably and in solidarity in partnership with our school, local and global communities.

Important Dates for the Summer Term:

May Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May

Half Term: Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May

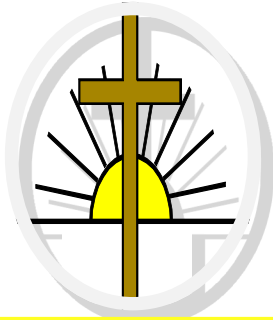
Y6 SATS week: Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May

Y4 Multiplication Check: Fortnight commencing 3rd June



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Summer Uniform

Children may wear summer uniform after the Easter holidays —weather permitting!

- Red checked dress / grey cardigan/sweatshirt
- Grey trousers / shorts / skirt / white or blue polo shirt/sweatshirt

Please avoid buying opened toed sandals as they can pose a health and safety risk. Please remember that trainers should only be worn with PE uniform. Jewellery and nail varnish should not be worn at school.

Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled

Many thanks for your co-operation

Online Safety

Please make best use of the newsletter we share each month to keep you up to date with how to keep your child safe online.

We recently collated some 'pupil voice' which indicates that many of our children, from a young age, have access to mobile phones and devices and are accessing chat functions on games and messaging apps. (often in bedrooms, using them late at night)

ARE YOU AWARE THAT MANY CHILDREN ARE ACCESSING APPS AND GAMES WHICH ARE NOT AGE APPROPRIATE?

ARE YOU AWARE OF THE APPS AND GAMES YOUR CHILD IS ACCESSING AND DO YOU CHECK DEVICES REGULARLY?

ARE YOU AWARE OF WHO YOUR CHILD IS 'CHATTING' TO ONLINE? CHILDREN CAN EASILY BECOME EXPLOITED THROUGH CHAT FUNCTIONS.

If you would like any further advice then please contact school.

We will be arranging some sessions during the summer term, for parents to come into school for an online safety information session.

Attendance and Punctuality

Our staff work extremely hard to ensure that school is an enjoyable place to learn. High attendance at school, and being at school on time and ready for the day ahead, are the best ways to achieve success. If you find that your child is reluctant to come to school for any reason it is important that you let us know so that we can help.

As a school we will continue to keep a sharp focus on attendance and will follow up any concerns about attendance with parents and carers.

Please avoid booking holidays in term time, as well as non-urgent dental or medical appointments.

You can monitor your child's attendance and punctuality using the MCAS app.

Safety at our school

The safety of our school community must remain our first and most important priority. We pride ourselves on ensuring our school building and surroundings are safe, implementing safe procedures in school, including teaching the children how to keep themselves safe. Please help us by reminding your child to stay close to whoever is bringing them or collecting them from school. Sometimes children are running ahead of the adult they are arriving or leaving school with, and this could lead to a collision or a child getting lost. At school, the children learn that they need to move around in a particular way, to keep themselves and others safe.

Unfortunately, we have also had some complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking. Adults must ensure they park safely if they are travelling by car. Once again, the lane is regularly congested and dangerous.



Parking a 5 minute walk away from school if you do need to use a car, would really ease the congestion and keep our school vicinity much safer.

PLEASE DO NOT USE THE STAFF CAR PARK OR PARK IN THE LANE.

If your child brings a packed lunch to school we request that you ensure that a healthy meal is provided. Fruit and/or vegetables should be included. A small biscuit or cake can be included but sweets and chocolate bars are not allowed.

Products containing nuts MUST NOT be included e.g.: Nutella/nut bars

