



Newsletter - October 2018



WELCOME

Autumn is definitely here! We have continued to enjoy some beautifully warm days at school and have been able to make the most of the great outdoors. Our gardening club collected a bumper harvest this year and we proudly achieved second place in the Billingham Show with our prize marrow! Our gardeners very much enjoyed working with Billingham Environmental Learning Programme (BELP) and were commended for their commitment and hard work. Our younger children enjoyed harvesting the fruit from the Foundation Stage outdoor learning space and made delicious fruit crumble! Over the coming weeks we know that the weather will change – please ensure your children keep off the grass at the start of the day as it is now wet – muddy shoes are not welcome!!

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any queries or concerns then usually best to ask to speak to your child's class teacher, however we do have an open door policy and myself or Mrs Peacock are available for you to speak to as well. Any safeguarding concerns should be raised in my absence, Mrs Peacock and Mrs Cooke are available. Many thanks,

Mrs Sinclair
Headteacher



support for everything we do at school. If please let us know. In the first instance it is class teacher, however we do have an open available for you to speak to as well. Any with myself as safeguarding lead or, in my our deputy safeguarding leads in school.



OUR CHARITABLE DEEDS

Thank you very much for your generous support of our two main charities. Our Mini Vinnies hosted a very enjoyable coffee and cake afternoon to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Care – we were overwhelmed with your donations of cakes and it was a pleasure that so many of our families were able to join us during the afternoon. We raised a total of £321.43

The annual CAFOD Harvest appeal was also well supported and we raised £221 on Brighten up the Harvest Day. It is pleasing to know that as well as continuing to aid and develop communities throughout the world, this charity has joined forces with the Disasters Emergency Committee to reach tens of thousands of people affected by the recent devastating tsunami in Indonesia.

Your donations for the Billingham Foodbank were also very gratefully received – thank you.

Over the coming two weeks our Student Council have chosen to support the Parish appeal for Seafarers. They will be very grateful for donations to their collection (see attached poster). **The Friends of St Paul's also ask that you reactivate yourself on their Facebook page following the introduction of new data requirements by Facebook.**



ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance for September 2018 is 98.2%

Our whole school attendance has been excellent during the month of September and we very much hope to be able to maintain this over the coming year. Good attendance is a key priority for the school and where attendance falls below 95% we are expected to follow this up formally. We understand that it is not always possible for children to attend school due to illness and we trust that you as parents and carers make the right choice for your child, but please do consider carefully when keeping your child off school. Please remember that holidays taken during term time are unauthorised, unless circumstances are exceptional and in all instances you must complete the leave of absence form before holidays are taken. Term time dates are available on the school website for both this academic year and the following one. Please can you also ensure that if anyone who is not known to school staff is collecting your child at the end of the school day, you let the school office know. This is for safeguarding purposes.

Class attendance for September 2018 :

Reception: 99%
Year 1: 98.5%
Year 2: 98.5%
Year 3: 98.5%
Year 4: 99%
Year 5: 97.5%
Year 6: 96.5%

Well Done!



Reception and Year 4



GROWING IN FAITH

This half term each class has welcomed their families in to school to share their class collective worship. They have been very special occasions and a wonderful opportunity for us to pray together. Thank you for joining us; our children will be inviting you again in the new year.

The month of October is traditionally dedicated, by the church, to Mary the mother of Jesus. We honour and thank Our Lady for the gifts she shared in our world including love, peace, joy, gratitude and compassion. You may like to include the Hail Mary prayer in your own prayers.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

After the October half-term break, children should return to school in their winter uniform. All children should wear a shirt or blouse with our school tie; grey trousers, a grey skirt or pinafore dress and a grey cardigan, jumper or sweatshirt. Tights and socks should be plain in colour and any hair accessories minimalistic, preferably in plain colours. We have noticed nail varnish being worn on occasions – please ensure this is removed before school.

It is a frequent request of the school to parents to ensure that uniform is labelled so that any mislaid items can quickly be returned to their owner. Sadly however, we have an ever increasing 'lost property' box full of unlabelled items, many of which look new and in very good condition. Please, please ensure that your child's belongings are labelled – looking for mislaid items can be upsetting and time consuming, not to mention the expense of having to replace them.

A reminder too that all children need a pair of indoor plimsolls in school for indoor PE lessons. Trainers should not be worn indoors. Many thanks.

PARKING

Please, please do not use the lane outside of school for dropping off or collecting children at the beginning and end of the day. Due to the increased traffic flow along Thames Road, the Wynyard Bus will now be using the lane to drop off and collect pupils. You must not park or wait on the double yellow lines – reluctantly we have contacted the traffic enforcement team to help monitor illegal parking as prior requests continue to be ignored. I have also been contacted by Northfield School to say that some of our families are using their carpark (including staff car park). I urge everyone to be mindful of this request and to support safe and considerate parking. Please ensure that this message is shared with those who bring your children to school or collect them on your behalf. Your child's safety and the safety of others is our priority.

FANTASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS

We can now share with you our pupil performance data for 2018. Thank you for your continued support of their learning; the strong partnership between home and school really does impact on outcomes and makes a difference! We know that school is about so much more than data outcomes, however they are very important and we are very proud of their achievements. The table below shows our school data and how it compares to Local Authority (LA) and National Averages (NA)

Foundation Stage

Good Level Development		
School	LA	NA (2017)
76%	71%	71%

Phonics Test Y1/Y2 results

School	LA	NA
90%/100%	84%/60%	82%/63%



End of Key Stage 1	Working at expected standard (EXS)			Working at greater Depth (GDS)		
	School	LA	NA	School	LA	NA
Reading	89%	77%	75%	36%	27%	26%
Writing	86%	72%	70%	21%	18%	16%
Maths	93%	77%	76%	25%	23%	22%
Science	89%	85%	83%			
CRWM*	86%	68%		14%	14%	



End of Key Stage 2	Working at expected standard (EXS)			Working at greater Depth (GDS)		
	School	LA	NA	School	LA	NA
Reading	91%	78%	75%	44%	28%	28%
Writing	91%	82%	78%	25%	21%	20%
EGPS**	91%	80%	78%	56%	36%	34%
Maths	88%	80%	76%	22%	26%	24%
Science	94%	84%	82%			
CRWM*	88%	70%	64%	6%	11%	10%



* CRWM (Combined reading, writing and maths). This indicates the % of pupils who achieved EXS or GDS in reading, writing and maths.

** EGPS (English, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling).

PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

We are looking forward to seeing many of our families next week at Parents' Evening. This will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and also some of our Teaching Assistants who support them in school, discuss how they have settled into their new year group and how they are progressing in their learning. For the last couple of years, we have invited parents to bring their children (Y2 upwards) to the meeting. This is entirely your choice and simply an invitation. When you attend school for your meeting, as well as having an appointment with their teacher, there will also be an opportunity to look around your child's classroom and chat informally to a teaching assistant. You are also very welcome to visit other classes around our school – you may be interested to see how learning progresses throughout the school and gain a greater understanding of the variety of the curriculum. You may leave siblings with a teaching assistant whilst you attend consultation with teachers, however please do not bring children with you if you do not intend them attending the consultation. Many thanks for your co-operation.

MONDAY 22ND OCTOBER



WEDNESDAY 24TH OCTOBER

Please consider becoming a Parent Governor application forms as we require an additional joining a dedicated team of Governors and deadline for nominations is Friday 26th

at school. Your child will have brought home a Parent Governor at school. You will be full training for the role will be given. The October.

IMPORTANT DATES

Please remember that an up to date list of events is available on the school website including sporting events .

Thursday 8.11.18—Friends of St Paul's Disco

Tuesday 20.11.18 – Flu Vaccine for Reception to Year 5 pupils

Tuesday 20.11.18—Year 5 visit to Captain Cook's Birthplace Museum

Monday 26.11.18—Book Fair Bus in school—Mrs Miller will provide further details

Friday 30.11.18 – PD Day—Children are not in school this day

Thursday 6.12.18 – Christmas Craft Fair at 3.15pm—Student Council will provide further details

Monday 10.12.18—Early Years Christmas Nativity at 1.45pm in the school hall

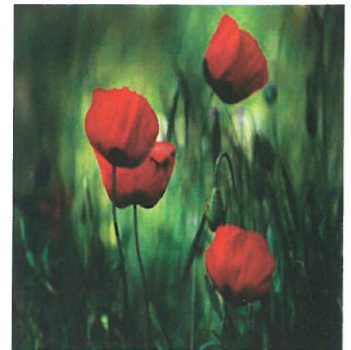
Tuesday 11.12.18 – Years 1, 2 and 3 Christmas Nativity at 9.30am in the school hall

Wednesday 12.12.18 - Years 1, 2 and 3 Christmas Nativity at 1.45pm in the school hall

Thursday 13.12.18 - Years 1, 2 and 3 Christmas Nativity at 1.45pm in the school hall

Friday 14.12.18 – Early Years Christmas Nativity 9.30am in the school hall

Tuesday 18.12.18 - Years 4, 5 and 6 Carol Service in Holy Rosary Church at 6pm



We will take part in Anti-Bullying week from 12-16th November and will also commemorate the Centenary of the end of World War One - the same week "More than Dance" will work in school with some of our children on the theme "From Wartime to Peacetime." We will be focusing on the values of tolerance, respect, forgiveness and peace. It will be a very special week in school.

AND FINALLY...

WHEN YOU CUT IT FOR
ME, WRITE
IT FOR ME,
FIND IT FOR ME,
OPEN IT FOR ME,
TIE IT FOR ME...
ALL I LEARN IS
THAT YOU DO IT
BETTER THAN ME

We strive to develop independence in our children and always like to encourage them to 'have a go.' Recently we have been teaching lots of our children to use a knife and fork correctly and it is pleasing that at lunch time the majority of them now do so successfully with just a little help. Well done!

At home please will you continue this skill and in addition please give your children time to organise their own belongings. They should be able to pack their own school bag including which day they need different items like their library book or money for Tuck shop Tuesday.

Of course they will continue to need reminders but it will certainly help them in the long run if they begin to think for themselves as well as organise themselves.

If you send any money into school, i.e. for Tuck shop Tuesday or Fairtrade Breakfast it **must be in a labelled envelope which has your child's name on it, the amount enclosed and what it is for.** Thank you.



Apostleship of the Sea, "Stella Maris."

Seafarers spend many months away from their homes and loved ones, they can be lonely, hungry, need clothing, need care, and need love. Any items you can contribute for the Christmas boxes will be very much appreciated, and enable our parish give the seafarers some wonderful gifts.

We would love to receive any of the following;

Un-used; Gloves, scarf, hat, socks

Toiletries, eg; soap, shower gel, toothpaste,
toothbrush, comb, flannel, shampoo, deodorant,

Chocolate and sweets

Writing paper and pens

Air mail envelopes

Diary for the New Year

Small calendar

Sewing kit

Pack of cards or

small game



Thank you for your help.