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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we have reached another half term break. The last six weeks in school have been filled with exciting learning, events and clubs.

May, the month of Mary

May is the month of Mary. Mary was always faithful to God's will. She was faithful at the stable in Bethlehem, she was faithful at the temple and she was faithful at the foot of the cross. Mary quietly loved God and loved her family through that love.

Year 5 Art Exhibition

Our wonderful Year 5 budding artists have created a collective piece of artwork for the Bishop Bewick Art Exhibition, based on the theme, 'Stronger Together'. The artwork will be displayed in the Discovery Museum, Newcastle. The Year 5 class will visit the exhibition on Thursday 8th June. The exhibition will be open to the public on Saturday 10th June between 11am-4pm.

Shakespeare Club Performance

The Shakespeare after-school club have been working hard towards the Royal Shakespeare Company's Playmaking Festival. They will perform a section of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at the Northern Stage, in Newcastle on Friday 30th June, at 6pm.

Tickets can now be purchased from: [RSC Playmaking Festival 2023 | Northern Stage](#) or by calling the Northern Stage Box office on 0191 230 5151.

The performance will be 'Pay What You Can', with a suggested amount of £5 per ticket, but you can pay any amount from £0 to £10. If you are able to pay, the money goes towards supporting Northern Stage to deliver more projects aimed at children and young people.

Tickets are limited to 2 per performing child. Any child under the age of two coming with you will be asked to sit on your knee, rather than take up a seat.

OPAL Playground Play

This half term, our lunchtime play project, OPAL, has been put into action. Thank you for the generous donations of dressing up clothes, small world figures and vehicles. Our pupils have enjoyed a range of play zones on offer on the KS1 yard, Secret Garden and the KS2 yard. The performance zone and art zone have been a huge hit with our children, as they have danced, dressed up and created wonderful performances. All pupils have loved spending time playing and chatting



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with their peers from across the school. We look forward to continuing and further developing this project next half term.

Well Done

Well done to all our pupils who have completed their SATs tests in school recently. The SATs tests give an indication of how much the children have learned and understood by the time they reach the end of their primary years. Throughout school, teachers complete regular assessment. They constantly check children's understanding, which is summed up at termly intervals. Teachers share this information during Parents' Evening, in the annual summer term reports and in Achievement Afternoons.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Yeoman, who gave birth to a beautiful baby girl in May. Mrs Yeoman and her family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Uniform Collection

If your child has outgrown any items of uniform, we are happy to take them as they may be able to be passed on to another family.

St Michael's school uniform policy requires all pupils to wear plain black shoes. Pupils should not wear jewellery, including earrings, for school.

Class Photographs

Class photographs will be taken in school on the morning of Monday 5th June.

Parent Events

Sports Day

Family and friends are welcome to watch Sports Day this year.

Sports Day for Year 1- Year 6 pupils will take place on Friday 7th July, between 9.30-11.30 at The Vertu Motor Arena.

Sports Day for Nursery and Reception will take place in school on Wednesday 12th July, between 9.30-10.30.

Achievement Afternoons

It is important that we can share progress with all parents as regularly as possible. Achievement Afternoon dates for each class are listed in the dates below.

Class Liturgical Prayer

Parents are invited to take part in class liturgical prayers. Dates for each class are listed in the dates below.

Key Dates for Parents

JUNE	
Week beginning 5th June	Child Safety Week
Wednesday 7th June	Year 2 Class Liturgical Prayer 9:15
Thursday 8th June	Year 5 to visit the Discovery Museum
Thursday 8th June	Year 4 attending Mass 9:30
Friday 9th June	Year 3 Achievement Afternoon 1:30-3.00
Wednesday 14th June	Reception Class Liturgical Prayer 9:15
Wednesday 14th June	Y5 Computer Workshop Trip
Thursday 15th June	Year 2 attending Mass 9:30
Friday 16th June	Year 4 Achievement Afternoon 1:30-3.00
Week beginning 19th June	Refugee Week
Wednesday 21st June	Year 1 Class Liturgical Prayer 9:15
Wednesday 21st June	Year 6 Computer Workshop Trip
Wednesday 21st June	Year 3 Tudor Workshop
Thursday 22nd June	Year 5 attending Mass 9:30
Friday 23rd June	Year 5 Achievement Afternoon 1:30-3.00
Wednesday 28th June	Year 4 Class Liturgical Prayer 9.15
Wednesday 28th June	Year 4 Drama Workshop
Thursday 29th June	Year 5 Food Day at Sacred Heart
Thursday 29th June	Year 3 attending Mass 9:30
Friday 30th June	Year 6 Achievement Afternoon 1:30-3.00

JULY	
3rd July- 5th July	Y6 Borrowdale
Thursday 6th July	Year 6 attending Mass 9:30
Thursday 6th July	Reception Library visit
Friday 7th July	Sports Day at Eagles Arena (Year 1-Year 6)
Friday 7th July	Year 1 Achievement Afternoon 1:30-3.00
Friday 7th July	School Reports to be issued
Monday 10th July	Year 3 and 4 Library visit
Tuesday 11th July	Transition Morning
Tuesday 11th July	Year 2 and 1 Library visit
Wednesday 12th July	Sports Day (Nursery and Reception)
Wednesday 12th July	PTFA Summer Fayre
Thursday 13th July	Year 5 Library visit
Friday 14th July	Reception Achievement Morning 9.15-10.30
Friday 14th July	Year 2 Achievement Afternoon 1:30-3.00

Friday 14th July	Year 6 Library visit
Wednesday 19th July	Doughnut day
Thursday 20th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 1.30
Friday 21st July	Non-uniform day
Friday 21st July	Break up at 3:15 for the Summer Holidays
5th September 2023	Children return to school

Your children are a privilege to work with and we are lucky to have them. Have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 5th June.

Yours Sincerely



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