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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we only have one week left of the half term. Our year has been fantastic so far, with school life feeling busy but exciting. Thank you for supporting our parent events so far. Within this newsletter, I have shared some important dates and events, as I want to give you as much notice as possible of what is to come.

A reminder to parents that this newsletter is shared via Gateway, Facebook, Seesaw and the school website. Please speak to the school office if you would like to request a paper copy.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening is being held on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October between 3.30pm and 6.30pm in the school hall. You can book an appointment using sms.schoolcloud.co.uk. This is an excellent opportunity to chat with your child's teacher to review their progress so far this year.

PTFA Autumn Craft Evening

The PTFA are holding an autumn craft evening for children in Key Stage One and Key Stage Two. The event will take place on Monday 30th October 3.15pm-4.15pm. The cost is £2, which will include a drink and snack. There are only 50 places available, and tickets can be bought from School Gateway.

PTFA Doughnut Day

This Wednesday, 18th October, the PTFA will be holding a Doughnut Day. Doughnuts can be bought at morning playtime and cost 50p each.

Sporting Success

It has been a busy time in school over the past few weeks. As well as the after school and lunchtime sports clubs running, there have been boys and girls football fixtures in the Newcastle Catholic Cup league. The boys' team competed against some of the best teams in Newcastle and performed really well. The girls' team played 4 matches, drawing 2 and winning 2. St Michael's also competed in a rugby competition, coming fourth. We are very proud of all our sporting achievements and our children.

School Communication

Parents should have access to School Gateway and Seesaw. School Gateway is the application that is now being used to communicate key message and information with parents. The app allows you to authorise and pay for trips and school dinners also. Parent feedback on School Gateway is

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positive, with many parents reporting that the app is easy to use. Please ensure you download the app or speak to the school office if you are experiencing any difficulties.

Children will continue to use Seesaw to complete homework and class teachers will send class updates via Seesaw.

School of Sanctuary

We are delighted that we have been awarded the School of Sanctuary award for the second time. Two of our wonderful pupils attended a celebration event at the Great North Museum, to collect the award on behalf of the school community.

Stay and Play

Every Tuesday, Stay and Play runs in the school hall from 9.00am. All parents with children in nursery class are invited. If you or anyone you know has a baby or toddler aged 0-3 years, they are also welcome to attend.

Year 2

Year 2 have been enjoying Dance lessons with Beth. They have learnt about travelling, levels and have worked in teams. They are now putting together a routine to dance together as a whole class.



Eco-Warriors

This year the Eco Warriors are looking at how litter is damaging the environment. They have started a weekly litter picking club, picking litter up on the KS1 and KS2 yards. The Eco Warriors are going to work in pairs each week and choose children in KS1 and KS2 to help them. They thought this would encourage the children to understand it is important to pick up litter. They will also lead an assembly to highlight the importance of litter picking in the coming weeks.



Shakespeare Training

This week, Mr Winskill has travelled to Stratford Upon Avon to participate in training with The Royal Shakespeare company. Mr Winskill and Mrs Simonson, who has already completed the training in Stratford, will run a Shakespeare after school club in the summer term, in preparation for a performance in the summer.

The Holy Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. In school, children will be given the opportunity to pray the Rosary together.

A decade of the Holy Rosary is:

1 x Our Father
10 x Hail Mary
1 x Glory Be

Calm Collection Points

Please continue to support school staff at collection time by forming a queue to collect your child. This request has been made with the health and safety of our children in mind.

Early Years

EYFS have made a great start to the year in Forest School! They have collected loose parts to make faces, they have used mud clay to create mini beasts and looked around the garden for dragon food.



Year 4

Year 4 have made a fantastic start to the Year. They have enjoyed extra sport activities to learn the basics of Cricket, investigated freezing and melting materials in Science, and had great fun in Music lessons. They are very excited to be taking part in an Art project linked to The National Gallery in London. The children are studying a painting by Henri Rousseau, and are following a series of lessons that improve their art knowledge and techniques. This wonderful opportunity is also giving them an opportunity to use their imagination.



Diary Dates

We look forward to welcoming you into school to participate in your child's education for events this term.

October 2023		
Date	Time	Event
17 th	Slot to be booked	Parents' Evening
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18 th	9:15-10	Y4 Reading Cafe
19 th	9:15-10	Y1 Class Liturgical Prayer
19 th	9:30	Y5 Class Mass
20 th	All day	Non- uniform day- £1 donation to school funds
HALF TERM HOLIDAY (23.10.23-27.10.23)		
30 th	3:15	PTFA Autumn Art and Craft Night

November 2023		
Date	Time	Event
1 st	9:15-10	Y6 Reading Café
1 st	9:30	Y4 Class Mass
2 nd	9:15-10	Y5/Reception Buddy Liturgy
8 th	9-10	Y1 Kindness Cafe
9 th	9:15-10	Reception Liturgical Prayer – school hall
9 th	9:30	Y3 Class Mass
15 th	9-10	Y2 Kindness Cafe
15 th	9:15-10	Reception Stay and Play
16 th	9:30	Y6 Class Mass
16 th	9:15-10	Y3 Class Liturgical Prayer
17 th	All day	Children in Need
22 nd	9-10	Y3 Kindness Cafe
23 rd	9:15-10	Y6 Class Liturgical Prayer
23 rd	9:30	Y5 Class Mass
29 th	9-10	Reception Kindness Cafe
30 th	9-10	Y5 Kindness Cafe
30 th	9:30	Y4 Class Mass
December 2023		

Date	Time	Event
6 th	9-10	Y4 Kindness Cafe
7 th	9-10	Y6 Kindness Cafe
7 th	9:30	Y3 Class Mass
13 th	3:15	PTFA Christmas Fayre
13 th	9:15-10	EY Christmas Play
14 th	9:15-10	Y1 Christmas Play
14 th	9:30	Y2 Class Mass
15 th	9:15-10	Y2 Christmas Play
20 th	1:30-3	Carols by Candlelight Key stage 2
21 st	1	R-Y6 Christmas Party afternoon
22.12.23	All day	Christmas Jumper/ Party Day- all classes
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY (25.12.23-5.1.24)		

Yours Sincerely



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