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Our Lady Star of the Sea Newsletter

Summer 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware the DfE (Department for Education) has altered assessment arrangements this year and have replaced National Curriculum levels with 'standards'. The new 'standards' are linked with what the children are supposed to be able to do in each Year group. Y2 and Y6 reports will indicate whether your Y2 or Y6 child has achieved the expected standard or not. Please note that this is the first year that the 'standards' have been introduced and all schools continue to wait for information regarding what the threshold levels are going to be. There will be no comparative reports provided this year for Y2 and Y6 children since the DfE have nothing to compare the results with.

The teachers are clear about the changes to the curriculum and the requirements of the new standards. If anyone wishes to discuss changes with me or a member of the teaching staff please contact the school. We will also endeavour to ensure that the information provided in your child's report is clear and understandable.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours,

Miss J. Jones

Exec. Headteacher

	Club	Year Group
Monday		
Tuesday	Football training 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. Booster Class Numeracy /Literacy Cookery Club 3 – 4 p.m.	Year 4 and 6 Year 5 Y3
Wednesday	Games and Puzzles 3 – 4 p.m. Football Training 3 – 4 p.m.	Rec, 1 and 2 Years 1 and 2
Thursday	ICT Club 3 – 4 p.m. Book/Reading Club 3 – 4 p.m.	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Y2
Friday	SVP	Nominated Juniors

Dates to remember!

School closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 26th May 2016

for the start of the half term holidays

School re-opens for teaching purposes at

8:50 a.m. on Monday 6th June 2016

Tuesday 7 June	Skipping Day in school
Wednesday 8 June	Induction Day for Parents of September New Starters
Friday 10 June	90th Birthday Celebration Day for Queen Elizabeth II in school
Tuesday 14 June	Y5/6 Athletics Festival at Easington Colliery Primary (information to follow)
Tuesday 21 June	Sports Day (weather permitting) start time 1 p.m.
Thursday 23 June	School Closed—Polling Station for EU Referendum School open for teaching purposes at 8.50 Friday 24 May
Tuesday 28 June	September new starters in school 9.30—11.30 a.m.
Tuesday 5 July	September new starters in school 9.30—2.30 p.m.
Wednesday 6 July	International Day in school—theme of Brazil
Tuesday 12 July	Class 4 performance of ‘Hoodwinked! The Legend of Robin Hood.’ Two performances at 1.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. Tickets available after half term
Wednesday 13 July	Summer Fair starting at 3 p.m.
Thursday 14 July	End of Year Awards Ceremony for nominated children only

School closes at 3.00pm on Wednesday 20th July 2016

for the start of the Summer holidays

School re-opens for teaching purposes at

8:50 a.m. on Tuesday 6th September 2016

ADVANCED WARNING

The school will be used as a Polling Station in the EU Referendum on Thursday 23rd June 2016 and therefore will be closed for teaching purposes on this day.

High Adventure Residential Weekend

Some of our Y5/6 children joined with the Y5/6 children from St. Joseph's, Primary School, Murton for a residential weekend at High Adventure, Skipton, North Yorkshire. They all enjoyed a weekend full of activities including rafting, climbing, abseiling, archery and sumo wrestling! The children and staff had a wonderful time.



Spring Activities 2016



SUMMER FAIR

We will be holding our annual summer fair on Wednesday 13th July in school from 3 p.m. Please come along and give us your support.

Donations for raffle and tombola stalls should be sent into school as soon as possible. Donations of cakes, biscuit and pies can be brought into school on the morning of the fair. Thank you.

On Friday 10th June 2016 we will be hosting a fun activity day for the children in school to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday. The children should come to school on this day dressed in red, white and blue or dressed with a royal theme, e.g. princess.

We will be providing a picnic lunch for all of the children and staff and also creating an ice cream parlour for all to enjoy.

Let's hope we have good weather to enable us to fly our homemade kites and turn the sky red, white and blue!



An important reminder to parents:



Although we no longer send out 'alert letters' to parents when an incidence of headlice is reported, we would like to remind you to check your child's hair on a weekly basis. If you require any advice on treating headlice, please contact the school nurse on 03000 261700 or your nearest pharmacy. Thank you!

Year 1 and 2 Football Training After School Club

We are hoping to have coaches from Hartlepool United come into school on a Wednesday after school to run a training club for the year 1 and 2 children. This will start on Wednesday 8th June at 3 - 4 p.m. If your child would like to attend this club please remember to send in their training clothes and footwear, e.g. jogging bottoms, trainers each Wednesday.

After school football training for the children in Years 4 and 6 will be led by Mr. Gibson every Tuesday from 3.15—4.15 p.m. starting on Tuesday 7th June. Again, if your child would like to join these sessions please remind your child to bring in their training kit.



Durham County Council – Water Safety Information for Schools

The following information advice and guidance is intended to help keep children safe when playing near open water or visiting the beach during the holiday periods.

This information is provided free of charge from Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA); The Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI) and The Royal Life Saving Society UK, to help reduce water accidents and deaths.

Water Safety – Rivers

During the school holidays, and in particular in hot weather, increasing numbers of children put themselves at risk of drowning. On average 40-50 children drown per year in the UK. To keep yourself safe, when you are in, on or beside water, always follow the Water Safety Code.

The Water Safety Code (RoSPA)

Spot the dangers!

Water may look safe, but it can be dangerous. Learn to spot and keep away from dangers. You may swim well in a warm indoor pool, but that does not mean that you will be able to swim in cold water.

The dangers of water include:

- it is very cold
- there may be hidden currents
- it can be difficult to get out (steep slimy banks)
- it can be deep
- there may be hidden rubbish, e.g. shopping trolleys, broken glass
- there are no lifeguards
- it is difficult to estimate depth
- it may be polluted and may make you ill

Please take notice of this information and stay safe.

School holidays for the 2016

Holiday	Closing Date	Date re-open for teaching
Spring half-term 2016	Friday 12 February 2016	Monday 22 February 2016
Easter 2016	Thursday 24 March 2016	Monday 11 April 2016
May Day 2016	Friday 29 April 2016	Tuesday 3 May 2016
Summer half term 2016	Thursday 26 May 2016	Monday 6 June 2016
Summer 2016	Wednesday 20 July 2016	Tuesday 6th September 2016
Autumn half-term 2016	Friday 21st October 2016	Monday 31st October 2016
Christmas 2016	Friday 16th December 2016	Wednesday 4th January 2017

Training Days:	Friday	27th May 2016
	Monday	5th September 2016
	Monday	19th December 2016
	Tuesday	3rd January 2017
	Monday	10th April 2017
	Friday	21st July 2017

Some gentle reminders

- dogs are not allowed on the school premises.
- the school is a mobile free zone.
- with the weather hopefully changing, children should wear sun cream and a sun hat when coming to school on sunny days

Thank you.