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Our Lady Star of the Sea Newsletter

Spring 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to draw your attention to the following:

Attendance:

Many thanks to all parents/carers who ensure that their child/ren regularly attend school. As you know it is vitally important that children have at least good attendance in order to ensure that they progress well with their education.

Good attendance is considered to be **at least 95%** this means that over the year children have no more than 10 days absence.

Punctuality:

Punctuality is also very important since it ensures that children are in school and ready to start the day off properly. Late arrivals disrupt the beginning of the day and can lead to formal warnings being issued to parents.

The majority of children in our school arrive in school by 8:45am and are ready to start work as soon as they enter the classroom at 8:50am.

We would like all our children to be punctual and ask parents to ensure that they help their children to arrive in school on time.

Holidays during term time:

Holidays during term time will not be authorised unless parents can prove there are exceptional circumstances relating to the holiday request.

The school must be informed of any planned holidays.

We need your support in ensuring that holidays are not taken in term time, that children attend school on a regular basis and are punctual. By supporting us in this way your child/ren will have the best opportunity to succeed.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss J. Jones

Exec. Headteacher

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Dates to remember!

Saturday 17 March	Choir performance at The Sage from 1 p.m.
Monday 19 March	KS2 Easter Craft afternoon (Classes 3 and 4) - parents/carers welcome.
Tuesday 20 March	KS1 Easter Craft afternoon (Classes 1 and 2) - parents/carers welcome
Wednesday 21 March	Reconciliation Service at Our Lady Star of the Sea RC Church @ 4 p.m. for those children making their First Holy Communion this summer.
Thursday 22 March	Class 1—Palm Sunday Assembly @ 9 a.m. Parents/carers welcome.
Friday 23 March	Class 2—The Last Supper Assembly @ 2.30 p.m. Parents /carers welcome.
Monday 26 March	Year 3—Agony in the Garden Assembly @ 2.30 p.m. Parents/carers welcome.
Tuesday 27 March	Year 4—Good Friday Assembly @ 2:30 p.m. Parents/carers welcome.
Wednesday 28 March	Class 4— Easter Sunday/Resurrection Assembly @ 2.30 p.m. — Parents /carers welcome.

**School closes at 3.00pm on Wednesday 28th March 2018
for the start of the Easter holidays
School re-opens for teaching purposes at
8:50 a.m. on Monday 16th April 2018**

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We are constantly updating our website (address above) with Curriculum maps, events and photographs. Please take the time to have a look and let us know if there is anything you would like to see in future updates.

esafety

Thank you to the parents who turned up for our E-Safety Assembly—we hope you found it interesting and informative.



After school clubs—starting Tuesday 17th April 2018

Day	Club	Year Group
Tuesday	SATs Booster session 3—4 p.m.	6
Tuesday	Cookery Club 3—4 p.m.	3 and 4
Tuesday	Writing Club 3—4 p.m.	2
Wednesday	Games and Puzzles 3—4 p.m.	Rec, 1 and 2
Wednesday	Football training 3—4 p.m.	4, 5 and 6
Wednesday	Art Club 3—4 p.m.	3, 4, 5 and 6
Thursday	ICT Club 3—4 p.m.	3, 4, 5 and 6
Thursday	Change 4 Life 3—4 p.m.	3, 4, 5 and 6
Thursday	Getting Along 3—4 p.m.	1 and 2
Thursday	Spanish	£1.50 per session
Friday	SVP 3—4 p.m.	Nominated Juniors
Friday	Gardening Club 3.15 – 4.15 p.m.	Volunteers

Our Talented Children—Joseph and Brooke

Joseph has been selected to play for Middlesbrough Youth First Team! His first match took place on the 7/11/17 and the team had a successful 7-1 win! Great work Joseph!!!



Brooke is one of our many talented dancers in school. She frequently travels the country to compete in competitions. Keep up your commitment and we will no doubt see you on the stage one day.

School holidays for the 2017/2018

<i>Holiday</i>	Closing Date	Date re-open for teaching
Summer 2017	Thursday 20 July 2017	Tuesday 5 September 2017
Autumn half-term 2017	Friday 20 October 2017	Monday 30 October 2017
Christmas 2017	Thursday 21 December 2017	Monday 8 January 2018
Spring half-term 2018	Friday 9 February 2018	Monday 19 February 2018
Easter 2018	Wednesday 28 March 2018	Monday 16 April 2018
May Day 2018	Friday 4 May 2018	Tuesday 8 May 2018
Summer half term 2018	Friday 25 May 2018	Monday 4 June 2018
Summer 2018	Friday 20 July 2018	Tuesday 4 September 2018

Training Days

Monday 4th September 2017

Friday 22nd December 2017

Thursday 29th March 2018

Friday 13th April 2018

Monday 23rd July 2018

OurSchoolsApp

Please make every effort to download the above app. Its very quick and easy and is invaluable for letting parents know what is happening.

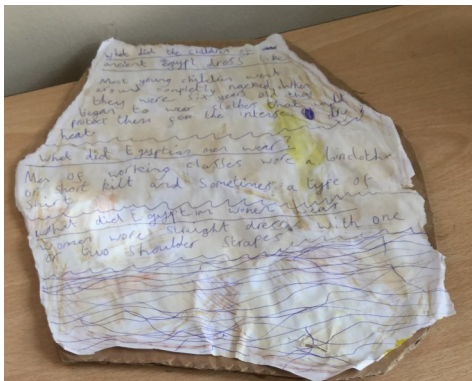
Search your app store for 'OurSchoolsApp' and download the app. In the search bar put in our school postcode and hit the search button. Once the school name is displayed, touch the screen on the school name and confirm your choice by pressing OK

Class 4—Art

As part of our 'Local History' topic, Class 4 are currently undertaking an art project which focuses on various periods in Horden's history. Once finished, we hope to exhibit our creations in school! So far, we have created these beautiful watercolour Interpretations of Horden Hall as well as these charcoal pictures based on the tale of 'The Bait Snatcher.' We are also planning on creating some multimedia collages representing the old colliery and some detailed pencil drawings of the legendary spitfires, in honour of the protection they offered the North-East throughout World War 2.



Year 3 completed a project in half term on Egypt.
Here is a sample of the beautiful work.



Activities from last term

Bikeability and Road Safety Training



We had a visit from St Bede's Choir and Woodwind Band at Christmas time.



Christmas Parties



As part of our International work, we held an assembly on Global Citizenship.



Key Stages 1 and 2 enjoyed having their parents in school to help create some Christmas crafts.



A King is Born - Nativity



For a balanced packed lunch select these healthier foods and drinks



Fruit and one Vegetables

Include at least one portion of fruit and portion of vegetables or salad every day

Meat & Alternatives

Meat, fish or another source of non-dairy protein should be included every day. Non dairy sources of protein include lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, hummus, peanut butter and falafel.

Oily Fish

Include oily fish, such as salmon, at least once every three weeks.

Starchy Food

A starchy food such as any type of bread or pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or other cereals, should be included every day.

Milk and Dairy Food

Include a dairy food such as semi-skimmed or skimmed milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais or custard every day.

Drinking Water

Free, fresh drinking water is available at all times.

Healthier Drinks

Include only water, still or sparkling, fruit juice, semi-skimmed or skimmed milk, yoghurt or milk drinks and smoothies.

Avoid including these foods in packed lunches

Snacks and Confectionery

Chocolate bars, chocolate coated biscuits and sweets.

Meat Products

Meat products such as sausage rolls, pies, corned meat and sausage/chipolatas should be included only occasionally



Dear Parents

Can you please ensure your child has a P.E. kit in school at all times as an increasing number of children are failing to bring the necessary kit.

P. E. is a part of the National Curriculum and the children are fully expected to take part in all sessions.

Our PE kit: consists of:

Plimsolls or trainers, PE shorts (royal blue) and T-shirt (white)



Breakfast Bonanza is our breakfast club which is open daily for the children to come along and enjoy eating together at the start of the day.

The breakfast club is open from 8:00 a.m. each morning. Please do not send your child into school before this time as the doors will be locked and there will be no supervision for your child on the school premises.

A variety of breakfast items are available e.g. cereal, toast, juice and milk for £1 per child per day (payable in advance on a Monday morning)

Homework Raffle Ticket Winner

The winner of the homework raffle at the end of last term was Elijah. His prize was a family ticket to the cinema at Dalton Park.

Elijah, his mam and dad went to see The Maze Runner. He said "I enjoyed it very much, it was a really good movie."

Well done Elijah!

We will continue to hand out raffle tickets to everyone who completes and returns their homework on time. A raffle ticket is drawn every week for each class with the winner receiving a small prize. At the end of each term a draw is made and one lucky child gets to share an adventure with their family (e.g. trip to Lickety Split, cinema tickets, ice skating, Tweddle Farm passes) as a thank you for your support.

