

Issue 21
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Our Lady Star of the Sea Newsletter

Autumn 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Emotional Well-being for all!

2018-19 Academic Year has started well with three new members of staff joining our school team:

Mr Laws who is teaching Year 5 children

Mrs Julie Carr who has been appointed as an Emotional Well-being and Resilience Co-ordinator.

Mrs Sanderson – Teaching Assistant supporting Class 3.

All new staff have settled into the school well and are making valuable contributions to our school family.

Emotional Well-being:

Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary endeavours to support all pupils, staff and parents with regards to emotional well-being. We work hard to be as supportive as possible to children and their families and we are happy to provide advice and support to ensure that children are happy to come to school and feel safe and secure.

The school employs:

- ◇ A School Counsellor, Carol Gash, who provides counselling sessions on a Wednesday morning. Children who access these sessions are normally referred to the service following consultation between staff and parents.
- ◇ An Emotional Well-being and Resilience Co-ordinator, Julie Carr, who provides opportunities for children to talk about their feelings and discuss ways in which to be more resilient.
- ◇ A Parent Support Advisor (PSA), Michelle Massey – who is employed by the school to engage with parents who request support.

In addition to this, staff at OLSotS are always prepared to listen to and support children in school. We feel that the school does provide a caring environment where children's needs are well supported.

This year we will also address the emotional well-being of staff and have already identified a member of staff who will act as an Emotional Well-being Designated Support.

In order for everyone to be content and reach their potential it is important that the needs of all stakeholders; staff, children and parents, are met. Everyone associated with the school should feel supported and respected.

The school acknowledges that there are times when parents and children may not be happy with something that has happened in school, however, in order to solve concerns or problems it is important that approaches to school are made in a respectful manner. This will ensure that no one in the school feels threatened in any way.

Miss J. Jones
Exec. Headteacher

Dates to remember!

**School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 19 October 2018
for the start of half-term holidays
School re-opens for teaching purposes at
8:50 a.m. on Monday 29 October 2018**

Tuesday 30 October	Friends of the School Film and Craft Night — 3 — 5 p.m.
Wednesday 31 October	Y6 to Safety Carousel—'Safer Lives'
Thursday 1 November	Parents Evening — 3.15 — 6 p.m. (Appointment letters to follow)
Monday 5 November	NSPCC Assemblies in school for KS1 and KS2
Monday 12 November	NSPCC Workshop for Y5 and Y6
Monday 19 November	NSPCC/O2 Workshop for parents 2—3 p.m. (This will only go ahead if we have at least 15 parents sign up) Letter to follow.
Thursday 22 November	Class 4A to Sunderland Empire—Terrible Tudors
Monday 26 November	Flu immunisation for YR,1 2, 3, 4 and 5 (Parents must have registered their child)
Wednesday 28 November	Christmas Fair in school from 3 p.m.
Thursday 6 December	Class 2—Gymnastics Festival—East Durham College
Monday 10 December	KS1 Craft afternoon 2—3 p.m.
Tuesday 11 December	KS2 Craft afternoon 2—3 p.m.
Wednesday 12 December	Whole school to Gala Theatre—Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs Pantomime
Friday 14 December	KS1 Nativity Play - 9.30 a.m.
Monday 17 December	KS2 Carol Concert—in school at 3.30 p.m.
Tuesday 18 December	KS2 Party Day
Wednesday 19 December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 20 December	KS1 Party Day

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Free online safety workshop for parents and carers

Muddled by Minecraft or rattled by Roblox? NSPCC and O2 are running an hour-long interactive workshop with tips, tools and advice on how to keep your child safe online. Talking about online safety with your child doesn't need to be difficult – build your confidence to have those important conversations, get to know your child's online world and learn where to go for help and advice.



The workshop will take place at **2 p.m. on Monday 19th November 2018.**

Don't miss out on this great opportunity! Make sure you respond to the School Office..

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Important E-Safety Information

It has come to our attention that there is a channel entitled "Jeffy" on YouTube, which we believe some of our children may be watching.

The videos are puppets with adult voices directed towards children that not only include explicit language but sexual related content as well. It is extremely inappropriate for any children at primary school age. At this time, the channel is not protected by any rating and therefore not flagged up as inappropriate when children log onto it.

I would advise parents speak to their children about this channel and monitor what the children are watching.

At school the Smooth wall filtering system will not allow the content to be downloaded so we would appreciate your cooperation in monitoring the usage at home.

Mrs C Taylor
E-Safety

Our School Stars



Congratulations to Alex and Katie on winning trophies at a recent dance competition. Keep dancing!



Sam was awarded a 'best attitude' award from The Brian Honour Soccer School. Well done Sam!



Bradley was chosen to represent our country at the WMO World Championships in Albufeira, Portugal this year. He came fourth overall— what a magnificent achievement Bradley!

Bradley also competed in a team competition on Sunday 14 October and came home with a clutch of medals. Gold in Traditional Bow, Silver in Korean and Bronze in Team. What a superstar!

Watch out Michelle Wie, our Rosie has you in her sights! Rosie was chosen (as the youngest member) to represent a team from Castle Eden Golf Club in a tournament for Durham County. Congratulations Rosie!



Alfie, one of our pupils who left us in the Summer has already made his mark at his new secondary school by receiving a HT Award. Well done Alfie!



School holidays for the 2018/2019

<i>Holiday</i>	Closing Date	Date re-open for teaching
Summer 2018	Friday 20 July 2018	Tuesday 4 September 2018
Autumn half term 2018	Friday 19 October 2018	Monday 29 October 2018
Christmas 2018	Thursday 20 December 2018	Monday 7 January 2019
Spring half-term 2019	Friday 15 February 2019	Monday 25 February 2019
Easter 2019	Friday 5 April 2019	Tuesday 23 April 2019
May Day 2019	Friday 3 May 2019	Tuesday 7 May 2019
Summer half term 2019	Friday 24 May 2019	Monday 3 June 2019
Summer 2019	Thursday 18 July 2019	Tuesday 3 September 2019

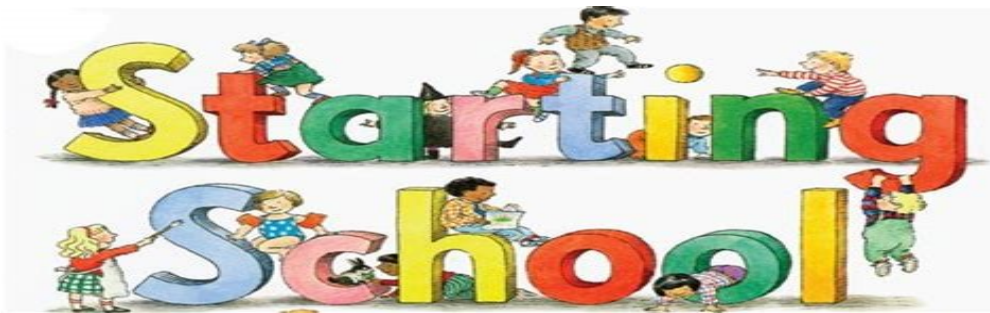
Please note: Five days within the above school terms are to be used for school training activities

Training Days

Monday	3rd September 2018
Friday	21st December 2018
Monday	8th April 2019
Friday	19th July 2019
Monday	22nd July 2019

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be taking place on Thursday 1st November 2018. An appointment letter has been sent home — please fill in and return to school as soon as possible. Appointments start at 3.15 p.m. and the last appointment will be at six o'clock. Thank you!



Do you have a child (or know of someone who has a child) starting school in September 2019? If so you need to complete an application before midnight on 15th January 2019. Visit www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions where you can access a useful guide to help with your application. Paper application forms are available on request.

Here at Our Lady Star of the Sea we will be holding three Open Days for September 2019 new starters on:

Monday 29th October at 9.30—10.30 a.m.

Tuesday 30th October at 1.30—2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 31st October at 4—5 p.m.

for you and your child to come and have a look around our Reception classroom and get involved in some of the activities on show.

After School Clubs

All clubs to start week commencing 5/11/18 due to school events

Day	Club	Year Group/Class	Time
Tuesday	Active Kids	KS1 (Rec, Y1, Y2)	3 – 4 p.m.
Tuesday	Maths Booster	Year 6	3 – 4 p.m.
Tuesday	ICT Club	Y3 and Y4	3 – 4 p.m.
Tuesday	Cookery	Y5	3 – 4 p.m.
Wednesday	Art club	Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6	3 – 4 p.m.
Wednesday	Games & Puzzles	KS1 (Rec, Y1, Y2)	3 – 4 p.m.
Thursday	Singing Club	Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6	3 – 4 p.m.
Thursday	Cricket	Y1, Y2	3 – 4 p.m.
Friday	SVP	Nominated Juniors	3 – 4 p.m.

N.B. The Sunderland Climbing Wall after school club will start on 7th November 2018 for five weeks. A letter will be sent to the first twelve children who brought back their letter. We will look to book further sessions for those children who weren't successful this time around.

Ullswater Residential June 2018



Everyone had a fabulous weekend learning new skills and making friends.

Take a look at some of the work the children are doing in class



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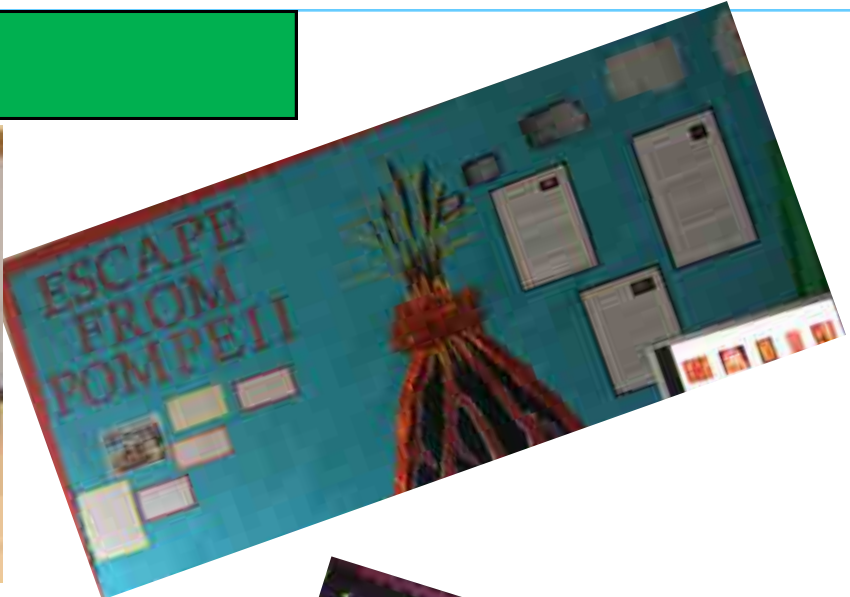
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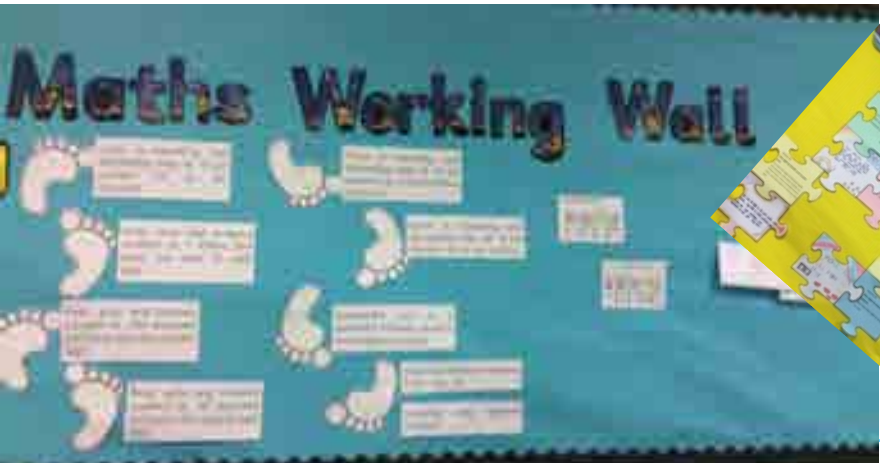
Class 2



Class 3



Class 4A



Class 4B

Activities from last term



Dental Hygiene and Hand Washing in Class 1



Class 1 visit to Hartlepool Marina



Whole School Fun Run in aid of Clic Sargent - £1,150 raised!



Class 4 visited the Sunderland Winter Gardens



As part of their curriculum topic on WW2, Class 3 visited Beamish Museum to get a taste of what it was like to be an evacuee.



May 2018 and we all dressed up in red, white and blue to celebrate the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.

Look who showed up!



Fitness and Sport



All children joined in a Judo class when we had a visit from Destination Judo in



Sports Day was great fun!
Even our mams and dads joined in!



Forest Schools/Environment Day—looking after our environment



Staff from Northumbrian Water explained why saving water is so important to us all. The children cleaned up the old school yard, carried out litter picking and watered our plants as part of Environment Day.



R.E. and Collective Worship

The children plan Collective Worship in their house groups every Tuesday afternoon and present a session each Wednesday morning.



What a beautiful day when Brooklyn, Joseph and Sam made their First Holy Communion. Their special day was celebrated with Fr. Neylan, family, friends and staff.

