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Our Lady Star of the Sea Newsletter

Summer 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reports

The staff of Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary have been talking at length about the format of the Pupil's End of Year Report, which you receive in July. The outcome of this is that we have produced a new report format which looks more closely at the individual child and their progress rather than coverage of the different curriculum areas.

The report will include:

- Progress and attainment in Reading, Writing, Maths, Science and RE
- Teacher's comments on curriculum and general attitude towards learning
- 'Next steps' (targets to aid progression)
- A section written by your child - which will allow children to reflect on what they have enjoyed, areas for improvement and involvement in school life

We hope that this new format will make the report a lot more personal and provide a better understanding of your child's learning experience here at Our Lady Star of the Sea.

EYFS reports will follow a similar format, with the addition of progress and attainment in 'Prime Areas' and 'Specific Areas' of development.

Teachers will be busy writing these reports and you will receive your child's report in July.



Miss J. Jones
Exec. Headteacher

Dates to remember!

**School closes at 3 p.m. on Friday 24 May 2019
for the half term holidays
School re-opens for teaching purposes at
8:50 a.m. Monday 3 June 2019**

Monday 3 June	Quiddich Taster Day in school. All children will experience this fun activity.
Tuesday 4 June	September 2019 New Starters Day from 9:30—11:30 a.m.
Monday 10 June	Class 3 to Blue Reef, Tyneside—day trip
Wednesday 12 June	September 2019 New Starters Day from 9:30—2:30 p.m. (lunch included)
Wednesday 19 June	Sports Day (weather permitting)
Thursday 20 June	Year 3/4 Athletics Team (selected children) to Easington Colliery Primary for Athletics Festival
Friday 21 June	Possible Music Concert in school (to be confirmed)
Thursday 11 July	Awards Assembly (letters will follow to individuals)
Wednesday 17 July	Summer Fair

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More dates to follow once agreed

Cool Milk at School

Our school milk scheme is administered by Cool Milk. To register your child for school milk, please visit <https://www.coolmilk.com/register>



Safer Internet Day was on the 5th February!

with the theme: Together for a better internet

Our internet, our choice, so...

Choose to make good choices online

Every time we go online there are lots of choices we have to make. For example, which game should I play? Should I reply to that message? Should I click that button? Remember to make choices that are kind, respectful and safe and always check with an adult if you're unsure about something online.

Choose to ask if it's okay

If you are about to do something online that will affect other people, make sure to ask, 'is it okay'? If someone says no, we need to respect their choice and choose to do something different that won't worry or upset them.

Choose to keep personal information safe online

Always keep personal information safe online and check with an adult before you share. Personal information includes your full name, where you live and where you go to school and it can belong to you or someone you know. If someone is asking for your personal information online, then tell an adult and never agree to meet up with someone you only know online.

Choose to find out more

What do you know about the internet, and what does it know about you? The internet can sometimes collect information about us when we sign up to new apps and games. If you're not sure why you are being asked for this, check with an adult first.

Choose to ask for help

Always tell an adult you trust if anything worries or upsets you online or you feel confused about a choice you have to make. Going online should be fun but sometimes we all need a little help and there are lots of people who can help you, like a parent, teacher or grandparent.

This year we invited 'Big Foot Arts' into school for Safer Internet Day. Bigfoot's 'Cyber Safety' workshops encourage children to consider how to stay safe online, how we share information and connect with others safely, as well as the consequences of negative behaviour. A brilliantly positive, fun and informative experience for pupils to safely explore a serious issue facing all young people today



In the Spring term our "Friends of the School" gave up their time to come along and make up bags of resources to use at our Easter Craft Days. We are most grateful for all they do for our children and our school. If you would like to join our merry band of helpers, please come along to one of the Friends of the School meetings which take place on the first Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. in school.

Everyone welcome!



Easter Parade 2019!

We had a marvellous display of eggs and hats this year. Well done to everyone who made the effort to enter into the spirit of the Easter competition.



School holidays for the 2019/2020 academic year

Holiday	Closing Date	Re-opens for teaching purposes
Summer 2019	Thursday 18 July 2019	Wednesday 4 September 2019
Autumn half term 2019	Friday 25 October 2019	Monday 4 November 2019
Christmas 2019	Thursday 19 December 2019	Monday 6 January 2020
Spring half-term 2020	Friday 14 February 2020	Monday 24 February 2020
Easter 2020	Friday 3 April 2020	Monday 20 April 2020
May Day 2020	Friday 1 May 2020	Tuesday 5 May 2020
Summer half term 2020	Thursday 21 May 2020	Monday 1 June 2020
Summer 2020	Friday 17 July 2020	Tuesday 1 September 2020

Training Days

Tuesday	3 September 2019
Friday	20 December 2019
Friday	17 April 2020
Friday	22 May 2020
Monday	20 July 2020



An important reminder to parents

Although we have been advised we should no longer send out 'alert letters' to parents when a case 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!

After School Clubs starting week beginning 3rd June 2019

Day	Club	Year Group/Class	Time
Tuesday	Football Training	Y3, 4, 5 and 6	3 – 4 p.m.
Tuesday	Singing Club	Y3, 4, 5 and 6	3 – 4 p.m.
Wednesday	SVP	Nominated Juniors	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.
Wednesday	Maths Booster	Y5	3 – 4 p.m.
Thursday	Fitness Fun	Y1 and 2	3 – 4 p.m.
Thursday	ICT Club	Y5 and 6	3 – 4 p.m.

World Book Day 2019





A huge thank you to the cook and kitchen assistants for providing a wonderful lunch - they worked a really hard shift!!

Another thank you to the staff from Taylor Shaw who provided us with cupcakes as a small gift for every mam/gran/aunt (or dad) who turned up to eat lunch with their child.



Science Lessons in Class 4A

The mystery of floating paperclips



And investigating the lengths of shadows at different times of the day.



Activities from last half term

Class 1 made vegetable soup after reading Oliver's Vegetables in Literacy

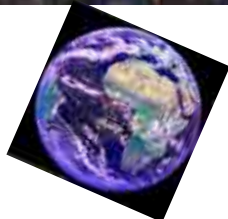


The children peeled and diced the vegetables then popped them in a pan with stock. They all got to taste the soup when it was ready—yum!

Class 2 visited Beamish — they were made to work hard!



Two students from Newcastle University came along to school to give an Earth Story Presentation. Staff and children joined in with this fascinating topic.



Most of our Y5 and 6 children took the opportunity to go on a three day, two night residential trip to Lakeside, Fylde Coast. They took part in such activities as kayaking, climbing, abseiling, crate stacking and fencing. A great time was had by all!



Fitness and Sport



Class 3 put lots of effort into their training before entering the 'Skipping Festival' in March of this year. All of their hard work paid off when they won gold, silver and bronze medals individually for skills and a silver in the combined skills and dance as a school. Fantastic results !

On guard!! We had a great day in school learning the art of fencing.



What a great time our Year 2 children had at the Outdoor Activity day held at Shotton Hall Conference Centre. Many new teambuilding and physical skills were acquired.



Forest Schools/looking after our environment



Mrs Bentham and the children from all classes have been extremely busy planting bulbs and seeds in our new raised beds. They have also made a fantastic job of litter picking and generally tidying up the whole school site. Well done—keep up the good work!



Faith in Action (SVP) have been preparing the raised beds for planting in our prayer space.



Our beautiful tulip bulbs have bloomed and have given amazing colour to our school grounds.



R.E. and Collective Worship



Welcome to our new Bishop -

Bishop Robert Byrne CO

On Monday 4 February 2019, Pope Francis announced that Bishop Byrne would serve as the fourteenth Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle succeeding the Rt. Rev. Séamus Cunningham.

On Monday 25 March 2019, the Feast of the Annunciation, at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary's in Newcastle upon Tyne, Olivia and Logan were privileged to be present at his Episcopal Installation.

FAITH IN ACTION

A group of our Year 6 children have been working on the Faith in Action Award Scheme. The award rewards children for their acts of kindness through charity work and helps them to develop their spirituality and their personal



Thank you to the parents who attended the daily assemblies each class performed telling the Easter Story — what a truly uplifting experience it was.



- Class 1 - Palm Sunday
- Class 2 - The Last Supper
- Class 3 - Garden of Gethsemane
- Class 4B - The Crucifixion
- Class 4A - The Resurrection



The children in Class 1 had great fun making their Pentecost crowns after learning about Pentecost.

Pentecost is the festival when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.