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Our Lady Star of the Sea Newsletter

Autumn 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

The school is very happy with our KS 2 SAT results for 2016:

Subject	School % achieving National Standard	National Average % AS
Reading	75	66
Writing	69	74
Spelling Grammar and Punctuation (SPAG)	87.5	72
Maths	75	70
Reading + Writing + Maths (RWM)	56.3	53

The results show that our school is achieving above the National Average in Reading, SPAG, Maths and combined Reading, Writing and Mathematics and just below NA in Writing. This is a great set of results for any school!

Our school data shows that our children are performing particularly well despite changes in the new National Curriculum and the introduction of age related Standards.

Congratulations to staff and pupils for all their hard work!

We wish last year's Y6 children the best of luck in their new secondary schools and thank them for their hard work and commitment whilst at OLSotS. We hope their enthusiasm for learning continues and has inspired children currently in our school.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J. Jones (Exec. Headteacher)

Dates to remember!

**School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 21st October 2016
for the start of the half term holidays
School re-opens for teaching purposes at
8:50 a.m. on Monday 31st October 2016**

Monday 31 October	NCPCC Assembly in school
Tuesday 1 November	Parents Evening (please make an appointment)
Wednesday 2 November	Mass in school at 10 a.m. Everyone welcome!
Thursday 3 November	Open Day for the parents of children due to start school in September 2017 from 2—6 p.m.
Monday 7 November	NSPCC Workshop for Class 4
Tuesday 22 November	Y6 Safety Carousel, Newton Aycliffe
Friday 25 November	Christmas Fair in school starting at 3 p.m.
Monday 5 December	Classes 1 and 2 Craft afternoon in school from 2—3 p.m.
Tuesday 6 December	Classes 3 and 4 Craft afternoon in school from 2—3 p.m.
Wednesday 7 December	Mass in school at 10 a.m. Everyone welcome!
Thursday 8 December	KS1 (Classes 1 and 2) Nativity Play in school at 1.30 p.m.
Friday 9 December	KS1 (Classes 1 and 2) to Beamish
Monday 12 December	Whole school to pantomime at Gala Theatre, Durham
Tuesday 13 December	Christmas lunch for staff and children in school
Wednesday 14 December	KS2 Carol Concert at Our Lady Star of the Sea RC Church at 11 a.m.
Thursday 15 December	KS2 (Classes 3 and 4) Christmas Party
Friday 16 December	KS1 (Classes 1 and 2) Christmas Party

**School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 16th December 2016
for the start of the Christmas holidays
School re-opens for teaching purposes at
8:50 a.m. on Wednesday 4th January 2017**

YOU

YouNow is a fairly new app that allows users over the age of 13 to stream live video and receive comments from viewers. Broadcasters (the children using the app) are encouraged to become popular and to create content that will attract more viewers. There is also a system for buying a currency to virtually tip broadcasters. Videos created could be copied and stored. Durham Police have been made aware as a result of an ongoing case that paedophiles may be encouraging children to expose themselves, and are then involved in swopping images generated.

Further advice is available at <http://parentinfo.org/article/a-parents-guide-to-younow> . Parents of primary aged children will want to ensure that their children do not have access to this app and that older children are aware of the possible dangers.

A huge thank you to everyone who baked, donated and turned up to our Macmillan Coffee morning. We raised the staggering amount of £500!

Well done to everyone!

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CANCER SUPPORT



A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our SVP campaign to help the local food bank by donating tins, packets, etc. The Chief Executive, Mr. Malcom Fallow, from East Durham Trust attended a special assembly on Friday 21st October to personally thank the children for their effort. He was amazed by how much food had been donated and assured everyone that this would be put to good use over the coming week.



Can we please remind everyone that **the School Uniform is:**
black trousers or black skirt (black pinafore if preferred),
pale blue polo shirt (available from school).
royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan (available from school).

black school shoes must be worn

white socks or

black or royal blue woollen tights for girls

grey socks for boys

In summer:

girls may wear a blue gingham dress or pale blue polo shirt,
black skirt and white socks

boys may wear a pale blue polo shirt, black trousers or black shorts and grey socks.



PE uniform:

Plimsolls KS1, trainers KS2

Royal blue PE shorts

White T-shirt

This should be brought to school on a Monday morning
and may be taken home on Friday afternoon.

All items of clothing – including shoes and wellingtons
– should be clearly marked with the child's name.

School holidays for the 2016/2017

Holiday	Closing Date	Date re-open for teaching
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
Spring half-term 2017	Friday 17 February 2017	Monday 27 February 2017
Easter 2017	Friday 7 April 2017	Monday 24 April 2017
May Day 2016	Friday 28 April 2017	Tuesday 2 May 2017
Summer half term 2016	Friday 26 May 2017	Monday 5 June 2017
Summer 2016	Thursday 20 July 2017	To be determined
Training Day	Monday 5th September 2016 Monday 19th December 2016 Tuesday 3rd January 2017 Monday 10th April 2017 Friday 21st July 2017	



A 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!