



# MAY 2016 NEWSLETTER

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*All children and young people have a right to a primary education... Young people should be encouraged to reach the highest level of education they are capable of. (Article 28, United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child)*

Welcome to our May newsletter. Please make a note of the diary dates, as there are a lot of them this term!! There will be more to come soon too!

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils for working so hard for their SATs tests. They all tried their best & worked really hard.

## Summer Sun!

Just in case a summer does arrive, can I please remind you to protect your child from the sun? On sunny days all children should have sun cream put onto them before they come to school and should have a sun hat with them, with their name clearly marked inside the hat.

Unfortunately, school staff are unable to put sun cream onto the children. However, you can send cream in with your child for them to put on themselves.



## School Chaplain Change

Our school chaplain is now in school every other Tuesday afternoon. Our Mini Vinnies are still leading Wednesday morning prayers. There is now an after school Mini Vinnies club on a Tuesday afternoon, every other week. If your child would like to take part please contact Miss Horner or Mrs. Wilson.



## Uniform

Can I please remind you that school uniform must be worn at all times - this includes school trousers - tracksuit/jogging bottoms are not permitted as a substitute.

Nail varnish is not permitted.

Could all uniform have your child's name in it, please?

## Football Team

Our school football team played in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the Canon Gaughan Cup at Trimdon last Friday. They won all of their matches to get through to the finals and they played excellently. Congratulations to the whole team – good luck in the finals!



## Shoesday

Thank you to all who took part and donated towards Living Streets.

**We raised £78!**

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Please see the message below from Durham County Council about an app called KIK:

Kik messenger has become a popular app with some groups of pupils, however we have been warned by Durham Police that it is being used by offenders to groom children to obtain indecent photos and videos. Please be aware that:-

- Kik has a minimum age of 13, and it is not suitable for younger children due to risks associated with inappropriate and/or illegal sharing of images and videos
  - Parents should manage their children's use of technology. Please set tablets and phones so that children cannot download apps without parental permission. (We have come across many cases where children have been abused through an app that parents and carers did not realise had been installed)
- If your child is old enough to use the app, and is mature enough to manage its appropriate use please check the privacy settings so that your child's whereabouts and images are not being broadcast around the net without their knowledge.

See further advice on <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safety-tools/kik>

**Dates for the Diary** (these are also on our school website - [wwwst-godrics.durham.sch.uk](http://wwwst-godrics.durham.sch.uk) )

- 27<sup>th</sup> May** - **BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM HOLIDAY**
- 6<sup>th</sup> June** - Back to school  
Class 3, 4 & 5 trip to St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle
- 8<sup>th</sup> June** - St. Bede's Year 6 transition evening for parents
- 14<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 5/6 Athletics Tournament
- 15<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 6 St. Bede's transition evening visit
- 20<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 6 Shotton Hall Academy transition visit
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June** - Year 6 St. Bede's transition evening visit
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June** - Year 3/4 Athletics Tournament
- 24<sup>th</sup> June** - **SCHOOL CLOSED**  
Year 6 Shotton Hall Academy transition visit
- 28<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 5 visit to St. Bede's
- 1<sup>st</sup> July** - Class 1 & 2 at Sage Gateshead for the 'Big Sing'
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> July** - Wellfield Year 6 pupils' induction days
- 8<sup>th</sup> July** - Y6 Catholic Schools cluster mass at St. Bede's  
1.30pm – Sports Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> July** - Class 3, 4 & 5 at Sage Gateshead for the 'Big Sing'
- 14<sup>th</sup> July** - Class 3 educational visit to Broom House Farm
- 15<sup>th</sup> July** - Reports go out to parents
- 18<sup>th</sup> July** - Leavers' disco at 3pm – 4.30pm. Reception & Year 1 children must be accompanied by an adult
- 20<sup>th</sup> July** - 9.15am – Leavers' Mass
- 20<sup>th</sup> July** - **BREAK UP FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS**
- TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER – SCHOOL RETURNS**



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