

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 14th January 2022

The statement to live by this week is 'I know I belong in a community that includes my school'.

Please spend some time talking about what this means with your child.



New Local Governing Committee

When we transferred over to the Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust, on October 1st 2021, at this point our previous governing body changed and a newly appointed Local Governing Committee was assigned in line with Trust policy. We are thankful that we have retained some of our previous governors on our new Local Governing Committee and were sad to lose others who have contributed so much to our school family over the years. We would like you all to join with us in offering our sincere thanks to all governors, from both schools, for their loyalty and dedicated service over the years; your work, time and commitment has been very valued.

Governors play a lead, strategic role in helping schools to develop and implement policy and practices, which ensure that all pupils receive the best possible opportunities and education within our schools. Our new Local Governing Committee is made up of governors from both of our Federated schools, St. Joseph's and Our Lady of Lourdes. Our current governors are;

Governors	Role
Paul Francis	Chair of Governors
Fr Ian Jackson	Vice Chair of Governors
Fr. Peter Stoddart	Foundation Governor
Lisa Ashton	Executive Headteacher
Gemma Wright	Staff Governor
Katherine Briggs	Foundation Governor
Charlotte Carr	Foundation Governor
Carole Close	Foundation Governor
Billy Dring	Foundation Governor
Lisa Tulett	Foundation Governor
Hayley Hood	Parent Governor
Sarah Henery	Additional Governor appointed by the Trust

"As unique children of God we love, learn, grow and inspire.
We let our light shine."

Winter Weather

During the coming weeks we will no doubt experience some very cold, wet and wintry weather. Please ensure that children have with them in school a warm coat, hat and gloves as they will still spend time outside. Please also make sure that during periods of snow and icy weather, all children and parents stick to the safe routes that have been marked out around the school grounds. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping everyone safe.



Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings will take place on **Monday 14th and Tuesday 22nd March**. It is likely that with the continued high rate of transmission of Covid, these meetings will not take place face to face. More information and booking slips will be sent out to parents.

Go Well "Heart Project"

On Wednesday, we launched the start of our **Go Well "Heart Project"** across school. The aim of the "Heart Project" is to support children to be active at home with their families and friends. Each class completed activities looking at how they can keep healthy in a number of ways. We ended the day by making our own heart pledges. All children/families in Classes 2 – 6 should now have received a bag of equipment. The programme lasts for 12 weeks and at the end of the programme everyone involved will receive a medal, certificate plus information of where they can continue to keep active in the community.

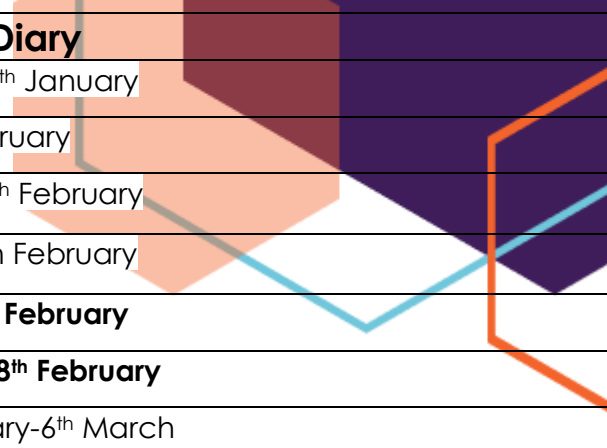
New Starters September 2022

Reminder that the 15th January, is the deadline for applying for a Reception Class Place for your child to start school in September. If you or someone you know has not yet applied for a Reception class place, please do so by Saturday. Late applications can be taken by Durham County Council, however, this could affect you getting your first choice place.

Additional Bank Holiday

The Government have announced that there will be an additional bank holiday in 2022 to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The late May bank holiday will be moved to Thursday 2nd June and an additional Jubilee bank holiday will be Friday 3rd June 2022. In line with guidance, schools have been asked to allocate an extra day of holiday, given the bank holiday will be during our May half-term holiday, we have chosen **Monday 20th June 2022** as the extra day of holiday, **meaning school will be closed on this day.**





Dates for your Diary	
World Peace Sunday	Sunday 16 th January
Children's Mental Health Week	7-13 th February
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 8 th February
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes	Friday 11 th February
Break up for Half Term	Friday 18th February
Return After Half Term	Monday 28th February
Fairtrade Fortnight	21 st February-6 th March
World Book Day	Thursday 3 rd March
Parents' Evening	Monday 14 th and Tuesday 22 nd March
Break up for Easter	Friday 8th April
Return after Easter	Tuesday 26th April
May Day 2022	Monday 2nd of May (School closed, children return on Tuesday 3rd)
Break up for Summer Half Term	Friday 27th May
Return to School After Half Term	Monday 6th June
Jubilee Additional Holiday Day	Monday 20th June (School closed, children return on Tuesday 21st June)
Break up for Summer Holiday	Thursday 21st July 2022

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