

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st January 2022

The statement to live by this week is 'I know we are happiest when we are united.'

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

## Go Well 'Heart Project'

Last week we launched the Go Well 'Heart Project' from Classes 2 -6. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with pupils and parents sharing how they have already enjoyed getting physical and active together using the resources. We are glad that the bags have impacted so positively. If you have any photographs of your child/ family using the equipment from the 'Heart Project' at home, please send a copy to Miss Croxford using the email [j.croxford490@ourladyoflourdes.durham.sch.uk](mailto:j.croxford490@ourladyoflourdes.durham.sch.uk)

## Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings will take place on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## 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.



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

Mission Statement



## Sounds~Write Phonics

We have recently started a new phonics programme in school called Sounds~Write. Sounds~Write is a DFE approved programme and children from Reception Class to Year 2 will now be taught using this approach. Staff have completed extensive training on how to deliver Sounds~Write to the children and we have invested in new reading books and texts that are fully decodable and will support our pupils to read with fluency, enjoyment and confidence by the end of Key Stage 1.

Alongside Sounds~Write, children will be set online texts to read at home using the online Bug Club website. Staff will send out Bug Club passwords again, just to ensure that **all children in Reception and Key Stage One** can log on and access their online reading texts at home.

More in depth information will be coming home to parents next week regarding Sounds~Write, including some useful links and video clips on how best to help your child learn. If anyone has any questions in the meantime, please catch your child's class teacher who will be happy to answer any questions that you have.



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

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