



Newsletter 9

2019/20

This Week

Governors

Some of our school governors joined me for a learning walk yesterday. They visited all classes and were most impressed by the hard working attitudes of our children, the amount of work they produce and their fantastic behaviour. They really enjoyed their focus on history and geography in our topics. Well done everyone.

Class Mass

Y5 were joined by some parishioners for Mass on Tuesday, the children read beautifully. Father Simon gave the children the opportunity to add names to the parish November Dead List so loved ones can be prayed for at Church as well as school.

FS2 Height and Weight

The school nursing service were in school this week, measuring the height and weight of FS2 children as part of the national programme.

Dear Parents,

As we celebrate the feast of Christ the King, we hear in the gospel about the time when the leaders, the soldiers and the people mocked Jesus as Gods chosen one and as king. We are reminded that Jesus's kingship is one of love and mercy, he always forgives us.

Attendance

As you are aware, the Nicholas Postgate Trust now has its own attendance team. We have attached attendance officers who monitor our school attendance closely. Good attendance is 97% or above.

A couple of reminders. Parents must contact school each day that a child is absent. School is unable to authorise any absence unless an explanation is received.

If your child has a medical appointment and returns to school afterwards, they can be given their mark. Appointment cards or letters must always be presented should a child come to school afterwards or leave early to attend a medical appointment. You do not need to get letters directly from a doctor/dentist, you just need to show office staff evidence of the appointment.

Requests for leave of absence in term time are now dealt with by the Trust. You should send completed forms to school but will receive a response from the Trust, not from us.

Please ask if there is anything you are not sure of. The Attendance Policy is available on our school website.



This Week

Loftus Lights Switch On

Join the festive fun with Santa and his friends as they 'light up Loftus' with the switch on of the Christmas Lights on Loftus High Street. The evening starts at 4.30pm with the lights switch on at 5.30pm.

Christ the King

It is the feast of Christ the King on Sunday 24th November, the last Sunday before Advent begins. God sent Jesus to be our saviour and our friend but he is also a King. Help us always to follow him, honour him, and serve him in his Kingdom. There will be a children's Mass at 9am at St Joseph's, everyone is very welcome, the theme is 'Belonging'.

Vouchers for Free Books

The sun newspaper free book vouchers starts tomorrow. Please can you collect as many as you can asking relatives and friends too. Mrs Ayton will take them of your hands.

Thanks Everyone.

MarvellousMe upgraded parent app

You should have received a letter today regarding the new improved MarvellousMe App. The letter contains essential instructions that need to be followed. Should you have any questions please either ring the office or pop

Bingo



We had a great bingo last night in true

St Joseph's style! A huge thanks to all those who joined us or sent raffle tickets, prizes in. Thanks also to staff for their time, especially Mrs Lightfoot and Mrs O'Hara for organising it. We Raised around a fantastic £600

We still have some raffle prizes to collect from reception



House of the Week

1st St Josephs	188
2nd St Anthony	187
3rd Our Lady	150
4th St Cuthbert	149



Next Week

Class Mass

Father Simon will lead Mass for Miss Ogden's class on Tuesday 26th at 10am. You are welcome to join us in school.

Athletics

Y5 will attend the next round of the athletics competition at Saltburn on Wednesday 9 - 12am

We wish them luck!

Swimming

It is the final swimming session of the term on Wednesday next week.

Class Assembly

Y4 will lead assembly for us on Thursday afternoon next week, 2.45pm. Please join us if you can. We will find out about St Andrew.

Teacher Training Day

Children will not be in school on Friday 29th, it is a training day for staff.

One Snowy Night Danby

Children in FS thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Danby on Monday. They found out lots of information about Percy's animals and enjoyed playing the various games whilst on the hunt for the various animals from the story. Thank you to all the parents who supported us on our trip, I'm sure you will all agree that it was a fantastic day.

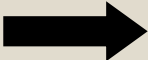


Basketball

On Monday our year 5 children went to Freebrough after school to take part in a basketball match night. The children practised lots of different skills. Played some mini games and showed great sportsmanship and teamwork.



Advance Notice

Term planners went out some time ago, so here is a reminder of Christmas events in school. 

Certainly lots going on! I hope you can join us for some



Stars of the Week

Little Joys Arthur

FS1 Aurora & Lola

FS2 James & Alexis

Y1 Dexter & Oliver

Y2 Bella & Xanthie

Y3 Joseph & Harvey

Y4 Macey & Nikita

Y5 Ella & Courtney

Y6 Gracie & Grace

Monday Dec 2nd	Chocolate Challenge FS Advent Liturgy 2.45pm
Tuesday Dec 3rd	KS1 Advent Liturgy
Wednesday Dec 4th	KS2 Advent Liturgy 2.45pm
Thursday Dec 5th	Christmas Fair 1.30pm
Friday Dec 6th	Panto in school - Christmas Jumper Day Family Challenge
Monday Dec 9th	Secrets Room letters home
Tuesday Dec 10th	FS Christmas Performance 10.45am
Wednesday Dec 11th	Y4 Snappy Christmas Eston 1—2 pm
Thursday Dec 12th	KS1 Christmas Performance 2pm Disco/Santa 5-7pm
Sunday Dec 15th	Children's Mass 9am 'Celebrating'
Monday Dec 16th	Secrets Room
Tuesday Dec 17th	Secrets Room Confessions 10am Christmas lunch Parent and Toddler Christmas Party 1.45pm
Wednesday Dec 18th	Christmas Around the World Concert 2pm
Thursday Dec 19th	Christmas Parties Last after school club
Friday Dec 20th	Carols in Church 1.30pm BREAK UP SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2.30PM Snow White Billingham Forum (All tickets sold)

ST JOSEPH'S



After School Clubs

Please make sure that these are booked and paid for on a Monday. Clubs cost £1.50 and run from 3.15pm until 4.45pm. Children get a drink and a biscuit during the club. I have sent booking forms home for the remainder of the term, these are also available on the school website or from reception.

Please note all children must be booked into after school clubs prior to attending.



Have a fantastic weekend
A Toward
Head Teacher

Kirkleatham

Year 2 enjoyed learning about Victorian toys at Kirkleatham Museum. They learnt what toys were made of, how they worked and who would have played with them. A fantastic day was had by all!



Parish Christmas Craft Fair

Don't forget the Church craft fair at Loftus Town Hall on Saturday 23rd 11am- 2pm.

