



Newsletter 20

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This Week

After School Clubs

After School Club forms and payments should all have been returned to school so that children are booked in for next half term.

Fair Trade Hot Chocolate

The last hot chocolate of the year has been served this morning. The children seem to have enjoyed my special recipe!

Basketball

A group of Y5 children will take part in a basketball tournament at Freebrough on Tuesday morning, I am delighted to say that they achieved second place so have got through to the next round of the competition in March. Well done!



Dear Parents,

In this Sunday's Gospel we see how we can all be good teachers. As parents we are first and foremost educators of our children - others can also teach us so much about what really matters in life.

Jesus stood out as a teacher. People who see the power and authority of God at work in Jesus' words and actions give them confidence in his teachings.

Let our children have confidence in us as in Jesus.

NSPCC

The children enjoyed the assemblies led by the NSPCC on Monday. They shared information about how children can keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries.

Talking PANTS with your children

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe - and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help parents carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'Talk PANTS', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse - without using scary words or even mentioning sex.

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone.

You can find out more and download the free resources at [nspcc.org.uk/pants](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/pants)

Next Half Term

Children Return

School reopens at 8.45am on Monday 24th February.

Great North Air

Ambulance

Representatives from this charity will lead assembly for us on Monday 24th February. Children will have a bag for you to fill over half term. So if you are having a sort out before you start thinking about spring and summer, please send your full bags back to school by **Friday 28th February**. Clothing, bedding, curtains, belts, towels and paired shoes can all be donated.

Times Tables Rockstars

We have been having a real focus on multiplication tables and children have been using Times Tables Rockstars online.

Swimming

Lots of our Y5 and Y6 children have got through to the swimming finals on Thursday 27th February. Those involved will have additional information. Good luck to you all.

Safer Internet



Classes took part in Safer Internet Day on Tuesday. Each class looked at how they can ensure they stay safe.

Y1 have learnt a song to help them stay safe online.

Y2 learnt about their online identity and which information was safe to share with others and which to keep private.

Y3 researched the age categories of different games and Apps. They learnt about the PEGI system and discussed ways to keep safe.

Y4 worked in pairs to write and perform raps with the theme "Free to be Me"

Y5 know not to click on any pop ups as it could be a virus or your disk might get scratched and that they shouldn't play online with people don't know.

Y6 learned about putting personal information online and why it is so important to think before sharing.

Ask your children what they learnt.

E Safety Questionnaire

Linking very nicely to Safer Internet day, our School Council and the East Cleveland Children's Council have developed a questionnaire to find out about how families and children can keep safe online. These have been sent out to each family today and our School Council would be most grateful if they could be returned by Friday 28th February. Thank you for your support with this.

Pancake Day.

We celebrate Shrove Tuesday on Tuesday 25th February. Our FS and Little Joeys children will be decorating pancakes from 11am to 11.30am. Parents are welcome to come and join in.

Ash Wednesday

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, 26th February. Lent is the start of the 40 day period that leads up to Easter and is a time of reflection and preparation. We will have a short service for children in school during the day.

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Pets

FS children will have a visiting speaker from Blue Cross on Thursday 27th. They will be learning how to look after pets.

Flamingo Land

FS2 had a fabulous day on their school trip to Flamingo Land. They had the opportunity to meet lots of animals and even fed the Sea Lions! It was an amazing day, the children remembered lots of facts and information about the animals they had met.



Structured Conversations

Thank you to those who attended meetings with teachers this week. These meetings give the opportunity to find out how your child is doing and how you can support their learning at home.

House of the Week

St Antony - 154
St Cuthbert - 164
St Joseph - 132
Our Lady - 198

So the extra playtime goes to those in
Our Lady
Well done.