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This Week

After School Clubs

Thank you for returning your booking forms for the full half term. It has made Mrs Seymour's job much easier as well as making sure that groups are of an acceptable size.

Charity Bags

Thanks to those who have sent in any donations for the Great North East Air Ambulance. Your generosity will be very much appreciated by this well worthy cause.

E Safety Questionnaire

Our School Council and the East Cleveland Children's Council questionnaire to find out about how families and children can keep safe online. These were sent out to each family before half term. Thanks to those who have returned them, I am sure the children will let you know the outcomes as soon as they analyse those questionnaires returned.

Dear Parents,

In this Sunday's Gospel we see how Jesus was led and tempted by the spirit. Jesus stood firm and relied on God's word. Jesus did not change his mind or give in to the temptation laid before him.

We too in this the season of Lent need to listen carefully to God's word and turn away from things that are wrong for ourselves and others.

Snow.

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely half term. The snow was a bit of a surprise on Monday! I will always endeavour to keep school open so unless you receive a Marvellous Me or see a post on our Facebook or Twitter page or hear on local radio, we will be open!

Medicines in School

At St Joseph's we are willing to administer prescription medicines in school as long as medicines are in the original packaging with the child's name on as prescribed by the doctor. Parents must also complete a form which you can get from school or from our website. We are not able to administer any other medicines or pain killers.

News!

Congratulations to Mrs Lawson who has been appointed as Head Teacher of Lockwood Primary School. She will take up the post after the May half term. Having worked with Mrs Lawson for over 20 years, I know how well deserved this position is and know that we will all miss her. Well Done Mrs Lawson!

Tennis

A number of children in Year 3 competed against other schools in the Mini Tennis Challenge at Saltburn Leisure Centre on Tuesday. They practised their skills and did so well! They had a brilliant time.

Blue Cross

Yesterday our FS children were very lucky to have a visitor from the Blue Cross animal charity. Hilary Brown spoke to the children about what animals need to be healthy and what we need to do to make sure that we look after them properly. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and were all able to explain how we should take care and look after animals.



Shrove Tuesday

The children in FS enjoyed celebrating Shrove Tuesday by making pancake faces. The children in FS1 worked really hard to design their pancake and then used the ingredients to make their pancake faces, whilst our FS2 were using their knowledge of sounds to write instructions on how they were going to decorate their pancakes. It was a fantastic morning and the children thoroughly enjoyed making and eating their pancake faces. Thank you to those parents who were able to help and support this activity.



Great North Air Ambulance

Thank you to the Great North Air Ambulance who led an assembly this week. Miles the pilot bear even popped in to say hello! Thank you for your support in filling the plastic bags for the Great North Air Ambulance too.

Basketball

A team of year 5 children competed in the next round of the basketball competition at Outwood Academy in Marske on Wednesday. They played really well and showed excellent sportsmanship, winning 3 of their games. Unfortunately they just missed out getting through to the final competition.

Reception Playground

Please can KS1 & 2 children be reminded to walk sensibly through the FS play area on a morning.

Ash Wednesday

Father Simon said Mass for us on Wednesday. We celebrated Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. Thanks to those who joined us.

House of the Week

St Antony - 139

St Cuthbert - 111

St Joseph - 143

Our Lady - 130

So the extra playtime goes to those in St Josephs Well done.

Next Week

Class Assembly

Please join us at 2.45pm on Monday when Y2 will lead their class assembly. They will tell us about St David whose feast day was celebrated on March 1st. All welcome.

Y4 Class Mass

Father Simon will lead Mass for Y4 on Tuesday 3rd March at 10am. You are all most welcome to come along.

Have a good weekend.

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Swimming

A group of our Year 5 and 6 pupils competed in the second round of the swimming competition today and returned to school with a clutch of medals for their fabulous swimming. The Year 5 boys have progressed to the next round having won their competition and will attend the Dolphin Centre in Darlington in April for the next round. We are very proud of them all. Well done!



Celebrating Books and Numbers

It is World Book Day and World Maths Day next week so we are combining the two! Children can come dressed as their favourite book character or anything at all to do with Maths - shapes, numbers, patterns. Children in FS & KS1 are asked to bring a favourite story book into school on this day to share with a child from KS2. We would also like to invite parents, grandparents, aunts & uncles to bring a book into read to the class as a guest reader. If anyone is interested in this will they please let Mrs Lawson know as soon as possible. There are lots of ideas in shops or on the internet. Some ideas for maths outfits can be found on:

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/no-sew-mathematical-costumes-for-maths-week>

This will take place on Thursday 5th March.