



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

23/10/2020 Newsletter

Y3

Year 3 have been completing their 'From one extreme to the other' topic this week. They have been writing about the Arctic Circle and are getting ready for their rainforest feast!



Dear Parents.

It has been a long half term! The children have done exceptionally well in returning to school but we can see how tired they are now and in need of the half term break.

A special mention to FS2 who have taken to full time schooling so well, I can hear them in the hall now enjoying their superhero celebration, I am not sure where they get their energy from!

A huge thanks to staff who have worked so hard since September, they too deserve a well-earned rest.

Y2

Year 2 have been learning about the seasons, weather and the wind during their 'What a Year!' topic. They celebrated the end of this topic by designing and making kites. They couldn't wait to try them out!



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Y4

In our final week, our 'big finish' was to create our own exploding volcanoes by combining Geography, Science and Art. We mixed our own colours and turned some regular old cones into lava spewing volcanoes! This was a great way to celebrate all of the hard work and new learning from everyone in Year 4.



Y1

Year 1 have created fantastic East Cleveland crowns to celebrate the end of our topic and the wonderful area we live in.



Curriculum

You can see, by the pieces from each class, that school has been a very busy place this week. This half term's topics have finished and learning has been celebrated in different ways.

Y5

To celebrate finishing our Geography topic 'All Change', Year 5 created three pieces of artwork to represent our local area in the past, present and future. They annotated their masterpieces to explain what they had included in each picture, their thoughts on the present and their hopes for the future.

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Y6

Y6 have visited the Cleveland Ironstone Mining Museum in Skinningrove as part of their end of topic celebration. On the morning, the children explored the life of a miner and had the opportunity to travel underground to discover the challenges and dangers of a miner at work, as well as exploring the tools they would have used. On the afternoon, they explored their local environment, looking at the development of the village and had the chance to explore hidden bits that people don't normally see (e.g. the remains of North Loftus fan-house and the location of 'Duck Hole pit').



Attendance

I have been able to give out over a hundred 100% attendance certificates today! Wonderful, well done to all of the children who have managed it. A few only missed out because of self-isolation. One of the things the Ofsted inspectors commented on was how good our attendance was this half term so thank you to you all for ensuring children have been in school.

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FS1, FS2 & Little Joey's

FS1, FS2 and Little Joeys had a fantastic time at their super hero party this morning. There was singing, dancing and some crazy moves and that was just the staff! Our littlest people really have been super heroes this half term.



Book Release

Mr Scarlett's wife is obviously a wonderful writer, she has her very first book published next week! The book is called; *The Deception of Harriet Fleet*; and is available on Amazon as an e book on Sat Oct 31st. It is a historical novel set in Stockton about the life of a young governess and the teenage girl she has come to tutor at Teesbank Hall. The teenage girl Eleanor is a troubled character, as indeed is Harriet, who becomes more and more drawn into the murder that took place at the Hall 20 years previously. It is out in hardback next April. Sounds like it is certainly worth a read. Mr Scarlett is keen that it sells well, I think he is planning his retirement!

Staff

My staff have worked incredibly hard this half term despite all of the restrictions and changes that they have had to work around. I must remind all parents and carers that staff should not be spoken to in an aggressive or rude manner. If you have any concerns or questions, please come and discuss them directly with me. Staff are only following school instruction and do not deserve to be spoken to as has happened on a couple of occasions recently.

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Covid-19 arrangements

Guidance for schools changes regularly and has just changed again this week. Your child has a paper copy of school's amended Arrival and Departure Policy. I have reviewed what has worked well this term and listened to comments from parents who have been to see me.

Arrangements for arrival each morning will be a little more flexible, you will be able to bring your child to school at any point between 9.35 and 8.50. This allows parents to find a time that suits. You can drop siblings at the same time so there is no hanging about!

Although there are still time slots for collection of children at the end of the school day, you will be able to collect any siblings at the same time. This reduces waiting times as it gets colder.

Please read the policy carefully as it will start after half term.

Masks

I strongly advise the wearing of masks when dropping off and collecting children.

School Premises

The latest government guidance also asks schools to remind parents that gathering at school gates and coming into a school without an appointment is not allowed.

Please email school or ring if you need anything.

After School Clubs

We are extending after school provision next half term.

Tuesday	Basketball	Teesside Lions	Y5 Y6
Wednesday	Football	Mr Atterton	Y3 Y4
Thursday	Dance	Simon Carson	Y1 Y2

Clubs run until 4.30pm at a cost of £1.50 a session and will run for 6 weeks. Monies should be paid via Parent Pay.

ParentPay.

Please can payments to school be made through ParentPay as we are aiming to become a cashless school in the near future.

Y6

Year 6 have had a very informative visit from the school health team about the different feelings they may have and how they can change their behaviour and mood. We have talked about how we can change negative thoughts (red) into positive thoughts (green) and the importance of talking to parents, staff in school and their friends about any worries, concerns they may have. Talking is key in order to support our mental health and well-being.

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Rockstars

Y2 - Isla
Y3 - Ava
Y4 - Olivia
Y6 - Oliver

House of the Week

1st - Our Lady - 114 points
2nd - St Anthony - 109 points
3rd - St Joseph - 101 points
4th - St Cuthbert - 95 points

Stars of the Week

2YO - Hannah
FS1 - Poppy & Ellis
FS2 - Millie
Y1 - Charlie & Vinnie
Y2 - Gracie & Matthew
Y3 - Xanthie & Benjamin
Y4 - Konrad & Freya
Y5 - Brooke & Amelia
Y6 - George & Luke

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