



Congratulations to Class 1 for having the highest attendance this week!

This week our overall attendance was 92.5%%

Please ensure you make every effort to ensure your child gets to school every day to help us achieve our target



Class	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
Attendance	96.5%	97.8%	90%	94.4%	82.4%	97.2%



Poor punctuality means your child misses valuable learning time and that lessons are disrupted for all other pupils. Please make sure that your children are on the yard by 8.40am every day.



Dear Parents, Grandparents & Parishioners,

What a fantastic and busy week we've had this week, the Space Camp looked absolutely fantastic and we all wish we could have joined in their astronomy and stargazing. We hope the children had a fab time! Check out our Facebook Page for more

Remember it's our Race for Life next Friday, 1st February 2019! Make sure you return the permission slips and let us know if you're wanting to take part or come along to support the fantastic Race for a Fantastic Cause!

NEWS

Race for Life 2019: Not long now till the Race for life on February 1st February 2019, we hope you can make it on the day to support or even join your child in running the race for the fantastic cause! If you are wanting to help fundraise for Cancer Research UK, have a look at the link below, we are at a fantastic 90% raised of our £500 target! Go St. Matthew's!

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/st-matthews-catholic-nursery-and-primary>

GSSP Dance Festival 2019: Rehearsals will start next week, 30th January 2019. Participants will be informed on Monday by the latest.

Space Camp 2019: We hope the children had a great time on Thursday night at our Astronaut Space Camp. Our Year 1 and Year 2 children slept overnight to research Astronomy and watch the stars. There are some fantastic photographs on our Facebook page and hopefully you kept up with the group as the night progressed as Mrs Saunders live-posted the evening's adventures of our budding Astronauts!

01/02/2019	Paquita (Gabriel)
08/02/2019	Demelza (Robson)
15/02/2019	Claire (Kenzie)
Half Term	
01/03/2019	Louise (Emma)
08/03/2019	Iwona (Sophie)
15/03/2019	Emma (Charlotte)
22/03/2019	Karen (Ruby)
29/03/2019	John (Bobbie-leigh)
05/04/2019	Joanne (Daniel)



MEMOS AND REMINDERS

Weekly Community Liturgy: Statement to Live By for the coming week will be 'I listen to what you say, I show that I am listening to you.' Our Community Liturgy will be held every Monday at 8.50am – **All welcome!**

Weekly Cake Raffle: This week Rosie D (Class 4) won the delicious looking cake that was donated by Mrs Russell (William, Class 4 and Henry, Class 3) Remember that the draw is made each Friday morning in assembly for £1 per entry, raised funds are for School Funds

Weardale Residential: The informational meeting for the Year 4 Residential took place this week, we hope that if you managed to join us on the day that it was reassuring and informative. If you couldn't make it on the day, please contact Mr Pickup via Dojo.

Lunchtime Football Club: The first session got off to a great but chilly start with the winter weather toughening the footballers up with their first ever practice. We hope the children are all looking forward to the next session!

In Our Prayers - Prayer booklet: If there is anyone you would like us to pray for in our school community please drop comments into the prayer box or email the school office and we will remember those intentions in our prayers.

Class 3 Trip to the Great North Museum: Arrangements have been made for Class 3 to visit the Great North Museum in Newcastle on Friday 14th February 2019. **Letters will be sent home next week.**

Mini Vinnies food bank: Just a reminder that we are still running a donation drive for our local Prudhoe Food Bank. We are seeking donations of: Tinned meat / Fish / Pulses / Beans / Tinned vegetables / tomatoes / fruit / Dried milk / UHT long life milk / Rice / noodles / Tinned or instant potatoes / Crackers / biscuits / breakfast cereals / tinned desserts / Fruit squash / pop / coffee / sugar / Toothpaste / shampoo / shower gel / deodorant / razors / Washing up liquid / washing powder / cleaning products / Nappies / Baby wipes / Dog food / cat food



School Council Trip to London: Just a reminder that there will be an informational meeting on Monday 28th January 2019 @ 3.15pm for the School council trip to London

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

Remember to check weekly for any owing negative amounts, and please ensure any accrued debits are cleared from the parent account as soon as possible. If you have any queries regarding the balances or ParentPay, please contact the school office.

- Payment item for the Weardale balance is now live for Class 4.

WEEKLY AWARDS



Stan – Class 3 – 23rd January!
Jamie – Nursery – 26th January!

Headteacher Awards

Jesse – Class 1 – Beautiful handwriting
Year 1 and Year 2 – For being Amazing Astronauts at the Space Camp!
Phoebe – Class 4 – working very hard in every lesson and being kind to her classmates

Grade 1 Ballet – Congratulations to Zara, Ava and Emma (Class 5) have all been presented with their fantastic Grade 1 in ballet!

Freestyle Dance – Congratulations to Isabelle (Class 3) received a highly commended award in Freestyle dance!

Theatre Tap – Congratulations to Sarah (Class 2) for receiving her Proficiency in Theatre Tap at Red Level!

WEEKLY GOSPEL

Taken from the Gospel for Sunday 27th January 2019 - Jesus Proclaims his Message (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21): Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found a place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, "This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen."

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

28th January – **London Info meeting**
31st January - RNLI – Meet the Lifeguard
1st February – Class 2 Liturgy
1st February – Race for Life
5th February – Safer Internet Day
8th February – Class 3 Liturgy
11th February – Parents Evening (3-6pm)
14th February – Class 3 Trip to GNM

15th February – Break for Half Term
25th February – Return from Half term
8th March – Class 5 Assembly
29th March – Class 1 Liturgy
29th March – Easter Social (PTA)
5th April – Break for Easter
23rd April – Return from Easter

New dates from the last newsletter are highlighted in bold.

Another full newsletter! As ever, any questions, please do ask.
On behalf of Fr. Michael, Staff and Governors may I wish you a happy weekend.

God Bless,



Headteacher

