



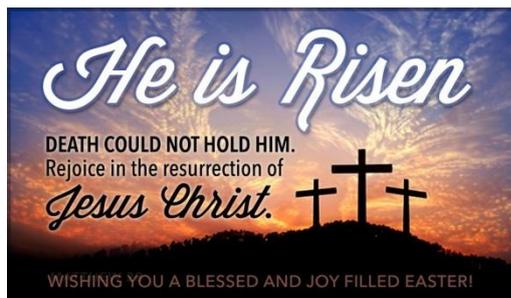
8 May 2017

**Together we follow Jesus' footsteps in our living and learning**

**This week's statement to live by is:  
"I know when to ask for help and who to ask for help from"**

Dear Families

Welcome back after the Easter break.



I hope you have all had a restful time with your families. We are now entering the summer term and I am sure it will be as successful as the last two with lots of fun and exciting opportunities for the children. This term the whole school are studying the Romans.

## School Grounds

Thank you to the PTA gardening team!

I want to say a special thank you to the group of parents (not all shown in the photograph here) who helped clear the old garden bed last term. They did a marvellous job and gave up their time to help at short notice. The new seating pod that the PTA has paid for is still under construction and should be completed soon.



## SATS Week

This week is SATs week for the Year 6 children. All of the children have worked extremely hard and this week is all about doing their best. Mrs Higgins has supplied a breakfast for them to get them settled into school early. This provision will continue this week (from 8.15 am) until Thursday 11 May. Good Luck Year 6! The Year 2 children will also complete their tests this half term however this is kept low profile within school in line with our normal Key Stage 1 provision.

## Summer School Uniform

### Nursery

Pale blue gingham summer dress (optional during summer term only)

### Reception and KS1 (Year 1 and 2)

Pale blue gingham summer dress (optional during summer term only)

### Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

White polo shirt (optional in summer term)

Pale blue gingham summer dress (optional in summer term)

Reminder also that school uniform (Reception – Year 6) can only be purchased from Tots to Teams and it is no longer sold in school. To order on-line please visit: <https://www.totstoteams.com/>

Nursery uniform is available from CIEL shop on the corner of Gosforth High Street and Elmfield Road.

### Years 1 and 2 visits to Housesteads Roman Fort and SafetyWorks!

Years 1 and 2 went out twice last week to Housesteads in Northumberland where they experienced the life of a Roman, and SafetyWorks! in Newcastle where they had a brilliant time learning about how to stay safe in different circumstances.



### Skipping Success



Miss Walton and Miss Darwin were delighted with their class this week. The children competed in the Catholic Schools Skipping Competition and won various prizes. They came second in the competition overall and they won first place for their dance. The children should

be really proud of themselves. Skipping is great fun and a super way to keep fit. I hope the children keep it up at playtimes and lunchtimes!

### **Football Success**

The boys have secured their place in the Catholic Cup final next month. They have had a great season and we all wish them luck in the final. I am sure they would like to thank Mr Smith for all of the time he puts in to supporting the team.

### **Key Stage 1 Homework**

Last term we asked for your views when we were reviewing the homework policy in Key Stage 1. We carried out the review partly due to the varied responses we had received to homework in Years 1 and 2 – some children did it all and some did very little. Research shows that in children this young, homework makes no impact on their academic progress. After considering your views we focused on reading as a priority and added homework type tasks on the school website for those of you who still wanted some activities to complete at home with your child. At the last parent consultation evenings many of you discussed the change in homework.

We are happy to offer you another opportunity to share your views regarding homework in Years 1 and 2. We still have the written views that some parents submitted but if you would like to comment please send in a clear signed note of your views by 26 May 2017. The leadership team will consider them along with educational research and will review the decision for the start of the new academic year.

### **Spring Term RE, Catholic Life and Collective Worship Newsletter**

The newsletter is now on the school website for you to view. It was lovely to see so many families and parishioners join us for our reflective sessions and liturgies during Lent. We have the Year 3 collective worship on Friday 12 May. It would be lovely if lots of you could join us at 9.10 am.

Have a lovely week.

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