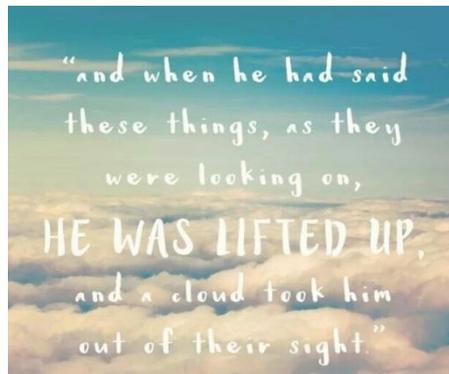




26 May 2017

Together we follow Jesus' footsteps in our living and learning

**This week's statement to live by is:
"I know how to help others when they are in trouble"**



Dear Families,

Greggs Cancer Run 2017

Thank you to everyone who took part in the run on Sunday 21st May. It was a great day and the children and parents were amazing! Thank you to Mrs Ambrose for organising the run this year in school, and she did a grand job of organising our school banner.

Mini Vinnies

The Mini Vinnies led an assembly in school to tell everyone about the Islamic celebration of Ramadan. Remember to keep Muslims in your prayers this coming month as well as those who do not have enough to eat or drink in the world.

Junior Leadership Team and Eco Team

The JLT have been fundraising for the school library this term. They held a 'Guess the Baby Competition' that has raised some money for the new library (exact sum to be reported after half term). The Eco councillors are continuing to monitor our energy usage and are encouraging us to turn off the lights. They are handing out green and red cards to members of staff. I am glad to say I am the proud owner of 3 green cards!

Sporting Achievements

This term has been a very successful one! The U11 boys made it through to the Catholic Schools Knockout Cup final and were runners up. After timed trials, a group of Key Stage 2 children competed in the schools swimming gala and were brilliant! They were very supportive of their team mates and they were all a credit to the school.



Attendance

Every day counts! Last term our attendance was 96%. Our target is 98% please help us try and achieve our target by encouraging good life habits by coming to school every day. If you are concerned about your child's attendance and would like support with this please speak with the class teacher.

Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR					
175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments					
190 DAYS FOR YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION EACH YEAR	10 days absence 180 DAYS OF EDUCATION	19 days absence 171 DAYS OF EDUCATION	29 days absence A term missed 161 DAYS OF EDUCATION	38 days absence 152 DAYS OF EDUCATION	47 days absence 143 DAYS OF EDUCATION
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start		Worrying Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress		Serious Concern Not fair on your child. Court action!	

Reception Toga Party

I was delighted to be invited to the Reception class toga party. I really enjoyed seeing the children eat like Romans and they looked fabulous in their costumes. Next time I will remember my toga!

Year 1 Pentecost Party

Year 1 had a lovely Pentecost party to celebrate the end of their RE topic. They held a collective worship celebration outside to take advantage of the good weather.



Year 1 Maths

I love seeing how well the children are getting on and this week three Year 1 children came to show me their reasoning work. Lizzie, Sophie and Thomas were so proud of what they had been doing. Well done to everyone in Year 1, Mrs Bickle and I are very proud of you.

Year 3 African Drumming

On Wednesday 7th June Year 3 will hold a short performance to celebrate their work in African Drumming workshops this term. All families of Year 3 are invited in to school at 1.30pm on the 7th. The performance should last approximately 20 minutes.

Reading

Children across school are continuing to read voraciously so that they can meet their 'Out of this World' challenge! Many children are now on their second circuit with 100 entries. After the half term holiday the children will be helping Mrs Damti to select new books for the library using money raised so far. Thank you for supporting our events over the year!

SATS Week

Well done to all of the children in Year 2 and Year 6 for completing their national tests. They could not have worked any harder and we are all very proud of them. They have been a shining example to the rest of the school. Thank you to all the staff, especially Mrs Higgins,

Mrs Damti and Mr Smith for their hard work and for providing breakfast for the Year 6 children in the lead up to the tests.

Summer Uniform

Please check out the Summer Uniform policy on the website. Just a reminder that school uniform can only be purchased from Tots to Teams and it is no longer sold in school. Jewellery (including earrings) is not permitted in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2. Also, it is school policy, as in many schools, that children do not have extreme haircuts, tramlines or designs and all long hair should be tied up. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Key Stage 1 Homework

A reminder the closing date for parent views is today 26 May.

Year 6 Leavers Party

Advance notice for families of Year 6 that the Leavers Party is to be held on Saturday 22nd July at South Northumberland Cricket Club in Gosforth, from 7pm-10pm. More details will follow nearer the time.

Enjoy the half term break.

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