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Dear Parents/Carers,

This Sunday is the Feast of Corpus Christi and in the Gospel Jesus tells us that he is the living bread which has come down from heaven. That anyone who eats this bread will live forever. He goes on to say that the bread he gives is his flesh, and that whoever eats his flesh and drinks his blood lives in him and he lives in them. In simple terms if we are following Jesus way – in Jesus footsteps as one of the Year 1 children said in assembly on Monday – we will live in heaven forever. What does this mean for us as adults?

Thank you Year 2 for helping us to understand the Gospel through your Liturgy this morning.



The Wednesday Word is a great way to help discuss the Gospel with your child
<http://www.wednesdayword.org/index.html>

The **statement to live by** this week has been '*I understand the importance of Peace*'. This helps the children to further understand the belief in forgiveness and new beginnings. We have been looking at the importance of being sorry over the past few weeks and now this comes together in knowing peace is important.

Our **British Value** this week has been '*We work with others to do the best for our community*'. I talked with the children this week about how many communities they are a part and they all quite surprised at the answer. The children also voiced how they think it is important to all pull together to make their communities work.

This Saturday half of our Year 4 class is making their **First Holy Communion**. This is such a wonderful time for the children, families, parish and school. Every member of our community is welcome at 10am on Saturday. Please keep our children in your prayers at this very special time.

Attendance – Sadly attendance last week was not great, 93% again. Even though we are coming to the end of the school year each day is important for your child's learning and progress and therefore good attendance is vital.

Year 3 & 4 are going to be performing at **Whitley Bay Playhouse** on the 28th June. It is part of the Northumberland Catholic Partnership of Schools celebration of One Love. This event is a regular one on the annual calendar but sadly last year it did not happen due to a variety of reasons. The children have the opportunity to perform in front of a real audience in a real theatre and so it is a valuable and exciting time for them. All members of our community are welcome and tickets can be purchased from the Playhouse. Leading link have kept the cost to a minimum taking account of the booking fee that is sadly always added to events such as

these. <http://www.playhousewhitleybay.co.uk/events/leading-link-proudly-presents-one-love/>

Reception Class is going to spend their profits from our **Grow a Tenner** initiative. They have made enough money for an extra session of Tumble Tots and Karen is going to bring her equipment into school on Tuesday 20th June for a fun afternoon – I think they may also have some money left for ice creams too! The other classes are exploring how to use their profit too.

Glastonbede is again nearly upon us and it will take the usual format of packed lunch with the children on the field and then performances begin at 1pm. This year we are hoping to have some stalls on the yard afterwards, each class has chosen their stall and is preparing for the big day. More details will follow as we have them.

Important Dates -

17 th June	First Holy Communion 10am St Bedes Church
28 th June	Partnership celebration at Whitley Bay Playhouse – Y3&4
7th July	Teacher Training Day
11 th July	Nursery Sports Day (Parents AM only)
13 th July	Sports Day (Parents PM only)
18 th July	Glastonbede (Parents PM only)
21 st July	School closes at 3.05pm for summer
4th September	Teacher Training Day
5 th September	School returns



Transfer day for the children is on **5th July** this year. This is the day that our Year 6 visit St Benet Biscop and therefore we plan to also try out our new teachers for the day. All of the children, including Year 6, will come into school as normal and be registered. At the end of assembly they will go with their new teacher for the day and Year 6 will be taken to St Benet Biscop for 9.30am. The children will be dismissed at the end of the day from their usual classroom.

Who will be teaching your child next year?

Nursery – Mrs Hart & Miss Lee	Year 3 – Miss Rowley
Reception – Mrs Elvin	Year 4 – Mr Philips & Miss Lee
Year 1 – Miss Collins	Year 5 – Mrs Young
Year 2 – Mr Wright	Year 6 – Miss Clark

At the end of every newsletter I invite you to speak to me about any queries, I really do mean this. Please talk to me should you have any queries. I can't address misconceptions or grumbles that you may have if I don't know what they are. I also love to hear the positive comments that you have!

Yours sincerely

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