

The Little Way

Friday 23rd March 2018

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Important dates

Monday 26th March - Choir out all day at the Concordia Project, City Hall, 12.30pm performance.

Tuesday 27th March - Year 5 dance festival, more details to follow.

Wednesday 28th March - decorated Easter egg competition.

Thursday 29th March - Lenten Fayre/Easter Egg raffle.

Postponed Year 5 assembly

We would like to apologise as we have to postpone Year 5's assembly on Thursday 29th March. We have so much on that week that we felt it best to put it off until after the Easter. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

School Crossing Patrol

Anita the School Crossing Patrol on Heaton Road outside your school will not be at work on the afternoon of Thu 28th March.

Highlights from last week

If you search for us on Twitter @StTeresasCP you'll find 1 lots of photos from Year 5's few days to Dukeshouse Wood across in Hexham.

There's lots of updated blog posts on our school website this week, so please go and visit at: www.stteresasnewcastle.org.uk

On the website this week parents can view Year 2's work in their computing lesson, reception's day trip to the House of Objects making crosses, Year 6's work on their Lenten crosses, the swimming success and more information on the Easter Fayre.

Future residential trips

It is the school's intention to offer a graduated opportunity for children to access trips that are both cross-curricular and age-appropriately challenging. This, we hope will begin with an two day/one overnight trip for Year 4 to Berwick/Holy Island. This will be linked to local history with a religious education dimension.

Having just been to Dukeshouse Wood in Hexham, it is now our intention to continue this for Year 5 annually. This trip will allow children to challenge themselves across a number of outdoor educational activities. The price to this trip is reasonably and we hope won't have a knock-on affect to the Year 6 trip. The Year 6 trip will, from next academic year be to Rome in September. This has been decided as it is a great opportunity for the whole class and teacher to work together at the beginning of an important year. We hope this experience will have many positive impacts on both work and relationships in Year 6.

Holy Week

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on March 25th. During the following week the school will be planning and delivering liturgies each day in school for the children.

On **Wednesday 28th March at 9.15am**, the whole school will be going to church to lead a liturgy that parents and the parish are invited to be part of. We hope to see as many of you as possible at the service.

Easter fun

The school will be holding their annual 'Decorate an Easter Egg' competition on Wednesday 28th March. All entries must be no bigger than A4 in size and needs to have the child's name on the base with their class.

Miss Bell will be organising the children's Easter egg hunt in the Forest School again this year. This will take place during the school day.

Lenten Fayre

Our Mini Vinnies –the junior section of the SVP, are a group of children who take action over social justice issues. This group of children meet regularly to pray about others less fortunate than ourselves and think of ideas to help others.

The Mini Vinnies are running a Lenten Fayre on the morning of Thursday 29th April. The children are planning various stalls to raise money for St. Cuthbert's Care. All the stalls will be 50p or £1, so children from all classes are encouraged to bring a small amount of pocket money in to spend.

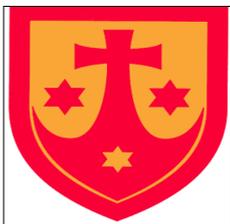
The Mini Vinnies are asking for donations of cakes for their cake stall. If any parents, grandparents or carers could make or buy cakes for our stall, it would be much appreciated!

As always, the school thanks all parents for their ongoing support of the school's charity efforts.

Attendance

Well done to Year 3 for just managing to pip Year 5 to the attendance trophy this week! A very strong week this week for our overall school attendance –the best I think we've had this academic year!

This week's Attendance	
Reception	99.3%
Year 1	98.6%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	 99.7%
Year 4	96.9%
Year 5	99.4%
Year 6	98.5%
Whole School	98.4%



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Cross Country

Well done to all our cross country competitors for taking part in the recent race meet at St. Cuthbert's High School.

In the Year 3/4 race the team did very well, gaining 7th, 6th and a 1st place from the team! A special mention must go to Anais in Year 3 for winning the race and receiving a very impressive shield for her achievements!

Another special mention must also go to the Year 5/6 team who also raced. A mix-up at the start of the race meant that our team didn't start at the same time as the rest of the race. The boys didn't give up and should be proud of themselves for continuing!

The teachers who took our children have commented that the team spirit from all was exceptional.

Thanks must go to Miss McTernan and Miss Joynes for taking the children. Thank you must also go to Miss McTernan, Mrs Mackenzie and Mr Gowdy for giving up their time in taking our cross-country club!

School swimming team

Following on from last week's success, I did mention that a more comprehensive list to celebrate our success at the swimming gala would be on its way, so here it is!

In Year 3 and 4 the team were placed 2nd overall, a fantastic achievement! Altogether we brought home 5 medals in total; 3 individual and 2 team medals. Luca won bronze in freestyle, Molly won gold in breaststroke, Liam won silver in breaststroke. The boys won gold and the girls won bronze in the freestyle relay. Well done to the whole team who all came away with a medal – a great team effort!

The Year 5 and 6 team managed to surpass our younger team by coming 1st overall in the gala this year! Another fantastic effort by the whole team, coming away with 11 medals in total!

Here is a full list of the medallists: Zayd won silver in the freestyle, Iman won gold in the freestyle, Jeremy won silver in the backstroke, Hanna won silver in the backstroke, Nathaniel won bronze in the breaststroke, Anna won silver in the breaststroke, Alistair won bronze in the butterfly, Hannah S won silver in the butterfly. The boys team of Zayd, Jeremy, Alistair and Alex won gold in the freestyle relay. The girls' team of Iman, Hannah S, Anna and Hanna H won silver in the freestyle relay. The girls' team of Iman, Hannah S, Anna and Hanna H also won silver in the medley relay!

Overall, an amazing achievement from all the children and testament to the talented children we have in our school!

Admissions Policy

Our school admissions policy for 2019-2020 is now on our website. "There is a right for people to object about the policy to the Schools Adjudicator (OSA). See the [Schools Adjudicator website](#) for more information on how to do this. Objections for the admissions arrangements for 2019/20 must be made by 15 May 2018 It can be found under policies.

Twitter

If any parents would like any help now or in the future in setting up Twitter accounts, they are more than welcome to come in and speak to Mr Turner, who is happy to help set up accounts.

The school Twitter account is a locked account and any parents who request to follow the school must ensure they identify themselves. This can be done through the school office.

Parents of children going to Italy are encouraged to follow our account, as this will be used as our main source of communication/updates throughout the coming trip.

Year 5 Dukeshouse Wood Residential

Year 5 spent two nights away at Dukeshouse Wood across in Hexham this week. Their behaviour and manners were very good!

The whole group enjoyed various outdoor adventure activities and the teachers accompanying the different groups commented that all the children pushed themselves in some way.

The class got the chance to experience an array of activities from the scary 3G swing and high ropes course, to the more technical aspects like 'bottle rockets' and Team Tech.

The trip is a chance for all children to complete the outdoor adventure activities that make up part of our curriculum. It's also a great opportunity for children to work together in a different environment on their team work, communication, support and resilience skills to mention just a few!

The problem solving activity was a real eye-opener as many children needed to work together in order to complete certain tasks!

A big thank you must go to Mrs Mackenzie and Mrs Allen-Baker for their time and effort!

Easter Holiday

A reminder to all parents that the school breaks up on Thursday 29th March for our Easter holidays. We return again on Monday 16th April. We hope all families have a restful and enjoyable break and look forward to welcoming everyone back after the holiday.