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Upcoming Events

October 9- October 13
Ullswater Residential

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Other Faiths Week- Judaism

October 11
Year 4 Mass, 9.15am

October 13
Year 1 Worship, 9.15am

October 17
Y3 Visit to The Jewish Synagogue,
Gosforth

October 18
Year 6 Mass, 9.15am

October 20
Harvest Mass at St Joseph's Church,
Birtley with our parish schools, 10am

October 20
Break Up for October Half Term

October 30
Back to School

October 31
Year 3 Stone Age Day- Year 3 shall be working with an adventure company who are coming to school for a themed 'Stone Age' day. They shall be working outside. Please can they come to school in warm clothes (non-uniform- tracksuit bottoms, sweaters, scarves, suitable footwear etc)

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Children,

It is **Harvest Time!** Many thanks to our Year 2 children who lead us in a wonderful Cafod Harvest Fast Day Liturgy this morning focusing on children like Diago and Jaqueline who live in El Salvador and are less fortunate than ourselves. It was a really lovely way to start this harvest season. Thank you to our families once again for the donations to Cafod on this non-uniform day. Well done to our Year 3 children who celebrated The Feast of St Francis of Assisi in their Eucharistic service on Wednesday.



Harvest Mass -The People's Kitchen

Please join us on **Friday 20th October** for our annual Harvest Mass with St Joseph's Infant and Junior schools at St Joseph's Church, Birtley. As usual, we are collecting any small donations for **The People's Kitchen**. Donations of tinned food, coffee, tea and hot chocolate would be extremely appreciated. We are not asking for much but if anyone has a spare tin of tomatoes, soup or sweetcorn at home, we shall be collecting any donations from next week.

Shoebox Appeal

Leaflets were sent home with children this week about us joining the **Operation Christmas Child Shoebox** appeal again this year. This upcoming Monday morning during our weekly collective worship, the children will hear all about this appeal and the impact of such gifts and donations on developing countries. If anyone would like to make and pack a shoebox with their child, please can they be returned to school by **Tuesday 14th November**. Let's see if we can get over 100 shoeboxes this year!



Once again, thank you for your generosity and support that you give to any fundraising projects and charities that we support in school throughout the year. It is extremely appreciated. I shall be in Ullswater next week with the Year 5/6 children so the next Newsletter shall be distributed on Friday 20th October.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,
Catherine Harper
Head teacher

'A happy and holy place of learning, and the centre of a thriving community'

Statements to Live By

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This week's Statement to Live By is...

'I try to follow the school and classroom rules'

Ask your child to talk to you about why we have rules in place- in school, at home and in society. Can they tell you what some of their classroom and school rules are?



Autumn Prayer

I shared this prayer with the staff on Monday morning and during this autumnal season, we give thanks to God...

*We thank thee, Lord...
For all the rich autumnal glories spread-
The flaming pageant of the ripening woods,
The fiery gorse,
The heather-purpled hills,
The rustling leaves
That fly before the wind
And lie below the hedgerows whispering;
For meadows silver white
With hoary dew...
We thank thee, Lord*



Absence Phone Calls

Please can you ensure that if your child is going to be absent from school due to illness etc, that you telephone the school before 9am to let us know. Thank you!

School Crossing Patrol

At present, we do not have a school crossing patrol outside of school. Rob, our lollipop man, is unwell at the moment and we are unsure of when he will return to school. Please keep Rob in your prayers.

As there is a shortage of school crossing patrols in the Durham area, if anyone is interested in being a temporary school crossing patrol outside school please call Durham County Council on **03000 268175**.

We ask in the meantime that you ensure that your child crosses the road safely outside of school.

Reception- Year 4 Flu jabs

Children in Reception - Year 4 shall be having their annual flu jabs on Wednesday 15th November in school.

Gold Book Winners

Miss Harper – **Grace Poole**
Miss Caulfield – **Abby Elliot**
Mrs Rowley – **Charlie Robertson**
Miss Williamson – **Phoebe Jackson**
Mr Rooney – **Lucy Baines**
Mrs McNally – **Olivia Carroll**
Mr McQueen – **Anna Attack**
Mrs Bissell – **Isaac Liddell**
Mrs Wealleans – **Kai Cutmore**
Miss O'Sullivan – **Alfie Sharp**
Mrs Calvert – **Maisie Kelly**

Mrs Hanley – **Lucy Foster**
Mrs Readman – **Phoebe Jackson**
Mrs O'Neill – **Faye Robinson**
Mrs Brown – **Billy Shields**
Mrs Donaghy – **Joseph Pennock**
Mrs Tallentire – **James Atkinson**
Mrs Finley – **Leah Cummins**
Mrs Malpass – **Conrad Bellerby**
Mr Kent – **Alfie Balfour**
Miss Loughlin – **Anthony Poole**

