

Christmas Jumper Day

A fantastic afternoon was had by all at our annual Christmas lunch. Mrs Softly and Mrs Atherton served up another delicious Christmas Lunch and we raised £121 for Save the Children!



People Who Help Us

In Class 1 this term we have been learning all about different people who help us. We have had some very exciting visitors from the fire brigade and the police force! We all got to squirt the hose on the fire engine and even got to sit in the back of the police van!



Mini Vinnies

Mini Vinnies is a group in school and together we do good deeds to try and make the world a better place. Mini Vinnies is led by two lovely teachers called Mrs Bramley and Mrs White, they are helping us to make this change. Right now we are working towards our Faith in Action Award. To receive this award we must attend every session and work hard and do good things during the session. We will then get a credit from one of the leaders. We must receive 20 credits before we get our award. This is so we can go out into the community to do God's work and spread His word.



During the build up to Christmas we Mini Vinnies went to Church View Care Home and gave the residents Christmas cards that we had designed ourselves. During our time at the care home we sang Christmas carols for them.

Leading up to our school Christmas Fayre, we made crafts to sell. We raise a great amount of £115.80 and this will go to help people in need.

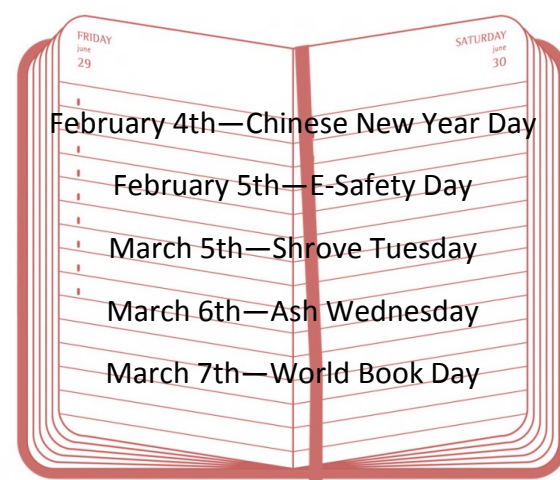
Flynn Saddington

Macmillan



Many thanks to all those who attended our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon which raised a fantastic amount of £451.69!

Dates for your Diary



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NEWSLETTER



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Murton

Autumn Term 2018

Emotional Well-being for all!

2018-19 Academic Year has started well with Mrs Julie Carr (Emotional Well-being and Resilience Co-ordinator) joining our staff.

St Joseph's Primary School endeavours to support all pupils, staff and parents with regard to emotional well-being. We work hard to be as supportive as possible to children and their families and are happy to provide advice and support to ensure that children feel confident, safe and secure in school.

The school employs:

- An Emotional Well-being and Resilience Co-ordinator – Julie Carr, who provides opportunities for children to talk about their feelings and discuss ways in which to be more resilient.
- A Parent Support Advisor (PSA), Michelle Massey – who is employed by the school (through the Peterlee Partnership) to engage with parents who request support.

In addition to this, staff at St. Joseph's are always prepared to listen to and support children in school. We feel that the school does provide a caring environment where children's needs are well supported.

This year we will also address the emotional well-being of staff and have already identified a member of staff who will act as an Emotional Well-being Designated Support.

In order for everyone to be content and reach their potential it is important that the needs of all stakeholders: staff, children and parents, are met. Everyone associated with the school should feel supported and respected.

The school acknowledges that there are times when parents and children may not be happy with something that has happened in school, however, in order to solve concerns or problems it is important that approaches to school are made in a respectful manner. This will ensure that no one in the school feels threatened in any way.

Looking forward to a good year.

Miss J. Jones

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Remembrance

This November we celebrated the centenary of World War 1. On the 9th November we had a Remembrance Day in school where we did lots of different activities all about WW1. We ended the day with a very special service in church.

NSPCC

On November 14th two ladies from the NSPCC came into school to talk to all children about their organisation. They talked about Childline—a group of people who are always available to talk to children if they ever need someone to listen. They taught us their phone number 0800 1111. This number is free to call and is open 24 hours a day.

We were taught about things that are “not OK” and were reminded that we should talk to a trusted adult if there is something that is worrying us. They came back to do a workshop with Y5 and Y6 and we talked more about ways to stay safe.



Grace Haswell and Lauren Meakin

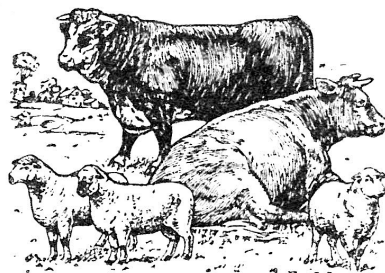
Cross Country



Children from Year 2 to Year 6 took part in the Cross Country festival at East Durham College this October. We raced against many other schools and had a very enjoyable day. When we walked down the steps and walked over to the starting line we saw some of our parents waiting for the run to start and felt proud to be representing our school. We had such a fun time which has encouraged some of us to join a running club and train even harder for next year's race!

Beamish

In September, Class 5 took part in the Beamish Agricultural show. We walked around and looked at the old buildings and found out about life in the past. We entered lots of different categories in the Agricultural Show and won many prizes. It was one of our most successful appearances in the show and it made all the hard work pay off! When the show was finished, we ate our dinner and looked around the town before heading to the sweet shop and then playing on the grass. We enjoyed our trip at Beamish and we were proud to perform so well!



Tag Rugby



In November, our Year 5 and 6 children took part in a Tag Rugby Competition at Hordon Rugby Club. We enjoyed the experience of playing against some talented teams and we won two of our group games with great performances! Although we didn't make it to the final stages, we thoroughly enjoyed the experience and look forward to competing again in next year's event.

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Christmas Fayre

On Thursday 29th November we held our annual Christmas Fayre. Many parents, pupils and grandparents enjoyed a cake stall, the raffle, Santa's grotto and lots more fun stalls! Our fabulous raffle supplied the winners with unbelievable prizes! We all worked together—and raised £1677.93. We think this is a brilliant way to prepare for Christmas!

Josie Littlewood and Kate Roebuck



School Choir

The choir have had a very busy term including a special performance at Holy Trinity Church on 4th December. There were many people there including the choir from The Ribbon and the amazing Police Choir. We sang a few songs and some children had solos—they were fantastic. Mrs Jones and Miss Jones led the singing. We enjoyed joining in with the Police Choir who sang some World War 1 songs.

Chloe Laidler and Flynn Saddington

Dance Club

This term Year 2 children went to a Dance Club after school. We played games like 'Sleeping Lions' and 'Duck, Duck, Goose.' We have a dance for 'The Greatest Show' and 'Shotgun.' I really enjoyed the 'Shotgun' dance the best because we skipped into a diagonal line and got to do freestyle dance. I even did a cartwheel!

Ellie Wotton

Letter Writing



In Year 2 our topic was 'Ourselves'. We learnt about our family tree, where we live and we wrote letters to our families. In our letters we told our grown-ups what we had been learning in school and then we had to write our own address on the envelope. We had to buy a stamp from Mrs Fox using the correct money. Some children had to work out how much change they needed. We walked to the Post Office and we each posted our letter in the post box. My mam was surprised when she got my letter!

Amelia Cummings and Kieran Singh

Nativity Performances

Class 4, 5 and 6 performed their Christmas nativity at St. Joseph's church. Miss Parker from Durham Music Service helped weekly in school leading up to the performances to help us to perfect our vocals. The narrators all read very well and the actors were fantastic!



Zoe Blanchard

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