



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School

'Come in and learn with Jesus; go out and serve with love.'

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Dear Parents & Carers

[Please read our full newsletter here](#)

You will have received an email from school about **The Wellbeing Hub**, a fabulous resource for parents of children from age 2 upwards with information, guidance and self-help guides about a range of issues relating to children's mental health and wellbeing. The hub provides a Q&A library for parents with topics such as friendships, anxiety, sleep, etc.; monthly webinars on various topics; training courses on parenting and autism as well as a monthly focus on common issues facing lots of parents of primary-aged children.

Children attending the high schools within Bishop Bewick Trust will be using the children's materials and our own Year 6 pupils will begin to use some of the resources during the spring and summer terms as part of their transition to high school. Because of our school's commitment to supporting mental health, we have been asked to trial the resources for parents of primary aged children. **Can I ask that you use the link in the email to sign up and have a look at some of the resources available. We will be collecting some parent feedback in the coming weeks.**

Next Friday, 15th November, is Children in Need. Children are invited to wear spots and ears in school as usual. You can make a donation in school if you like but feel free to donate at home using the sms/telephone donation system during the Pudsey Bear fundraiser evening.

Fr David took the time to come into school this week to talk to the children about his work in Muhoroni in Kenya. He gave updates on some of the sustainable projects that he has set up including a baby clinic, a hospital, a well to support the running of the hospital, basket-making business and wedding dress hire business – as well as on several individuals and families that you have been supporting through your donations in recent years.

Our Faith in Action group have been inspired to set up a programme of fundraisers throughout the year in order to support these projects. The group handed Fr David the donations collected from their most recent bake-sale in the summer term. Thank you all for contributing so generously.

Our Year 4 Mini-Vinnies were enrolled on Wednesday by Michael Wilcox. Mini Vinnies are members of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) who work to help people in need in their communities. They meet in schools and parishes to pray, discuss, and plan activities to help those in need. Our Mini-Vinnies are keen to get started in their roles and intend to collect for the Bay Foodbank and People's Kitchen during Advent. They will be writing to you in the coming weeks.

Well done to the children who received a Maths Award for effort and skill in Maths lessons. They are on our Maths 'Wall of Fame' in the Key Stage 1 Hall. Congratulations to everyone who received a Headteacher's Award this morning.

The October Reading Challenge was completed by so many children! Well done to Iyla Henderson who won the prize draw book token. The November challenge is still underway. Children are given library time in school to complete the challenge but they will rely on your support at home too!

PE clubs will resume next week:

KS2 Sports Leaders on Mondays for 4 weeks. KS2 children must be collected as it will be dark when they are dismissed.

KS1 clubs will be slightly different. Multi-skills on Wednesdays for Year 2 only for 4 weeks. Year 1 Multi-skills will resume in January. This is to accommodate the huge and enthusiastic response from Key Stage 1.

Poppies have been on sale all week and will remain on sale until Monday 11th November when Year 6 will lead the school in a service of Remembrance.

Please see below for information about the upcoming Christmas market at St Columba's on 23rd November. Why not pop along and get into the festive spirit. Fenwick's Window is open, the John Lewis ad is about to drop and the weather's freezing so we reckon it's time!

Please see Diary Dates for dates and times of our Christmas Nativity Performances.

NB: Please update your contact details as soon as you change phone number/email address.

In the newsletter this week:

- *Attendance*
- *Statements to Live By*
- *Love Reading: Reading Challenge/Author Visits*
- *Asda Cashpot for Schools information*
- *After School Clubs*
- *Year of Prayer – November: For those who have died*
- *Keeping Children Safe – Parent Guide to Snapchat*
- *Keeping Children Safe – Safeguarding Team/Policy*
- *RE Curriculum Plans – Autumn Term*
- *The Wednesday Word*
- *PTA*
- *Feeding Families – How to Collect your Shopping*
- *Cost of Living Support for Parents*
- *Connect Mental Health Support*
- *School Lunch Menus*
- *Wallsend Children's Community*
- *Dates for the Diary*

If you have any queries about any of these items, please get in touch via the school office.

Best wishes
Ms Lalor