



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

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What a week!

This week in school has been really exciting thanks to a special visit from the actual Moon! Children have had the chance to handle and analyse genuine rocks, sand and dust from the moon as well as a range of meteorites from space. The project 'Borrow The Moon' is run by The Science & Technology Facilities Council and there are only five boxes available to borrow for the whole country to use. Thank you to Mrs Alexander for organising such a prestigious inspiring project for the children. They have been analysing the items and carrying out scientific investigations. See below for further details in our curriculum update.

Year 6 Faith In Action Group led our Remembrance Service and Celebration of The Word on Tuesday this week. The children observed two minutes silence at 11.00am beautifully with a good understanding of the solemnity of the occasion. They even made it into the Newcastle Online Magazine (see Link). Thanks to all who bought poppies.

Anti-bullying week was another focus for the week. Thank you to everyone who wore odd socks on Wednesday to raise awareness and to everyone who entered our odd socks colouring competitions. The winning entries were:

Nursery	Tadisa
Reception	Eddie
Year 1	Finn
Year 2	Maddison
Year 3	Ellie
Year 4	Harry
Year 5	CJ
Year 6	Mila

Well done! Thanks to Mrs Redpath for organising.

Mrs Redpath and the School Council have also been selling raffle tickets to raise funds for a charity close to the school's heart. Tickets are £3 per strip to win a signed NUFC football. Many of you will remember from previous years that Zac in Year 1 has a rare condition known as Deletion 22 Syndrome. All money is going to the Max Appeal which supports research into this. The Millennium Bridge will be lit up in red light especially for Zac on 22nd November along with landmarks across the country in cities where people with the condition live. **Tickets are on sale daily until next Thursday. The raffle will be drawn on Saturday 22nd November by Zac!**

Year 5 have been enjoying their first week of swimming lessons. They have all been really excited and have already made progress. Swimming every day is such a fantastic way to ensure confidence and skills build quickly and I am sure the children will be swimming like fish by the end of the four week programme. Well done to Year 5!

On Thursday the children celebrated Michael Rosen Day – a day to celebrate the absolute joy of reading, performing and sharing poetry together – and writing our own. See the 'We Love Reading' section for photos.

We have rounded off an extremely busy week with the annual Pudsey Children In Need awareness day. As usual, we are not collecting donations in school to allow people to donate if they wish during the TV fundraiser this evening.

Thanks to everyone who donated cakes to our Mini Vinnie's Bake Sale last week to raise funds for the St. Oswald's Tales on The Tyne Campaign (for our very own Peter Rabbit sculpture!). **They raised £158 and will be holding another sale very soon. See below for details about the project.**

Christmas lunch will be served in school on **Wednesday 3rd December**. If your child requires Christmas lunch, please sign up online. Children can wear their **Christmas jumpers**.

The annual Wellbeing Group Christmas Fair will also be held on **Wednesday 3rd December**. The wellbeing groups are already very busy crafting and organising their stall. Thanks to Mrs Walker for channelling her inner elf and organising this.

We are also inviting children to wear their **Christmas jumpers/sparkly outfits on Friday 5th December to raise funds for the PTA (pay a £1.00 donation if you are able!)**. Don't forget to check the diary below for party and performance dates.

These newsletters will hopefully keep you up to date with what is going on in school week by week and also direct you to useful organisations and suggestions to support your child's education and development. **Please check your Arbor and Seesaw Apps regularly for information from school. The Arbor system is now being used by all schools in Bishop Bewick CET and does work slightly differently from our previous messaging systems. Newsletters are sent to your Arbor account and uploaded to our website every two weeks.**

Our attendance figures are really low in the local and national league tables once again! This is largely due to holidays taken earlier in the term. Please contact us if you are having difficulty in getting your child to school when they are well due to a parent/carer or sibling illness.

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

In the newsletter this week

- *Curriculum Report – Borrowing the Moon!*
- *RE Autumn Term Curriculum Plans*
- *Faith In Action*
- *Jubilee*
- *Attendance*
- *Statements to Live By*
- *The Wellbeing Hub*
- *Love Reading: Michael Rosen Day/Space Information*
- *Clubs in our Area*
- *Caterpillar App*
- *Keeping Children Safe – Managing Stress*
- *Keeping Children Safe – Safeguarding Team in School*
- *The Wednesday Word*
- *PTA*
- *Feeding Families – How to Collect your Shopping*
- *Cost of Living Support for Parents*
- *Connect Mental Health Support*
- *School Lunch Link*
- *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