



## 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](#)

It was fantastic to see so many of you at our Parents Evening on Wednesday. Thank you also to those who have been able to attend our Celebrations of The Word throughout the past few weeks as well as our Curriculum afternoon and information meetings about phonics. Our excellent PTA have had a meeting in school and are beginning to plan events for the year. If you would like to be involved please contact them via the link in the newsletter below. Your support is greatly appreciated by all staff here at St. Aidan's.

We have had even further 'parent power' in school this week thanks to Mr Errington who was in coaching the boy's football team and to Mr Gray and Mr Hedison for being extremely kind and bringing an ambulance into school to teach the children about the important work that paramedics do. The children loved it! (See below for photos)

This week PE is the focus of our curriculum update. We are very proud to tell you that we have been awarded the Gold Award for PE. Please see below for an update on our current activities and match reports! Mrs Conway and Miss Stock have been working hard to co-ordinate curriculum PE as well as organising match fixtures, our visit to High Borrans and developing our new 'Forest School' area to enhance outdoor learning.

Thank you to everyone who wore something red last week to raise awareness and 'Show Racism the Red Card'. Our children have an excellent understanding of why racism in any form is unacceptable in school and in our wider community. See below for some wonderful posters created by Year 5.

Last Monday, Year 5 had a brilliant trip to The Great North (Hancock) Museum to visit Time Odyssey as part of their history curriculum. They rescued characters using museum artefacts and worked together in teams. The museum were so impressed with their effort and teamwork that there is a rumour they might be invited back in November! Thanks to Mrs Errington and Mrs Cowen for helping out on the day!

See our We Love Reading section for this October's Reading Challenge along with some children's responses to books they've been reading. There will be a prize draw for all who complete the challenge!

The reading fun continues after half term. The Scholastic Book Fair will be open after school each afternoon during the two weeks after we return. It is always a great opportunity to get a head start on some Christmas shopping. Many of the books will be discounted.

**Our Mini Vinnies will be holding a bake-sale on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November to raise funds for the St. Oswald's Tales OnThe Tyne Campaign. Donations of cakes and biscuits (and mo0ney to buy them!) will be gratefully received on the day. See below for details about the charity.**

NB: Poppies will continue to be on sale during the week after half term.

Have a lovely half term break!

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 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 Information - PE

- *RE Autumn Term Curriculum Plans*
- *Faith in Action*
- *Jubilee*
- *Attendance*
- *Statements to Live By*
- *The Wellbeing Hub*
- *Love Reading: Black History Month/Reading Challenge/Books of the Week*
- *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