



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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Yesterday we had a very special visitor in school. Bishop Stephen, the Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle Diocese, came to speak to the children as part of his visit to the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, taking in the Wallsend churches over the weekend and the three primary schools on the Thursday. He spent all afternoon talking to the children and answering their questions. The children were so engaged and asked hundreds of questions. Bishop Stephen even taught year 4 some Italian!

On Wednesday our Year 5&6 Hockey Team did us all proud at the St Thomas More hockey festival. They won the tournament! Every single player gave their all and the team were immaculately well-behaved both on and off the pitch. Well done!

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 pupils who last week took part in challenging PE sessions as part of our enhanced PE curriculum provision. Both the group who were away at High Borrans and the children who undertook the activities based from school were learning about teamwork, resilience and challenging themselves physically. All the children had lots of fun. I know that those of you who have had children away on the residential will have missed them so much and will have been delighted to have them home this week (the tons of washing, not so much – I hope you have managed to sort through it all!). Thanks to Mrs Nicholson, Miss Stock and Mrs L Alexander for giving up their time to lead the visit.

Thanks to Year 4 who led the school in Celebration of The Word this week and thanks to the parents and carers who were able to share in this with the children today.

Year 1 visited Howdon library on Thursday to listen to a story and choose some lovely books which they were very excited to bring back to school. Thank you to the lovely parents who volunteered to accompany them on their visit. It is very much appreciated!

Year 3 have been learning all about staying safe and have been out and about learning how to keep themselves safe when crossing roads around school. The Pedestrian training team have commented on their excellent behaviour.

Our First Holy Communion children began their catechist sessions on Tuesday after school and will be attending Mass with the Bishop on Sunday. Please keep them in your prayers.

Next Monday our Dance Club will be taking part in the North Tyneside Dance Festival. They have been working really hard in rehearsals and the routine is fantastic. I can't wait to see them on stage on Monday evening.

Please remember, I am always available to listen to any concern you may have regarding your children. We have an open-door here at St. Aidan's and are absolutely committed to working in partnership with parents and carers to address any worries you might be having. We really do love your children and working with you to strengthen our school community. Huge thanks for your continuing support.

Please continue to check the diary as there will be several dates added during the coming weeks. The spring and summer terms are always extremely busy.

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*
- *Faith In Action*
- *Information for Parents of Children in Early Years with SEND*
- *The Wellbeing Hub*

- *Love Reading: Caterpillar App/Reading Challenge/Author of the Month*
- *RE Curriculum Plans – Spring Term*
- *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