

Easter

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Our Lady Star of the Sea Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We're now all into Lent and Easter preparations here at Our Lady Star of the Sea and looking forward to a range of activities which involve both parents and pupils. I hope you are able to participate in some (or all) of the activities we have planned this term where you can experience the school and work alongside your child/ren.

During Lent children have been buying crocus flowers to support the work of Rotary International in their bid to eradicate Polio and now they have proposed to help people closer to home—those in need in our own community. It has been decided that during Lent we will be collecting food to give to our local Food Bank. Each week children will be encouraged to bring in non-perishable food into school which we will take along to the Food Bank.

Food that we will be collecting will fall into the following categories:

- Tinned food, e.g. soup, baked beans, corned beef, etc.
- Breakfast cereals
- Dried pasta
- Rice
- Tea Bags
- Biscuits

Please support us with your contributions during Lent—all donations will be greatly appreciated.

I hope you have an enjoyable Easter and I look forward to meeting you during our planned activities.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J. Jones
Headteacher

Breakfast Club runs from 8am Monday to Friday.

Please note: Children not attending Breakfast Club should not be in school before 8.45am.

Dates for your diary

- 19th March Year 6 children will be visiting the Safety Carousel at The Work Place, Newton Aycliffe
- 19th March Year 3 children will have the first of two sessions on Road Safety in and around school
- 24th March International Day)
25th March International Day) We will be holding a joint international festival with the pupils from St. Josephs Primary, Murton on these two consecutive days. Half of our children will travel to St. Josephs by coach, accompanied by school staff and half will remain at Our Lady Star of the Sea on Monday. The half of the school which remain at Our Lady will travel to St. Josephs on the Tuesday and vice versa with the children from St. Josephs. The children will learn about the culture and traditions of eight countries and join in *activities such as aikido*.



- 26th March A day of Industrial Action has been called for Wednesday 26th March 2014 by the NUT teaching union. This is due to the ongoing issues regarding the Government's proposed changes to pensions and conditions of service. Consequently, the school **will be closed** on this day unless the Unions inform their members to the contrary
- 27th March Mother's Day Lunch—please return your menu as soon as possible!
- 1st April Key Stage 1 Craft Afternoon (Classes 1 and 2) You are welcome to come along and join in making Easter crafts with your child. Doors open at 2 p.m.
- 2nd April Key Stage 2 Craft Afternoon (Classes 3 and 4) You are welcome to come along and join in making Easter crafts with your child. Doors open at 2 p.m.
- 3rd April Easter Bonnet Parade and Decorated Egg Competition.
- 3rd April First Confessions for children making First Holy Communion this year - 4.30 p.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea RC Church, South Terrace, Horden.

Last day of term: Friday 4th April 2014 at 3 p.m.

School reopens: Wednesday 23rd April 2014 at 8.50 a.m.

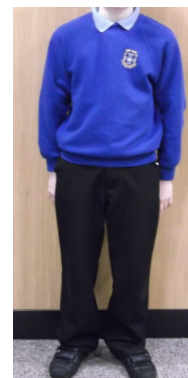
(for teaching purposes)

- 12th May SATs week starts
20th May Parents Evening

Thursday 22nd May. The school will be **closed to pupils** as the premises will be used as a Polling Station.

The School Uniform is:

black trousers or skirt (pinafore if preferred),
 pale blue polo shirt (available from school).
 royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan (available from school).
 black school shoes
 white socks or
 black or royal blue woolen tights for girls
 grey socks for boys



In summer:

girls may wear a blue gingham dress or pale blue polo shirt, black skirt and white socks
 boys may wear a pale blue polo shirt, black trousers or black shorts and grey socks.

PE uniform:

Plimsolls KS1, trainers KS2

blue PE shorts

white T-shirt

This should be brought to school on a Monday morning and may be taken home on Friday afternoon.

All items of clothing – including shoes and wellingtons – should be clearly marked with the child's name.

Extreme haircuts

The school **does not** permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.

Day	Activity	Year group
Monday		
Tuesday	Maths Booster Class	Years 6
Wednesday	Literacy Booster Class Games and Puzzles	Year 6 Years R, 1 and 2
Thursday	Gymnastics First Holy Communion preparation	Years 1 and 2 Children making First Holy Communion
Friday	Gymnastics S.V. P. Football Training	Years 3 and 4 KS2 KS2

