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Our Lady Star of the Sea Newsletter

Autumn 2014

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to inform you that our Year 6 children in 2014 left our school with fantastic KS2 results:

- ◆ 100% of Y6 children achieved Level 4+ in reading
- ◆ 100% level 4+ in maths
- ◆ 92% in writing and
- ◆ 92% in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

This is a great achievement for the pupils and the school and we look forward to many more successful years.

I hope the hard work and commitment shown by last years Y6 children helps to inspire and raise the aspirations of all the children in our school.

Many thanks for your continued support.

We wish all our parents and pupils a very successful year.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J. Jones

Day	Activity	Year group
Monday	Multi Skills	Y1, 2
Tuesday	Cookery Club	Y3, 4
Wednesday	Booster Classes Games and Puzzles	Y6 YR, 1 and 2
Thursday	Multi Skills	Y3, 4 , 5 and 6
Friday	SVP Football Training	KS2 Y3, 4, 5 and 6

Dates to remember!

**School closes 3.00pm on Thursday 24th October
and reopens at 8.50am on Monday 5th November for teaching purposes**

Tuesday 11th November—Parents Evening

Wednesday 12th November - Y6 to Safety Carousel, Newton Aycliffe

Thursday/Friday 13th/14th November—Y6 to Youth Village, Consett overnight stay

Monday 17th November— Skipping Day. Each Class to participate in a skipping workshop

Monday 24th November—Y6 Vision Tests in school.

Thursday 27th November—Y5/Y6 Childline Assembly - keeping safe.

Friday 28th November—Christmas Fair in school from 3 p.m.

Tuesday 2nd December— Y5/Y6 Childline Workshop in school.

Monday 8th December—KS1 (Classes 1 and 2) Craft afternoon in school from 2—3 p.m. Come along and work with your child in Christmas activities.

Tuesday 9th December—KS2 (Classes 3 and 4) Craft afternoon in school from 2—3 p.m. Enjoy helping your child to make Christmas decorations.

Wednesday 10th December— KS2 Carol Service in Church at 11 a.m.

Christmas lunch for pupils and staff (Further details to follow)

Friday 12th December—KS1 Nativity Play in school from 9.30 a.m. (Details to follow)

Monday 15th December—Whole school trip to Durham Gala Theatre to see ‘Aladdin’

Wednesday 17th December—KS1 to Beamish

Wednesday 17th December—KS2 Christmas Party Day

Thursday 18th December—KS1 Christmas Party Day

**Thursday 18th December school closes at 3 00 p.m. and reopens for teaching
purposes at 8.50 am on Monday 5th January 2015**

We would like parents to join us in sending our prayers and thoughts to the family of Nanny Penfold who sadly passed away in September. She will be greatly missed by staff and children.



Hello



My name is Caroline Sinclair and I am the Education Welfare



Officer for Our Lady Star of the Sea RC Primary School Over the next school term I will be working closely alongside Mrs Watt to monitor School attendance and punctuality.



Over the next academic year, in accordance with guidelines, we



will be introducing a signing in book to monitor lateness. Any child arriving into school after the 8.50 a.m. will need to be



accompanied into school by a parent or guardian and signed in



with our office staff. All children are expected to be on school



premises by 8.45am, any child arriving after registration has closed will be coded with an unauthorised absence; which may lead to a fine or legal proceedings.



Please help us to keep your children safe by ensuring that you



always contact school on the first day of absence. In the event of



any medical appointments or if you arrive late into school please



sign your child into the school building, we appreciate your cooperation to safeguarding our pupils.



I am aware that most absence is due to genuine circumstance



which is at times unavoidable. If you ever have any concerns or



would like more information regarding your child's school attendance you can either contact school or telephone me direct on 03000 269858.



Caroline



Thank you for supporting the school in its efforts to get more children walking to school. We would like to introduce you to Strider, the Walk to School Mascot.



Fires in the allotments opposite the school grounds. We understand that parents have had concerns over fires being lit in the allotments. These have been reported to Durham County Council who are now monitoring the situation.

We would like to remind you that the school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Girls are encouraged to have long hair tied back.



Our school football team in their new strip! They will be playing their next game in the Bishop Cunningham Cup in early November.



Parents Evening will be held on Tuesday 11th November 2014. Appointment letters will be sent home with your child; please remember to pick a suitable time and return your slip to school.



Poppy Appeal



Our SVP group will be selling poppies in school from Monday 3rd November 2014.

This year we also have a range of other items for sale, such as:

Erasers—50p	Pencils—50p	Friendship Bracelets—£1
Flexi Rulers—£1	Bugs—50p	Reflective Tag – 50p



Breakfast Bonanza is our breakfast club which is open daily for the children to come along and enjoy eating together at the start of the day.

The breakfast club is open from 8.00 a.m.— 8.40 a.m. each morning. Please do not send your child into school before this time as the doors will be locked and there will be no supervision for your child on the school premises.

A variety of breakfast items are available, e.g. cereal, toast, pancakes, crumpets, juice and milk for £1 per child per day (payable in advance on a Monday morning)



Can we please remind everyone that **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 must be worn

white socks or

black or royal blue woollen 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:

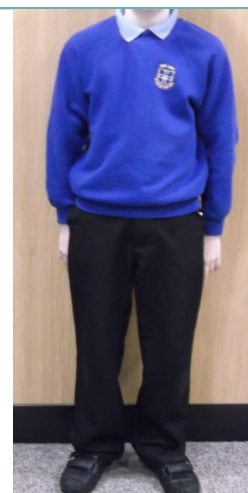
Plimsolls KS1, trainers KS2

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.



School holidays for the 2014/2015 academic year

Holiday	Closing Date	Date re-open for teaching
Summer 2014	Friday 18 July 2014	Tuesday 2 September 2014
Autumn half term 2014	Thursday 23 October 2014	Monday 3 November 2014
Christmas 2014	Thursday 18 December 2014	Monday 5 January 2015
Spring half-term 2015	Friday 13 February 2015	Monday 23 February 2015
Easter 2015	Friday 27 March 2015	Monday 13 April 2015
May Day 2015	Friday 1 May 2015	Tuesday 5 May 2015
Summer half term 2015	Friday 22 May 2015	Tuesday 2 June 2015
Summer 2015	Friday 17 July 2015	To be determined

Please note: Five days within the above school terms are to be used for school training activities.

Training Days:	Monday	1st September 2014
	Friday	24th October 2014
	Friday	19th December 2014
	Monday	1st June 2015
	Monday	20th July 2015

New guidelines regarding headlice state schools should not be sending out 'alert letters' to parents when an incidence of headlice is reported. Therefore we will no longer send out such letters but should you require any advice, please contact the school nurse (03000 261700) or your nearest pharmacy.