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Our Lady Star of the Sea Newsletter

Summer 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

This year has been a particularly busy year for both staff and children. In September 2014 we introduced the New Primary Curriculum and have been reflecting on future changes as we move to 'Assessment without Levels.'

At the end of April '15 we had a Diocesan RE inspection (this can be found on the school website or a hard copy can be provided to you on request at the school office) which gave us very positive affirmation of the hard work carried out in the school. The report states that our school is good because: *'Catholic ethos and faith are central to the school and reflected in all its work. There is a shared commitment to celebrating the achievement of all. High expectations, dedicated staff, effective teamwork and a palpable sense of community underpin all aspects of the school's work.'*

It also states that: *'There is an explicit commitment to the needs of all pupils and their families, not least the most vulnerable members of the school and parish community.'*

I believe that the school is moving from strength to strength as we continue to provide you and your child with the best possible support and education.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and acknowledge that your contribution is vital to the success of the school. I would also like to thank my *'dedicated staff'* who work so hard to ensure that everything they do is for the benefit of all and to ensure that we have a welcoming school family with high aspirations.

Congratulations to the children in Year 2 who have really excelled themselves in their KS1 SATs – with 100% of Y2 achieving national expectations (2b+) in Reading this year. Well done!!!

All of our children have been working hard this year and the school is delighted with the progress each year group has made. We look forward to receiving the Year 6 SAT results and will inform every one of the outcome asap.

I wish you all a good summer and well-earned rest!

Yours sincerely,

Miss J. Jones
Exec. Headteacher

Dates to remember!

Tuesday 30th June — September new starters in school from 9:30—11:30 a.m.

Thursday 2nd July — Y5 team to Easington Cricket Club for Cricket Festival
Y6 pupils transferring to Dene Community School of Technology in
September 2015 for transition day
Class 1 educational visit to South Shields

Friday 3rd July —Y5 visit to St. Bede's for taster day

Tuesday 7th July— September new starters in school from 9:30 — 2:30 p.m

Wednesday 8th July—Awards Ceremony (letters to be sent to individuals)

Thursday 9th July — Y6 to St. Bede's for Leavers Mass with other local schools
Class 1 educational visit to Tesco, Hartlepool 'Farm to Fork'

Monday 13th July— SVP group to St. Joseph's, Murton for 'Sharing Lunch'

Tuesday 14th July—Y6 End of Year Production 'Aladdin Trouble'
Two performances 1.15 p.m. and 5 p.m. (tickets available shortly)
Moving Up day—children to visit their next years' class and teacher

Wednesday 15th July—School Fair

Thursday 16th July—Y6 Leavers Mass in school at 2.15 p.m. Everyone welcome!

**School closes 3.00pm on Friday 17th July 2015
for the start of the Summer Holidays**

**School re-opens for teaching purposes at
8:50 a.m. on Wednesday 2nd September 2015**

SCHOOL FAIR

We will be holding our Annual School Fair on Wednesday 15 July at 3 p.m. in the School Hall. Please come along and give us your support!

Can we please ask for donations of prizes for the tombola stall and the raffle.



Some of our Y5/6 children visited Lockerbie Manor in Scotland at the end of May. They all enjoyed a weekend of activities including canoeing, kayaking, rifle shooting, archery, blind trails, high ropes and team building. We were joined on the residential by staff and children from St. Joseph's, Murton and all had a wonderful time!



SPORTS DAY 2015



Thank you for saying your prayers
and crossing your fingers — it
worked!! The rain held off and a
great day was had by all!

www.olsots.durham.sch.uk

We have recently updated our website (address above) with Curriculum maps, events and photographs. Please take the time to have a look and let us know if there is anything you would like to see in future updates.

Thank you.



Starting School

Do you have a child who will be 5 on or between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017?

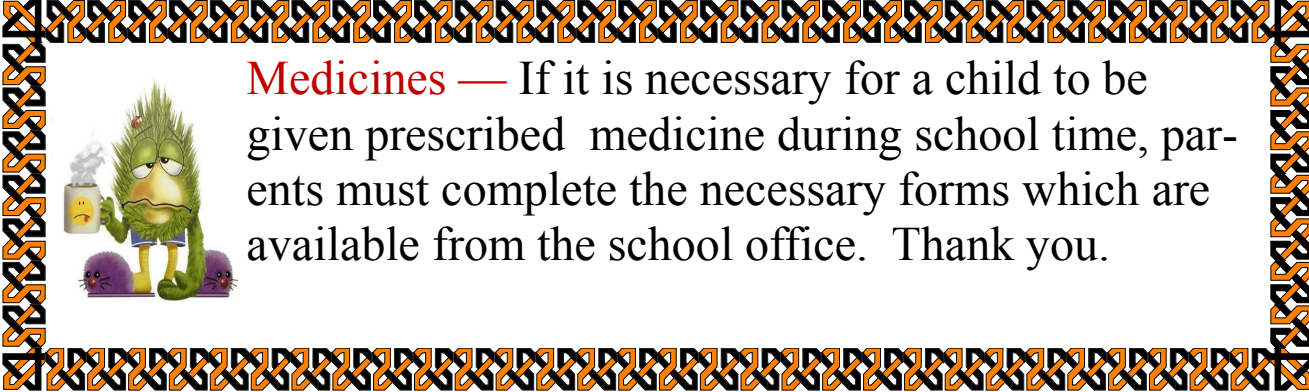
If so, you need to complete an application for a school place so that your child can start school in September 2016.

From 12 September 2015 you can apply online at www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. You will also be able to access a copy of the Guide for Parents “Primary School Admissions in County Durham 2016/17” which will contain essential information that will help you in making your Application.

If you cannot access the Council’s website please contact the School Admissions and Transport Team, using the details below, and you will be sent a copy of the Guide for Parents and an application form.

Please note that the deadline for applications is midnight on 15 January 2016.

The School Admissions and Transport Team
Telephone 03000 265 896



Medicines — If it is necessary for a child to be given prescribed medicine during school time, parents must complete the necessary forms which are available from the school office. Thank you.



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 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

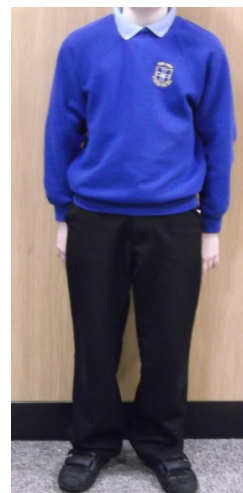
Royal blue PE shorts

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.

Orders are currently being taken for new uniform items.



School holidays for the 2015/16 academic year

Holiday	Closing Date	Date re-open for teaching
Summer 2015	Friday 17 July 2015	Wednesday 2 September 2015
Autumn half term 2015	Thursday 22 October 2015	Monday 2 November 2015
Christmas 2015	Thursday 17 December 2015	Tuesday 5 January 2016
Spring half-term 2016	Friday 12 February 2016	Monday 22 February 2016
Easter 2016	Thursday 24 March 2016	Monday 11 April 2016
May Day 2016	Friday 29 April 2016	Tuesday 3 May 2016
Summer half term 2016	Thursday 26 May 2016	Monday 6 June 2016
Summer 2016	Wednesday 20 July 2016	To be determined

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

Training Days:	Tuesday	1st September 2015
	Friday	23rd October 2015
	Friday	18th December 2015
	Monday	4th January 2016
	Friday	27th May 2016

A gentle reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school premises.

Thank you.

