

October Newsletter

Welcome to Our Lady Star of the Sea's monthly newsletter! Each month, we will share dates for your diary, the latest news and important messages! If any children have any at home achievements (sporting, drama etc), we'd love for them to feature in our newsletter! Please share them with us!



Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to all of our families for joining us last month to raise money for such an important cause! With your help, we managed to raise a grand total of £500! A huge amount for a small school!

THANK YOU!



Attendance

100%

You may have noticed some new signs around school about the importance of attendance. It is so important that your child attends school each day in order to have a positive impact on their social, emotional, and cognitive development. Children with 100% each term will be entered into a draw to win a laptop or iPad!



Remembrance Day

This year, Our Lady Star of the Sea will be taking part in the Remembrance Day parade in Horden. We would love to see lots of families representing our school and showing their support for the Armed Forces. More details to follow!



Reading and Homework

Reading is such a vital skill. When children learn to read at an early age, they have greater general knowledge, a wider range of vocabulary, they are more fluent readers, and they have improved attention spans and better concentration.

In order to encourage our children to read lots at home, we have a **'Book Vending Machine'** in school. Children must read **three times at home** in order to achieve **one star** on their chart. They can also achieve stars by handing in all parts of their **homework** each week. Once they have reached **TEN stars** on their chart, they will earn a token to choose a book to take home.

Please support your child by listening to them read and encouraging them to engage in discussion about what they have read.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

DR. SEUSS

Diary Dates

- Wednesday 25th October - Parent's Evening
- Thursday 26th October - Autumn Disco 4pm - 6pm
- Friday 27th October - School closes for half-term
- Monday 6th November - School re-opens
- Sunday 12th November - Remembrance Day Parade (details to follow)
- Friday 24th November - School Photographer in school (details to follow)
- Wednesday 29th November - Christmas Fayre
- Thursday 30th November - School Pantomime @ Durham Gala Theatre
- Wednesday 13th December - Christmas Jumper Day
- Thursday 14th December - Class 1 and 2 Nativity pm (details to follow)
- Friday 15th December - Class 1 and 2 Nativity am (details to follow)
- Monday 18th December - KS2 Carol Service (9am) in the School Hall
- Monday 18th December - KS1 Christmas Party Day
- Tuesday 19th December - KS2 Christmas Party Day
- Tuesday 19th December - School closes for Christmas holidays

