



# MARCH 2016 NEWSLETTER

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**All children and young people have a right to a primary education...Young people should be encouraged to reach the highest level of education they are capable of. (Article 28, United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child)**

## Lent

We are in the season of Lent when we prepare for Easter through fasting, praying and giving to the poor.

We will have a variety of opportunities for the children to take part in such activities over this half term. Please encourage your child to take part.

**Children's education... should encourage children to respect others, human rights and their own and other cultures. It should also help them learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people. (Article 29, United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child)**

## World Book Day

Thank you to all who took part. It was a fun day.



Our school took part in a 'mass read' at 1.30pm with many other schools in our Peterlee Partnership Teaching School Alliance. Over 4000 children all were reading at the same time.



## Football Tournaments

Our Year 3/4 and our Year 1/2 attended football competitions and represented our schools very well.



## Reminders

- Nail varnish – this is not permitted in school. Please make sure this is taken of before children come to school.
- Book bags – if your child does not have a school book bag, please ensure they bring into school a **SMALL BAG** in which to store their books & letters. We do not have the space in school for large bags.

## Voluntary Contributions

As you may be aware, school budgets are becoming tighter as well as everywhere else in the economy. One or two people in our federation are generously giving the school the 25p change from the dinner money they pay (£9.75) that is the remainder of a £10. I would like to thank them for this, and, if anyone else would care to contribute in this way, it would be most welcome.

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**A Message from the Local Authority:**

**Youtube Risks – Uploading Video**

Many children spend a lot of time watching vloggers (Video Log) such as Zoella. (Zoella can have over 3 million hits on her uploads!)



Some children chose to emulate these Vloggers, and in doing so without careful thought can leave themselves open to bullying or online grooming by revealing personal details and making videos and comments available to anyone.

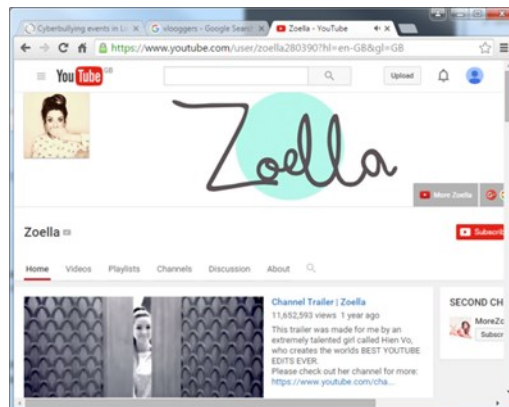
This is not illegal but the minimum age to create a Youtube account is

Having an account for a younger child breaks the terms and conditions of site. It is not possible to upload videos without creating an account.

The following links provide additional information for parents and teachers :-

[https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802272?hl=en-GB&ref\\_topic=2803240](https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802272?hl=en-GB&ref_topic=2803240) and

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safety-tools/youtube>



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***Extract from Youtube Website***

***Parent resources***

***We understand that parents and guardians sometimes have questions about children's behaviour online. We've put together some tools and resources to help you manage your family's experience on YouTube.***

***What age does my child need to be to use YouTube?***

***In order to create a YouTube account, you must confirm that you're at least 13 years old. If a video is flagged and we find that the uploader inaccurately stated their age during the account creation process, we will terminate their account.***

**Year 6 and SATs**

Just a reminder to please support your child in their regular revision, giving them a quiet space to be able concentrate, ensuring they get plenty of sleep.

The SATs tests take place quite quickly after the Easter holidays, so Miss Horner will be providing a special revision set of work for them to work on over the holidays. So, please encourage them to do a little bit most days, so that they don't forget what they have learned.

They'll soon be over & the 'fun' lessons will begin again!!!!

### Mini Vinnies

Our Mini Vinnies group are a group of volunteers who organise our fundraising in school, run our Wednesday morning prayer sessions, and support other religious & chaplaincy activities in school. They are a great bunch.

Earlier this term, they attended Our Lady of the Rosary Primary with other local mini vinnies groups to be officially commissioned and spoke very confidently about the sorts of activities that they do.



### School Parking

We have been told of a dangerous incident that occurred earlier this term. Some people are currently parking on the footpath between the chicanes. One day this blocked the footpath & a lady with a pram had to walk on the road. Please park considerately especially when we are encouraging our children to walk to school. It is everyone's duty to ensure others are safe.

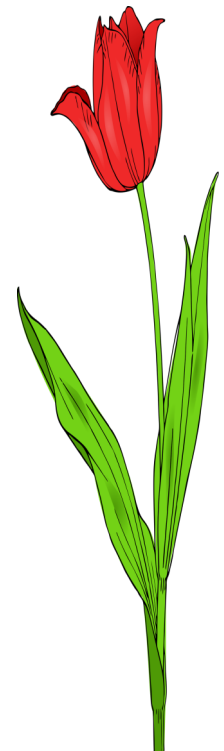
### Community Statue Fund Raising

Thank you for your very kind donations towards this community project!

We raised an amazing £204 with our non-uniform and cake selling day!

### Dates for the Diary - ALL DATES ARE ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

- 14<sup>th</sup> March - Class 1's 1<sup>st</sup> parents' night with Mrs. Dobson
- 17<sup>th</sup> March - All classes' parents' night
- 18<sup>th</sup> March - 9.15am - Lent Mass in school - all welcome  
Year 5 attend a sporting event at St. Bede's
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Class 3 trip to the Botanical Gardens  
Class 5 visit church for 'Stations of the Cross'
- 24<sup>th</sup> March - THURSDAY - Break up for EASTER HOLIDAY
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April - Back to school*



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