



# MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER

17.05.2017.  
06.4.2017.

*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)*

Welcome to our May newsletter. Please make a note of the diary dates, as there are a lot of them this term!! There will be more to come soon too!

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils for working so hard for their SATs tests. They all tried their best & worked really hard.

## Summer Sun!



Just in case a summer does arrive, can I please remind you to protect your child from the sun? On sunny days all children should have sun cream put onto them before they come to school and should have a sun hat with them, with their name clearly marked inside the hat.

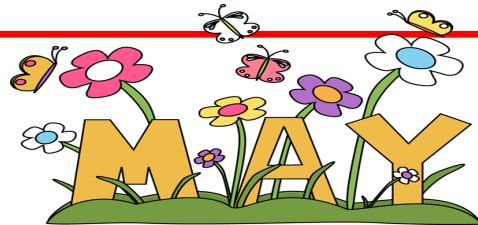
Unfortunately, school staff are unable to put sun cream onto the children. However, you can send cream in with your child for them to put on themselves.

## UNIFORM

Can I please remind you that school uniform must be worn at all times – this includes school trousers – tracksuit/jogging bottoms are not permitted as a substitute.

Nail varnish is not permitted.

Could all uniform have your child's name in it, please.



## INTERNET SAFETY

We would like to remind parents that we do not allow pupils to bring mobile phones, tablets or cameras into the school as they can distract pupils from their learning and damage children's privacy.

If a child needs to bring a phone into school they should hand the phone to the school office for safekeeping during the school day. The school may impose sanctions on pupils who break these rules.

Parents will also want to help ensure that their children are safe when using their phone or tablet at home, and will want to know about what they are sharing online. Any Social Media site used by children will have inherent risks; the website [net-aware.org.uk](http://net-aware.org.uk) provides advice on many popular sites along with a suggested minimum age.

If our pupils see unpleasant or hurtful comments they have been taught to take a screenshot and show a trusted adult. We will treat cyberbullying seriously and may impose sanctions on pupils.

**THIS NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT FORMAT-**

**PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOL OFFICE IF NEEDED**

## Annual Questionnaire and Packed Lunch Policy Review

Please find attached to this newsletter our annual review. We do take note of your comments, so please let us know what you think.

The local authority have also brought out updated guidelines about packed lunches, so we are reviewing our policy in light of this. Please let us know what you think about this. We are lucky to have such a good cook, so not many children take a packed lunch.



### Goodbye and Thank You



We are really sorry to be saying goodbye to Mrs. Watts and Mrs. Richardson at the end of this month. We appreciate all that they have done for our school and children. We wish them every success and happiness in the future, and hope they come to visit us.

You may now be aware that Miss Horner will also be leaving us at the end of the summer term to move onto exciting new adventures. We are currently advertising to recruit a new class teacher ready for September.

### Dates for the Diary (these are also on our school website - [www.st-godrics.durham.sch.uk](http://www.st-godrics.durham.sch.uk))

- 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Year 2 on an outdoor adventurous day at Shotton Hall
- 24<sup>th</sup> May - UNICEF Day for Change – details to follow
- 26<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 at a festival of languages at St. Bede's
- 26<sup>th</sup> May - BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM HOLIDAY**
- 5<sup>th</sup> June - Back to school
- 7<sup>th</sup> June - Class 2 visit to Seaham Harbour
- 15<sup>th</sup> June - Year 5/6 Athletics Tournament (children arriving back to school after 4pm)  
Class 1 visit to Washington Wetlands
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June - Year 3/4 Athletics Tournament  
Year 6 at Diocesan Youth Festival
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June - SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June - 11am – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Celebration in church***
- 26<sup>th</sup> June - 9am – Class 5 Assembly for parents
- 28<sup>th</sup> June - 9am – new starters' visit with parents' meeting
- 29<sup>th</sup> June - Class 1 and Year 1 & 2 at Sage Gateshead for Big Sing concert
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Year 5 visit to St. Bede's



**THIS NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT FORMAT-**

**PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOL OFFICE IF NEEDED**

**DATES CONTINUED.....**

- 4<sup>th</sup> July - Year 3 and Class 4 & 5 at Sage Gateshead for Big Sing concert  
St. Leonard's Y6 induction day
- 5<sup>th</sup> July - Class 5 go to Peterlee Partnership festival
- 6<sup>th</sup> July - 1pm – New starters' visits
- 7<sup>th</sup> July - Reports to parents  
9am – Class 3 Assembly for parents
- 10<sup>th</sup> July - 1.30pm – Sports day
- 12<sup>th</sup> July - 9am – Class 1 Summer Stay and Play session for parents
- 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 residential visit to Alston
- 14<sup>th</sup> July - Sponsored Climb on climbing wall
- 17<sup>th</sup> July - Leavers' disco at 3pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> July - 9.15am – Leavers' Mass in the school hall – all welcome!
- 21<sup>st</sup> July - **BREAK UP FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS**



**TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER – SCHOOL RETURNS**



The month of May is a special time for us to pay homage to our Blessed Mother Mary.

**THIS NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT FORMAT-  
PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOL OFFICE IF NEEDED**