



1st April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Only one week left until the Easter Holidays, and despite what the weather is throwing at us hopefully spring is just around the corner!

COVID Update

The guidance has been updated again and as it is being published by the government this afternoon, I will update you all again next week. The main thread is that in the absence of tests, unless your child has significant COVID symptoms and/or a high temperature they can come to school. If your child has a high temperature please keep them at home until it comes back down to normal.

Mini Vinnies

Today, the Mini Vinnie children led the school in a fabulous 'eggstravaganza!' Morrison's very kindly donated over 20 chocolate eggs and then staff bought extra ones, in the end over 45 children won an egg today. The children who didn't win the raffle were so pleased for their friends – we were all really proud of their positive attitude. A huge thank you to staff and morrison's for all the kind donations – I know there will be a number of children eating chocolate tonight with a smile on their face.

Email contact

The school email address has changed – it is now office@stjohnvianneynewcastle.org

BBCET

As of today, 1st April 2022, we have now become part of the wider Catholic MAT called Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust.

Reports

Staff have been busy writing reports and they will be sent out to parents/carers on Monday. As I have been reading and signing them this week, I know there will be lots of very proud parents with a little tear in their eye as they read about how hard their children are working in school. The children continue to work so diligently; alongside all their academic work the children are flourishing through the wider curriculum and their skills and talents across the board. Our pupils are so creative and thoughtful and they are now starting to shine through again, post COVID lockdown, we are so very proud of them all.

Lent reflections

We still plan to have a maximum of 2 adults per child in the hall, socially distanced and well ventilated. Despite the number of staff absences due to COVID, staff and pupils are still really

keen to have parents in to celebrate with their children. Please note several change's to times and/or dates.

Parents invited	Date and time
Year 1 – Mrs Langford	Monday 4 th April 2022 at 10am
Year 1 – Mrs Watanabe & Mrs Kingston	Tuesday 5th April 2022 at 2pm
Year 2 – Miss Prayle	Wednesday 6th April 2022 at 9am
Year 2 – Miss Cherry	Thursday 7th April 2022 at 9am
Year 3 – Miss Dean	Wednesday 6 th April 2022 at 10am
Year 3 Mrs Meldrum & Mrs McLean	Wednesday 6 th April 2022 at 2pm
Year 4 – Mrs Scott	Thursday 7 th April 2022 at 10am
Year 4 – Mr Bonnar	Thursday 7 th April 2022 at 2pm
Year 5 – Miss McMaster	Friday 8 th April 2022 at 10am
Year 5 – Miss Dolphin	Friday 8 th April 2022 at 2pm

I apologise for the last-minute change to Mrs Watanabe's and Mrs Kingston's class, but it was move it to Tuesday or cancel completely and I felt that you would all prefer to see them in person. It is due to circumstances beyond any of our control and I appreciate your support.

Autism Awareness Week is 28th March - 3rd April.

2022 is the National Autistic Society's 60th anniversary. To commemorate this and to raise awareness of Autism with our children, as a school we will be taking up the **Super 60 Challenge** and walking 60,000 steps over the course of the week around our playing field! To donate to the National Autistic Society, please follow the link:

<https://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/donate>

You can also donate to the North East Autism Society Charity here:

<https://www.ne-as.org.uk/donate/donate/30/credit-card>

This activity will now take place next week, as this week the snow has proved a challenge too far! I am not sure you would have appreciated all the muddy school shoes from the field, hopefully it will be dryer next week.

Year 3 trip to Castle Keep

The year 3 children were simply wonderful yesterday, all the staff were so proud of them. They were inquisitive, polite and truly loved the outside learning experience – once again we are so proud, well done year 3.

As always, we continue to keep all of our families and school community in our thoughts and prayers.

Best wishes,

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