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Dear Parents/carers,

I am sure you are as amazed as I am to hear that we only have 3 weeks left until the summer holiday. Staff have a whole host of exciting and adventurous activities planned between now and then. I am so proud of how hard our pupils continue to work and the positive way they continue to approach their learning.

Homework

Please continue to support your children in accessing their Timetables challenges at home, reading their reading books and talking to them about what they are learning each day.

Uniform

We have collected a large amount of new and excellent second-hand uniform which has barely been worn by children during the pandemic, families have very kindly donated it to school. If you would like anything in particular please send an email in via office@stjohnvianneynewcastle.org or a written note for the attention of Mrs Meldrum and she will sort out a bag of uniform to be sent home. We really want to give away everything we have been very generously been donated. Please do not be shy, just ask!

On the note of uniform, I am very happy that the sun has finally started to shine and children are able to wear lighter summer uniforms as they wish, however trainers especially white and brightly coloured ones are not part of our uniform policy. Please remember that black school shoes should be worn at all times. If you are facing financial hardship or difficulty please do not hesitate to ask as the SVP group from church are always extremely generous in their support of our families, particularly those in need.

Long hair on boys and girls should always be tied up in a black, blue or red bobble. The children run around outside during PE lessons and at play time and they do not want to get it caught, also in lessons it needs to be securely tied up.

Holiday Dates

I have had several queries about holiday dates for next year, as families are rightly trying to book much longed for and needed breaks post pandemic. I have put an updated set of holiday lists for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 on the school website. I appreciate so many of you trying to book holidays which do not mean your children will miss school time – thank you for your efforts.



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Attendance

The government have issued new guidance which should be in place for 1st Sept 2022. Please be aware that there will be new letters being sent out to families following this new government guidance. The drive is that pupils need to be in school to learn. If your child is absent from school for any reason at all then school will be obliged to follow this up. We really appreciate you working with us to ensure that all of our children are in school as much as possible.

Year One – Hula Hoop Challenge

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/laura-watanabe>

Year One are joining together to raise money for a cancer charity. Please click on the Just Giving link above if you would like to contribute.



SJV Year 1 Hula Hoop Challenge

Help Laura Watanabe raise money to support Young Lives vs Cancer
www.justgiving.com

Working with our Local Community – North of Tyne Authority

Please find below a link to the parent/carer survey

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfqiBShZ2AS-uaNtAKRfZB93iKi7F9PaP_oxEOWxhXjHGPTJQ/viewform

As a school we have linked up with the North of Tyne Authority to work on developing working links with our local community and research ways to best support our children as they grow into adults of the future who will want to live and work in their local area.

This is a very short survey to help the North of Tyneside Authority identify possible employer support aspects of the programme with those employers who are active in your school communities.

The link above takes parent/carers/employers/employees to a very short google form which will ask questions to help us form a plan for next academic year.

St John Vianney will be working in partnership with North of Tyne Combined Authority over the next school year on a range of projects designed to help make improvements for people in the local community.

Part of this work will target the businesses and organisations that are employing family members living locally, so we would be grateful if you could tell us the workplace of yourself, or any member of your household, by answering just 2 questions.

Whoever completes the form will not be personally identifiable from the information collected by North of Tyne Combined Authority.

Welcome meeting for New Reception starters

These meetings are booked in on Monday 4th July at 10am and 5pm. You have had a letter inviting you to attend whichever is easier for you.

Welcome meetings for New Nursery starters

These meetings are booked in on Monday 11th July at 10am and 5pm. You have had a letter inviting you to attend whichever is easier for you.

Y1-Y6 Parents invited into school to meet their child's new class teacher – September 2022

In September 2022, all parents will be invited into school to attend a curriculum update meeting with their child's teacher. It will give you all the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, have an update of curriculum expectations, ask questions and also see the classroom your child will be base in during 2022-2023. I am delighted to be able to offer this chance to meet your class teacher again post Covid and I am sure you will all be thrilled to come in, it seems a long time since we have been able to meet in so many groups.

New Prospectus 2022-2023

There is an updated school prospectus on the school website. It will be regularly updated with new information, we are hoping that it will become the information point for all parents both new and old, when wanting to find out more about school. Please all feel free to go and have a read. Like everything new I apologise in advance if there are any mistakes – if you spot something then please let us know and we will correct it! Hopefully, you will all find it informative https://www.stjohnvianney.newcastle.sch.uk/web/school_prospectus/572638

Sports Day

Well some went really well and some were rained off – it wouldn't be an English summer if there was no rain, would it?! We are planning on hosting a replacement as below:

Class	Date and Time
Year 1 & Year 2 combined	Monday 4 th July 10:00am
Year 3 & Year 4 combined	Monday 4 th July 1:30pm

Whilst the weather was hit and miss, nursery managed to pop out in-between the showers! There are photographs on Facebook. Mrs Lake would like to invite you to a liturgy on Tuesday 12th or Thursday 14th July at 2:30pm to say goodbye to everyone as the children all leave for their new schools the following week.

Year 6 Residential

Year 6 pupils are going to enjoy two days off timetable to embrace their outdoor learning challenges. There will be a wide variety of activities for the pupils to take part in – all aimed

at building up their confidence, resilience and willingness to have a go at something which puts them outside their comfort zone! That applies to all of us – staff and children will be sleeping outside in tents erected by the children! So please pray for dry weather...

School trips

You can all tell it is that time of year again when hopefully it is a bit warmer. Our Reception children spent a fabulous day at Gibeside, the Year 2 children went to Whitehouse farm and the Year 1 children are going to Tynemouth next week. Trips are a wonderful way of building confidence, resilience and encouraging enquiring minds. I appreciate all the hard work and efforts put in by the staff to enable our pupils to go out and have these learning experiences.

After School Clubs

As you know we have been trialling some of the afterschool clubs, post Covid and we are delighted to be able to say that we will have a full complement of clubs starting up again in Sept 2022. These will include clubs provided by outside agencies as well as clubs put on by staff. They will include, sports, creative arts, languages, duke of Edinburgh award and orienteering, homework, Lego and film club to name but a few!! It will be brilliant to have this wide variety of after school clubs back up and running again for all classes.

The God who Speaks

We celebrate the Feast of St Mary Magdalene on 22nd July.

The Church, in the East and in West has always regarded St Mary Magdalene as the first witness of the Lord's resurrection and the first evangelist. A faithful disciple of Christ, Mary ministered to his needs after having seven devils cast out from her. She witnessed his crucifixion, was present at his burial, and was the first to see the risen Lord. She was commissioned by Christ to proclaim the good news of his resurrection to all the apostles (John 20:17-18). She was recognised as was called a 'witness of Divine Mercy' by Saint Gregory the Great and an 'apostle of the apostles' by Saint Thomas Aquinas.

*Tell us, Mary: say what did you see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose!*

Finance

We recognise that at this time of challenging cost of living increases, families are presented challenges that they did not expect. If you are experiencing challenges that you need help with, please do not hesitate or be embarrassed in any way – please come and talk to Mrs Thorpe. There are a number of external agencies which you can be put in contact with to help you.

The SVP society from church are also hugely supportive of school and our families.

Open Door Policy

As always, please do not hesitate to contact school if you need anything, staff are all here to help in any way possible.

Best wishes,

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