



15th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is amazing to think that we only have two more weeks before the half term holidays.

Reminder about dates for your diary

The following two dates have been agreed by governors as staff inset days, staff will be working in school but school will be closed to pupils on 10th December 2021 and 18th February 2022. Also, all schools have been instructed to close for a day in place of the national Jubilee Bank holiday which has been given during current school holidays, Governors have agreed that school will be closed to everyone on 17th June 2022.

Attendance

Class Group	Attendance figure for the week	Class Group	Attendance figure for the week
Year 6 (Mrs Spencer)	93.48%	Year 6 (Mr Peacock)	95.89%
Year 5 (Miss Dolphin)	93.57%	Year 5 (Miss MacMaster)	92.59%
Year 4 (Mrs Rutherford)	98.89%	Year 4 (Mr Bonnar)	95.79%
Year 3 (Mrs Meldrum/Mrs McLean)	95.56%	Year 3 (Miss Dean)	98.60%
Year 2 (Miss Cherry)	96.39%	Year 2 (Miss Prayle)	96.26%
Year 1 (Mrs Langford)	93.06%	Year 1 (Mrs Watanabe)	96.51%
Reception (Mrs Duffy)	95.00%	Reception (Mr Cowan)	95.56%
Nursery Rainbow (Mrs Lake)	91.67%	Nursery Sunshine (Mrs Lake)	88.54%

Food bank contributions

A huge thank you to all of those who have sent items in already, we really do appreciate your generosity. They will all be collected at the end of next week – we will upload some photos to Facebook for you to see what coming together can make. Thank you all so much.

Acceptable use policy

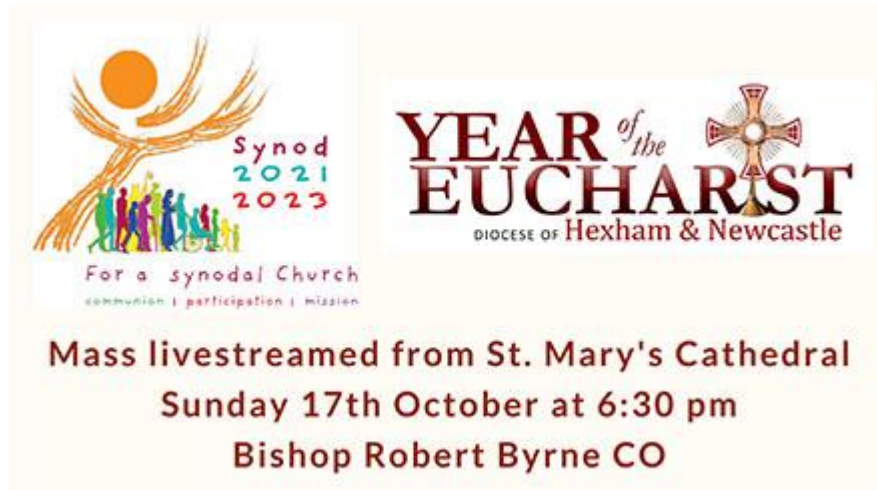
Please return the paper copy of the permission form as soon as possible as we are going to start uploading photos of your amazing children doing wonderful things in school and we want you all to be part of this.

Outdoor and adventurous activities

Over the coming weeks and months, all pupils are going to have the opportunity to take part in some exciting new learning opportunities in our Forrest School area. Just look out for information about when your child's year group will get their turn. This is a fabulous opportunity and we are really excited about this new experience for all of our children.

Year of the Eucharist

Bishop Byrne CO launches the Synod and Diocesan Year of the Eucharist with the Celebration of Mass



Bishop Robert Byrne CO, Bishop of Hexham & Newcastle, will open the Synod and Year of the Eucharist during the celebration of Mass from St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 17 October at 6.30pm. You are invited to a live stream on the Mass on St. Mary's Cathedral [YouTube Channel](#).

Reconciliation

Our Year 5 children are currently taking part in the sacrament of reconciliation with Father Martin, they have been really thoughtful and considered in their thoughts and prayers and we really are so proud of them

PTFA

Please look at the letters from our PTFA, which are on our school website. Next Friday 22nd all pupils are invited to come into school in their own clothes and pay 50p towards the PTFA fund raising effort, and at the end of the day there will be Krispy Kreme Doughnuts available to purchase, please see the letter for all allergy information. Parents will need to be with children to buy them to ensure all allergies are considered by the parent.

Advance Notice of Children in Need

On 19th November it is the national Children in Need appeal. Pupils are all invited to come to school in their own clothes supporting the charity. The Theme this year is 'Together we can change lives' and it is a philosophy that we fundamentally agree with. Working together as a Catholic community we can all put our collective endeavour together and make a real difference.

Advance notice Anti Bullying week

From 15th – 19th November pupils will be focusing on specific activities around the Theme of 'One Kind Word' and on Monday 15th all pupils will be invited to come into school wearing odd socks – this will be a visual representation of what we will focusing in on that week.

Year 6 Secondary school place applications

Please remember you need to apply for your place for secondary this month. If you do not put an application in you are at real risk of not getting a place at the school you have chosen.

As always, we keep all our families and our parish in our thoughts and prayers.

Best wishes,

A D Thorpe

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