



NEWSLETTER

15 July 2016

We care, we serve, we learn together in the love and truth of Jesus

Dear Parents / Carers

St Robert's Summer fair and Sports Day - A Great Day was had by all!

Despite the threat of rain at any moment (the children's prayers for good weather paid off, as the rain came just as the last race ended), we had a wonderful turnout last Saturday for the Summer Fair and Sports Day. Parents and children alike thoroughly enjoyed the races and we raised the grand total of £1,300! A massive thank you to the PTFA for their tireless efforts in organising the fair and raising such a lot of money for the school. Thank you also to the staff for attending this school event at the weekend, the volunteers who manned the stalls etc on the day, Mrs Boyle who kept score, Mr Wilson who presented the Catenian Cup to the winning Team – Bamburgh! the parents who came with money to spend and their children to race, and to the children themselves - for taking such a good part and being such good sportsmen.

Leavers' Celebrations

We are very proud of our Year 4 children who leave us this year to move on to middle school. They have truly flourished as individuals at St Robert's and are very well prepared for this new challenge in their young lives. They thoroughly enjoyed their Leavers' Disco last night, proving to be very accomplished dancers! Tomorrow we have the Leavers' Assembly for parents of Year 4, starting at 1.45pm in the school hall, where the children will showcase some of their wide-ranging talents.

Leavers' and Retirement Mass

Everyone is very welcome to join us next Tuesday at 9.15am in church. This is our celebration mass for Year 4 children and staff who are leaving us this year. It is also an opportunity for me to say a very fond farewell as I retire, and there will be refreshments in the school hall afterwards to which everyone is also invited.

Summer Break and 2016-17 Schedule of terms, holidays and training days

*We finish school next Tuesday at 3.10pm, and **start the new school year on Tuesday 6 September 2016** (see schedule of terms, holidays and teacher training days for 2016-17 attached and on the website). Please note that the training day originally scheduled for 6 September 2016 (and appearing at the end of the 2015-16 schedule) has been moved to Friday 21 October 2016.*

This is the last newsletter for this year, but I will send an end of year letter to you next week.

Mrs Cunningham
Headteacher

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

It is essential for the School's accounting purposes that all outstanding payments are made before the end of term. Reminders will be sent home next week detailing any outstanding amounts.

CONSULTATION REGARDING ORGANISATION OF ST BENEDICT'S RC VA MIDDLE SCHOOL AND ST AIDAN'S RC FIRST

Change to St Benedict's Published Admission Number (PAN)

As you know, plans the future organisation of St Benedict's RC VA Middle School and St Aidan's RC First School within the Ashington partnership are currently being consulted upon, and this will have implications for children leaving St Robert's at the end of Year 4 whose parents wish them to continue their education in the Catholic system. Also, St Benedict's sent out a letter on 7 July 2016 (previously circulated and copy attached) explaining that, due to the fall in their school roll over recent years, they are applying to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) from 60 to 30, from September 2016 onwards.

The Governors of St Robert's have been assured by the Diocese that there will be places available in Year 5 within the Ashington partnership of Catholic schools (this includes Bedlington schools) for children of St Robert's families wishing to continue their Catholic education. If you intend to send your child through the Catholic system, please respond to the consultation with your views (consultation document and response form attached).

'DAY OF THE DISAPPEARED' PEACE GARDEN COMMEMORATION

– Invitation to St Robert's Families

The Red Cross will commemorate the Day of the Disappeared in the Peace Garden on Tuesday 30th August at 4pm, with a brief ceremony involving planting a rosemary bush for remembrance. St Robert's children and families are invited to attend. This Day is kept internationally especially to remember children separated from their families while having to flee from their country because of war or hunger. Many people, including the Red Cross, are trying to help find these children and bring them home.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Could all school library books please be returned to school as soon as possible.

SUN CREAM

On sunny days all children should have ALL DAY sun cream applied in the morning before coming to school. Please do not send in your own sun cream with the children. If absolutely necessary there is suncream available in school which staff will apply as the need arises. Please let us know if for any reason your child should not have the school sun cream applied. Sun hats must also be brought into school.

CHARITY FUNDRAISING

Leanne Baty and Laura Cole took part in the Race for Life on 9 July 2016 to raise money for Cancer Research, in memory of Father Lawrence and Laura's mum. Thanks very much to everyone that sponsored them, if anyone else would like to please visit www.justgiving.com and search for their names or see them in person.

DANCE, ACT, SING

Please see attached flyer regarding performing arts fun days at Abbeyfields First School

CAR PARKING

Can we remind parents/carers NOT to use the school/church car park for picking up/dropping off children.

YEAR 3 SWIMMING

Year 3 swimming for this term is £8 and this can be paid via Parentmail. Could any outstanding payments from last term please be made as soon as possible.

SCHOOL MILK

Reception parents please note that only children under 5 are eligible for free milk, all 5 year olds please pay £11.50 milk money per term. All children that received school milk last term will continue to do so, if you child would prefer not to please let us know as soon as possible.

SCHOOL LUNCH

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children all receive free school meals. Cost for Year 3 and Year 4 children remains £2.20 per day (£11 per week)

DIARY DATES

JULY

Friday 15 July

1.45pm Leavers' Assembly

Tuesday 19 July

9.15am Leavers' Mass

3.10pm School Closes for Summer Holidays