



NEWSLETTER: 5th May 2023



Dear Families

We have enjoyed a wonderful day of activities today to celebrate the Coronation.

If King Charles III ever needs a spare crown, we have some impressive alternatives in Stanley! I expect them to be worn, with pride, tomorrow 😊.

It has been lovely to turn St Joseph's into a sea of red, white and blue for the day, and we thoroughly enjoyed tucking into our Coronation picnic (as well as some extra treats).

Thank you, all for making this such a memorable occasion.

Other news

We are very excited to welcome Mrs Quiney back to school next Tuesday. She will be easing herself back into school life gently over the coming weeks.

Thank you, particularly to our Y3 and Y4 staff and pupils who led our wonderful Mass on Wednesday in honour of St Joseph. As ever, pupils behaved impeccably and sang beautifully. Thank you, also, to those who were able to join us.

Whilst the nation has been gearing up for the Coronation, the business of the school year picks up even more over the summer term. Statutory assessment commences with the Y6 SATs next week. Everyone has worked extremely hard in preparation for these and we know this hard work will pay off.

Year 2 assessments are on-going and will be followed by the Year 4 multiplication check and a phonics check in Y1 and Y2 (for those who did not pass in Y1). The Early Years Foundation Stage profile assessment is on-going and will be finalised this term. In-house assessments are in place for all other year groups.

This week, our afterschool Cafod Club got underway. The group enjoyed exploring Pope Francis's letter 'Laudato Si' and talked about how we can care for our common home, God's world. Over the coming weeks and months, the club will be planning various activities and projects, for our school and local community, which will help us to gain the 'Cafod Live Simply Award', in recognition for the ways in which we will be living simply, living sustainably and living in solidarity. It sounds like this is going to be very inspiring.

We have begun our consultation on length of the school week. Please take a few moments to read the letter regarding these small changes to the school day from September 2023.

Earlier this week, the children in Reception had an amazing visiting Tynemouth Aquarium! We saw all sorts of amazing creatures and learnt so much during our "rock pool encounter". The children were very brave and touched a sea star and sea urchin (although one or two weren't keen so just had a close look!). Did you know they are called "sea stars" not "star fish" as they do not have fins or gills like a fish? Everyone behaved brilliantly and were full of questions and ideas! We cannot wait to learn more about these creatures and the seas and oceans where they live as the term goes on!

Have a wonderful weekend!

God save the King!



As you know, attendance is hugely important and we report attendance on a weekly/ monthly/ termly basis. We monitor attendance/lateness very closely in school and will raise any concerns with parents/carers on an individual basis. If you have any concerns with regards to your child's attendance/lateness, please contact us as soon as possible so we can work together to resolve any issues. Please note that the recent Industrial Action will not impact on your child's attendance.

This week's attendance is: 93.3%. Our target is 97%.

Nursery	Reception	Year1	Year2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
90.25%	94.9%	90.5%	96.5%	92.0%	98.3%	90.7%	94.2%