



## SCHOOL UPDATES

### KS1 AND KS2 SATS:

Pupils in Years 2 and 6 will be undertaking their SATs tests next week. We wish them good luck in demonstrating the progress they have made in their learning this year, and ask that parents support them to arrive at school promptly, ready to undertake these special tasks to the best of their ability.

### MORE THAN DANCE:

Our friends at More Than Dance, who deliver retreat days for pupils centered around liturgical dance, will be spending a day with pupils in Y4 on Wednesday in preparation for their First Holy Communion day. Pupils can come in to school in their PE kit/a tracksuit for the duration of the day.

### RE-ARRANGED LEARN TO RIDE SESSION:

The re-arranged learn to ride session for pupils in Reception Class, Y1 and Y2 who are unable to ride a bike without stabilisers will take place on Tuesday. There will be two sessions from 1pm and 2pm, and parents are encouraged to come along and lend a hand where possible. If you have not previously indicated that you are able to attend, or wish to change the original slot you had chosen to attend, please get in contact with Mrs Noble in the school office to indicate your intentions to take part. Pupils will need to bring their own bike in to school for the session.

### SCHOOL GAMES DAY AND ACTIVITY WEEK:

All pupils in school will be taking part in a 'School Games Day' on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May which will be lead by pupils in Y6. Pupils across school will be divided in to four teams based on countries participating in this year's Cricket World Cup. All pupils will take part in a range of events, earning points for their country, and we will have a celebration at the end of the day to announce the winning team. On the day, all pupils should come in to school in their school PE kit and trainers with a tracksuit to wear over the top. This day will mark a 'week of activity' in school, which we will tell you more about in next week's News Bulletin.

### SPORTS UPDATE:

Well done to our Y3 Mini-tennis team who competed admirably in a tournament at Blaydon Tennis Club on Wednesday, finishing 4<sup>th</sup> overall on the day.

### A SPECIAL VISITOR IN RECEPTION CLASS:

We have caught wind of a special visitor who will be visiting Reception Class next week to share some news of a special project in which they will be taking part with their Y5 Buddies. Pupils will need to keep their eyes peeled for clues about who this visitor might be before we have a big reveal at the end of the week! Keep an eye on our school Twitter feed for clues throughout the week, and of course for the big reveal on Friday.

### ST MARY'S FOR 'CLEAN AIR':

As a Rights Respecting School, we are supporting an ongoing campaigns for clean air. Air pollution is a major public health concern. It affects us all, but the risks are greater for older people and children. Your views are needed on ways to clean up the air and make our area a healthier place to be. You can share your own view by taking part in a major consultation about air pollution in the North East before Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May at [www.breathe-cleanair.com](http://www.breathe-cleanair.com).

## REMINDERS

### GATESHEAD FUN RUN:

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, Years Reception – 5 will be taking part in the Gateshead Fun Run at Saltwell Park. We will be leaving school at around 8:30am and will be back for lunch. **At present, we are short of the parent helpers we need to run the trip in all year groups.** If you are able to help out, please let Mrs Noble in the school office know asap. Many thanks.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION LITURGY:

Liturgy 7 (The Rite for Election for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion) will take place during 9:30am Mass at St Mary's RC Church on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

### CODING CLUB AT GATESHEAD LIBRARY:

The Library Service is running a series of short sessions for parents who may be interested in learning a little bit about coding. The first session is being held at Blaydon Library on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May from 10-11:30am. These are free, informal and fun sessions to just give a little taste of what children are learning about in school. Book in advance on 0191 433 8420 or online at [www.gateshead.gov.uk/whatson](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/whatson).

## THE WEEK AHEAD (13.5.19 – 17.5.19)

TUESDAY –

Y5 Bikeability.

Bike-it Ben Learn to Ride session for EYFS and pupils unable to ride a bike in KS1 (2 sessions: 1pm and 2pm).

WEDNESDAY –

More Than Dance retreat day for pupils in Y4.

C2C local ride (3:30 – 5:30pm).

FRIDAY –

School Games Day.