

**IMPORTANT DATES/TASKS THIS WEEK:**

- We will be inviting all pupils in school to have a FREE school meal on Thursday 5th October part of a Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust Celebration Day (see more information below).
- REMINDER – School photos must be ordered by 3.10.23 to secure free delivery to school. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk. Home delivery on orders made after this date will need to be paid for. Any issues with ordering, please contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

SCHOOL UPDATES & REMINDERS**PARENTS' APPOINTMENTS:**

Parents' Consultations continue this week. The dates for our remaining consultations are as follows:

| DATE | CLASS |
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| Monday 2 nd October | Year 4 |
| Tuesday 3 rd October | Year 1 |
| Wednesday 4 th October | Reception |
| Thursday 5 th October | Year 3 |

Please arrive no more than 5 minutes before your child's appointment.

If you would prefer a telephone appointment, please contact the school office to inform us and provide the preferred number to call.

Please remember that the purpose of the consultation is for a brief pastoral and progress review lasting approximately 5 minutes. If you feel that you have an issue which requires a more substantial conversation with a class teacher or senior leader, please contact the school office to make an alternative appointment.

BISHOP WILKINSON CATHOLIC EDUCATION TRUST CELEBRATION DAY:

On Thursday 5th October, we are holding a Trust Primary School celebration at our school. ALL children will be provided with a nutritional lunch FREE OF CHARGE.

The menu on the day will include a selection of the following:

- Pizza
- Sausage Roll Bites
- Chicken or Quorn Nuggets
- Potato Wedges & Dips
- Selection of Sandwiches & Wraps
- Vegetable Sticks & Humous
- Scrumptious Salad Bar
- Fresh Fruit
- Ice Cream Pots

All dietary needs will be catered for as normal.

To make the day extra special, the dining area will be decorated, and all children will be given an activity puzzle to do. We will also be holding a free raffle and every child taking a school lunch will be given the chance to win some wonderful prizes, including:

- Amazon Vouchers, worth £10
- Smyths Toys Vouchers, worth £30
- Recorders
- Toys
- Other super-prizes including an iPad and £50 vouchers

We hope this will be a wonderful day for our Trust family and we encourage all children to take part. Should your child prefer to bring in a packed lunch on the day, however, they can of course still do so.

SPORTING UPDATE:

A huge well done to the school football teams (boys and girls) for their recent efforts in the Blaydon and District League competitions and the first round of the Bishop's Cup.

The school team gave a good show of themselves in the finals of the league cup earlier this week and we're hopeful that, with two wins and one loss on Thursday, they should progress to round two of the Bishop's Cup competition.

Well done too to all our Reception Class pupils who took part in a fantastic Early Years event held by the Gateshead School Sports Partnership and Gateshead Stadium this week. All the pupils had an amazing time and represented the school wonderfully!

REMINDER – VOLUNTEERING AT ST MARY'S:

We are currently keen to update our list of potential volunteers for school trips and for helping out in other ways in school. If you are keen and have some time and talent to share with us, please complete the following form <https://forms.office.com/e/J3MMS2TGkU>. Please feel free to share the link with other family and friends who may also be keen to help out.

Information shared with us will only be stored for the period of time that is required and will be kept in line with our Data Retention Policy.

There will be a requirement for volunteers to have an up-to-date Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS). School can support your application if you do not yet have one for the purposes of volunteering at St Mary's.