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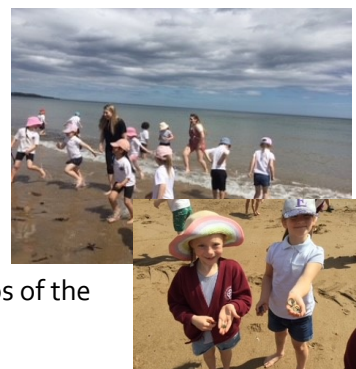
June 2021

Headteacher's News

Dear Parents,

This academic year has flown by and it is incredible to think that this is the final term. Despite all of the disruption that has taken place I am incredibly proud of the way in which the children have embraced all aspects of school life and worked hard in all of their lessons. The staff have also been quick to identify where additional support is required and work quickly to address this.

It has been great to take the children out on school visits to Wharton Park and Hardwick Park, Jarrow Hall, Ushaw College and Roker Beach. The children have enjoyed learning outdoors and playing with their friends in a different environment. The photos of the beach show what a wonderful time was had by all.



Staffing

At the end of this week, we bid farewell to Mrs Thompson and Miss Urwin who have completed their teaching placements with us. They have been a great asset to our school and we wish them every happiness and continued success. We also say farewell to Mrs Young who has been with us for the last year. She will begin as class teacher at St Benet's Catholic Primary School in Ouston. We know she will be superb but will miss her greatly. At the end of this year Mrs Welsh will be retiring after many years of service to the children of St Godric's. We wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement. Congratulations to Miss Killeen who will be getting married in July and will be back in September known as Mrs Cunningham.

The Durham Dash

This week from 14th - 21st June the Durham Dash will be held in schools across the City. The Dash is an inspirational athletics event for primary and secondary school pupils that promotes sport and physical activity as a positive lifestyle choice for children and their families. You too can take part on this year's Dash by joining the DotheDash2021 Strava Club and completing the 1km challenge.

School Uniform

Thank you to our Friends of St Godric's for organising a collection of pre-loved school uniform. We are hoping that parents will take up the opportunity to hand on any uniform that no longer fits, so that other families may be able to use it. This is so much better than uniform ending up in landfill sites. For details of how to access this then please see the Friends of St Godric's newsletter.

Sunshine

Thank you to our parents for providing their children with sunhats. The children really enjoy playing outside at lunchtime, but as you are aware this is the hottest part of the day. Can we also ask that you apply an all day suncream in the morning so that they are protected for the full day? Thank you for your support.



One-way system

Thank you to all of our parents for their support in using this, despite it increasing the length of time that it takes to drop off children. Please can we ask parents and grandparents to ensure that they do now use the right hand gate on Pit Lane as an entrance, I appreciate that this is a short cut, but this is for exit purposes only.

Car Parking

If you do use the car park on the site of the old church, please do so with utmost care for our children by driving with caution and parking with consideration. Thank you.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the children in Year 5 who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Eucharist in May. These celebrations were extremely special and very reverent. It was disappointing that the celebration had to be on a smaller scale, however, many felt that this made it more special. They had a great celebration together afterwards. We pray for the children in Year 4 who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on June 16th and the Sacrament of the Eucharist on June 19th and June 26th.



Class emails

We are delighted that parents are using these email addresses to communicate with staff about the education of their child. However, please can we ask that if there is anything that is medical related that the school email address is used. The office staff need to be aware of anything of this nature.



Well done

Alice Forrest is one of our Sports and Health Ambassadors and she led the whole school in a fantastic mindful movement and meditation session via Teams during Mental Health Awareness Week. Alice also met up with Mrs Amanda Hopgood who is now leader of Durham County Council during half term. She spent time with Mrs Hopgood and a council inspector showing her areas that are dangerous for disabled people or those unsteady on their feet in the hope that they can be improved. We are very proud of you Alice.

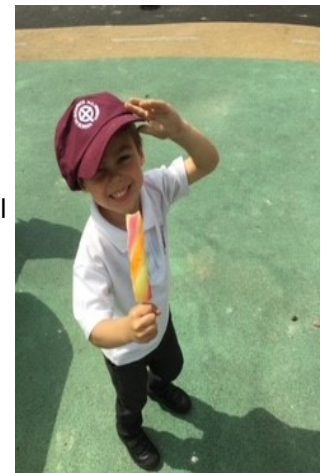
Reporting to parents

On Friday 2nd July teachers will be sending parents a report for their child. We will wait to see how lockdown restrictions are lifted before we make a decision as to how parents and teachers have the chance to discuss this report.

Thank you

The Friends of St Godric's continue to be a wonderful support to us. All of the children and staff were given an ice cream before the end of half term. This was such a boost to us all and a great start to the holiday. Thank you also to the Friends who paid for all the children in Reception Class and KS1 to have an ice cream during their beach visit this week. Finally, the Friends are also giving school £2,500 to pay towards much needed repairs that need to be made on the trim trail and climbing frame. We are very grateful. It is hoped that we might be able to have a small Autumn Fair for all of our children and their families to attend—watch this space!

Thank you also to Mrs Castelli, one of our parents, who has taken some fantastic photos of our children. They are amazing! We will be using them to update our website in the next few weeks.



Summer events

We have a number of events taking place over the next few weeks, especially for our children in Year 6. We hope that we might be able to invite parents to join us but I know that you will understand that we need to do this safely and following government guidelines. We will keep you informed.



St Godric's Day

This was celebrated on the feast day of St Godric - Friday 21st May. The school council asked the children what they would like to do. The overwhelming response was to dress up as pirates. The children also chose to do extra PE and IT and enjoy painting and art work. A great day was had by all!

Website

Please do keep checking the website. It contains a great deal of useful information. Teachers have uploaded the summer term planning onto it so that you can see what your child is being taught during this half term. You will also be able to read the class newsletters that have just been updated.

Thank you to you all for your continued support.

With all good wishes to you and your families.

Catherine Craig

Dear God,
I give You my hands
to do Your work,
my feet to go Your way,
my eyes to see as You see,
my tongue to speak Your words,
my mind that You may think in me,
my spirit that You may pray in me.
Above all, I give You my heart so
that You may love through me.
Amen.

