



May 2011 Newsletter

St George's RC School, Scarborough

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to our last academic term of the year. This period is particularly busy and demanding as all year groups will be completing their end of year assessments. Please keep monitoring homework, working on targets and hearing your child read. Working together will support your child reaching their full potential. It is important too, that you support your child gain the highest attendance percentage they can by not going on holiday during this term, or taking the odd day off. Do you realise that with attendance of 90% or less – that is 10 days or more absence per year, your child will find it harder to make progress and have less chance of success. **Attendance Prizes** Each class is keen to attain the highest weekly attendance. So far Miss Roberts' class has won this 3 weeks running with 100%, 100% (tied with Reception class) and 99.1 % (tied with Mrs. Dronfields' class). The children have earned themselves a fun class prize for top attendance!

New Building Work Finished!

Simpsons of York have completed the new building work on site -just within schedule and with a minimum of disruption to the school in general. They have done a super job and the rooms are completed to a very high specification. There will be an open viewing session for all parents at the end of this or at the start of next week. One room is designated as a new Foundation Stage classroom nursery and reception classes will be moving across to. The second of the larger rooms is a dedicated community room; we will be able to offer the room to local groups for meetings and we hope to start up a St George's Toddler group too. The Wide Awake Club will be moving in to the community room from Monday 23rd May. We are very excited about this new extension to our school and the many different teaching opportunities it offers.

September 2011

Miss Gosling will be joining the school staff in September and taking the present reception children in a dedicated year 1 class in the Reception class area, with Mrs Barron taking the year 2 children in her present class. Miss Gosling has been working in our school for the last 5 years as music specialist. She has been a dedicated and reliable member of our staff team and we are delighted that our pupil numbers are such that we can now create these extra classes!

May – the month of the Rosary

We shall be celebrating during this month, the role of Our Lady, Mary, Mother of Jesus. We will say 'The Rosary' daily in school. Some of you joined us at the 8.30am Mass at St George's RC Church this last Sunday, **8th May**. The children preparing for their first Holy Communion on **21st May 2011** said special prayers – James Elvidge, Lewis Carmichael, Adam Johnson, Lewis Grayston & Rory and Cameron Alexander. This year, Naomi Bevan was chosen to crown the May Queen for she is also preparing for her first Holy Communion. This is a very special time for them and their families and the school and parish community will be remembering them all in our prayers.

Royal Wedding Celebrations

The whole school spent Thursday 28th April celebrating the Royal Wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton. The children put their creative skills into action and designed and made a variety of things which included design and technology sessions with Mr. Myers to create a huge castle in the hall – complete with balcony. This was finished before lunchtime, and bunting was hung up and tables and chairs were set up so the children could eat their celebration lunch of roast chicken in the hall in real

style. Later, in the afternoon, Princess Belle joined us for a Prince and Princesses party. To round off a super day, children in Miss Roberts' class presented a short play to the whole school on the theme of the Royal Wedding which made us all laugh.

School Sponsored Walk

This was held on Wednesday 27th April and luckily the weather remained fine and dry. The whole school walked around the field, going from Japanese city; Osaka to Japanese City; Tokyo. I am very grateful for your generosity with regard to the Tsunami Sponsored Walk. The total so far is a great £256. This will make a real difference to the millions of children affected by the recent earthquake and tsunami. A huge thank you for all your efforts in helping the children to raise this impressive amount. I will continue to pass this on to Mrs. Doody who in turn gives it directly to the Japanese families Association.

If you have any money still owing for this appeal please send it in as soon as possible.

Outdoor environment;

Our project with the development of the school grounds is continuing well. Mrs Dronfield will be planting seasonal vegetables with the children in gardening club, and we have 5 fruit trees to add to the planned orchard of fruit trees.

Supermarket Vouchers:

We are currently collecting the popular vouchers/tokens for school. Don't forget to ask neighbours and friends to help collect them on our behalf as the more we collect the more resources we can get as a school. We also have a container to recycle old batteries and continue to be vigilant with recycling paper, plastics and tins. Thank you

Tesco Vouchers

Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers

Clubs

All clubs have now started. A letter with details of all clubs went out to parents last week. Please ensure your children are re-registered in the clubs of your choice by completing the tear off permission slip at the end of this letter and returning it to school. A copy of this letter about clubs can be obtained by calling in at the school office.

Diary Dates

Sunday 8 May	Crowning of the May Queen in St George's Church
9th – 13th May	Year 6 SAT's & Year 5 Optional Tests
16 – 20 May	School Book sale
16 – 27 May	Year 2 SAT's, Year 1 Optional tests and 3/4 Optional Tests
Saturday 21 May	Catholic Cup at Redcar
Sunday 22 May	First Holy Communion 8.30am Mass at St George's RC Church, Eastfield
Friday 27 May	School closes at 3.25pm for Spring Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 June	School re-opens
Friday 10 June	Year 3 & 4 Visit Jorvik Viking Centre York
Friday 24 June	9.00am–Armed Forces Day and Football Shootout 3.30pm – 'Friends' Summer Fair
27 June – 1 July	Health & Fitness Week
Tuesday 28 June	9.30am Foundation Stage[Nurs/Rec] Sports Day
Tuesday 28 June	1.15pm Main School [Y1 – Y6] Sports Day
Friday 1 July	Reports out to Parents
Tuesday 5th July	Informal Open Evening for Parents – 3.30pm-5.00pm
Thursday 7 July	Year 6 visit St Augustine's RC School
Thursday 21 July	School closes at 2.30pm for the summer holiday
Monday 5 September	School re-opens

Head teacher Mrs V M Kennedy