

October Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents/carers,

We have had a very successful start to the Autumn Term and it has been wonderful to see how well the children have settled into school, particularly our new Nursery and Reception children. It is October already and the coming weeks are set to be very busy and exciting. Within the newsletter, we have shared some important upcoming dates and events, as we wanted to give you all plenty of notice of what is to come.

Thank you once for all the support you continue to provide to both your child/children and the school.

Mrs M Graham Executive Headteacher

& Mrs C Sutherland Head of School

Our newsletters are uploaded onto our school website and our Facebook page. If a paper copy is preferred, please let the office know and a paper copy will be given to the eldest pupil in the family to take home.

Family Fast Day

CAFOD: Family Fast Day was on Friday 6th October. During October each class will have a collection box in their classroom and we will be collecting loose change. We ask that if you have any spare coins, however big or small, that children bring them in and add them to their class boxes- any donations would be gratefully received.

At the end of October we will then add the money together and send it to CAFOD in aid of Family Fast Appeal. Together our small donations can make a big difference.

The Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. As a school named after Our Lady of the Rosary we will be taking lots of opportunities to pray the Rosary in school. We'd like to support and encourage families to pray the Rosary together too and we will be in touch soon asking if you would like to see our new prayer room and pray the Rosary with us.



Macmillan Fundraiser

A huge thank you to all who were able to attend our Macmillan Coffee Morning, those who bought cakes and those who bought donations and the children's cakes from the yard. This is a cause very close to our hearts and collectively we made the grand total of £533. In these difficult times financially, we really do thank you for your continued support as we work together for the benefit of others.

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

World Mental Health Day

Every year in school we celebrate **World Mental Health Day on the 10th October**. The theme this year is 'Mental Health is a universal human right.'

Tomorrow, we are inviting the children to 'stand out and show up' for young people's mental health by attending school wearing a colour which represents how they are feeling.

Children will take part in activities throughout the day linked to mental health and wellbeing.



TODDLERS GROUP

EVERY WEDNESDAY 1:30pm-3pm
Held in the Nursery NOT Infant hall-come to the Nursery entrance please!

We look forward to welcoming you. Come along to play, have a cuppa and a chat!

Please note all are welcome-you do not have to have a child attending Our Lady of the Rosary School

No charge!

Kindness Cafe

FIRST FRIDAY of every month
Held in the KS2 hall from 8:30am-9:30am
Children to leave for their classes at 9am
We look forward to welcoming you.

Come along to have a cuppa and a chat!

No charge!



Here is a link to the local offer if you need any SEND support:

[Special educational needs and disabilities \(SEND\) and our Local Offer - Durham County Council](#)

Family Friday Friendship Event



We are inviting families into our school on Friday 13th October at 2.15pm.

You will be able to watch an assembly that focuses on our approach to friendship including our anti-bullying policy.

You will be introduced to our brand new **School Council** to hear how they were elected and some of their goals for this year.

This links to our Personal Development understanding to be a safe and respectful member of our community.

After the assembly, **your children are invited to join you in the hall for a workshop** where you can choose an activity that you would like to engage with. These will include Art and Craft style activities. It is a brilliant opportunity to spend time together.

Ready

Respectful

Safe



HEAD BOY and HEAD GIRL

Each year, two of our Year 6s are chosen to be Head Boy and Head Girl. This is an important role and their duties will include:

- Representing the school when required.
- Working with staff to facilitate running of events.
- Acting as a positive role model
- Meet with School Council to discuss any issues and needs that arise to do with the school.
- Meet with Mrs. Graham Mrs. Sutherland to inform us of any suggestions to make the school an even better place.

All of our pupils who put themselves forward certainly had the right qualities and skills and after we counted the votes the Head Boy and Head Girl were announced:



A huge well done to Oliver Crawford and Millie King!