



Iona Star

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Catholic Primary School -
Wallsend

Sacramental Preparation - Y4

Thank you so much to all parents who supported our Sacramental Preparation meeting, either online or in person, on Monday night. The PowerPoint and relevant paperwork has been sent to parents. If anyone is missing any of the information, please let us know. The 'intention form' needed to be returned today. If any parents still need to sign this letter, please send it into school on Monday.

The first Sacramental Preparation session will begin after school on **Thursday 10th February**.

Many thanks.

Brides Dream

A message from Brides Dream:

Our 2022 Communion dresses and accessories are now in stock at: Brides Dream, 37 Coutts Rd, Walkergate, Newcastle. NE6 4RB

For appointments please call - 0191 2240644

Office Phone

Please note that the main school telephone is manned from **8:00am to 5:00pm**. If parents need to call outside of these hours, please leave a message on the answerphone or send an email. The answerphone is checked regularly.

During the working day, Mrs Craggs or Mrs Wallace may be attending to other issues within school. Please leave a message on the answerphone and someone will call you back as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Slimming World

Slimming World, in partnership with North Tyneside Council, are offering FREE access to your local Slimming World group!

If this interests you and you're a resident of North Tyneside, please click this [link](#), see the attached flyer and then scan the QR code to find out more.

Places are limited so check it out early to avoid disappointment! Please note eligibility criteria applies.

St. Columba's Parish Fundraiser

St. Columba's Church are holding a fundraiser on **Saturday 19th February 2022** from 7:00pm - 11:00pm at the Lindisfarne.

Events on the night include a pie and pea supper, bingo, a raffle and two excellent bands to dance the night away! The supporting bands are The Steve Hepworth Band and Fifth Avenue.

Tickets are priced at £8 each and are available after all weekend Masses, on a first come first served basis.

All funds raised will go towards the cost of the new roof and building project at St. Columba's Church. It would be wonderful to see many of you there and is a great opportunity for the three parishes in Wallsend to get together socially.

Congratulations

Well done to Sophia in Y4 who has completed her first feis. She gained a 2nd place trophy for her Trophy Reel and a 2nd place medal for her Easy Reel. Keep dancing Sophia!

Congratulations to Will in Y1 who has achieved a 'Super Star' certificate for his talents in swimming.

COVID-19 Updates

Thank you so much for your continued support over the last few weeks with regards to illness, absence and the ways in which we are all helping to keep each other safe.

We have seen a slight downward trend in the number of positive cases of Covid-19 throughout school that we are reporting daily to Public Health.

We have isolated cases in the following classes: Nursery, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 6 (some of these are through sibling / family links)

Classes which are on, or just over, the threshold are: Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5. Most pupils should be back on Monday.

We would ask parents to please remain vigilant for symptoms of Covid-19, or any other general signs that your child is unwell. Where parents feel it is appropriate, we would still recommend the use of regular lateral flow tests at this present time.

Childline Kids

Childline Kids has a special area of the Childline website specifically for children under the age of 12. *Childline Kids* has child-friendly advice on topics such as family and relationships, school worries, self-esteem, coronavirus, staying safe and bullying.

It also features games, videos and friendly illustrations, providing a fun and reassuring safe space for children online.

Help is always available by calling Childline free on 0800 1111 at any time. Children can also log in and chat to a counsellor online - it's a safe area for children to share how they are feeling.

We would highly recommend parents and children visit the website to find out more: childline.org.uk/kids

NUF Holiday Courses

Please find attached a flyer from Newcastle United Foundation. This details their local holiday courses for February Half Term which will be taking place at Goals, Gosforth Park, Newcastle from Monday 21st - Thursday 24th February. The cost is £50 per child for the 4 days. Sessions will run from 9.30am - 3.30pm. To book a place, please visit [NUF Foundation](#) or phone: 0344 372 1892 ext 84

Wallsend Online

Don't forget to visit the [Wallsend Online](#) website for the latest news in our area, interesting information and support for families. They are always looking for articles that would be of interest to local people!