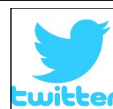


# Iona Star

Friday 17th June 2022

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## Sacramental Preparation Meeting Year 3

Following on from the success of our Year 4 Sacramental Preparation programme, we are now looking forward to next year!

A meeting will be held in the school hall on **Thursday 23rd June at 3:30pm** for parents of pupils in Year 3 who wish for their child to take part in our parish Sacramental Preparation programme for First Confession and First Holy Communion.

At this meeting there will be an opportunity to discuss the programme and key dates. Father David, representatives from the Catechists and school staff will be present if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to welcoming parents of pupils in Year 3 on Thursday 23rd June.

## Anti-Idling Campaign

Classes throughout the school have been working with the Road Safety Team completing pedestrian training over the last couple of weeks. As part of their sustainable travel campaign, please see two leaflets attached to the Iona Star tonight. These detail information about the Anti-idling campaign which has been introduced around school to ask drivers to turn their engines off during the school drop off/pick up times. Also attached is a travel map and leaflet to encourage children and parents to walk/bike or scoot to school.

Please work together as a family to promote sustainable travel, where possible. Thank you.

## Dogs on the Premises

Parents will be aware from the Iona Star, dated 27th May, that it has been necessary to introduce a 'dog ban' on our premises. This is in force at all drop off and pick up times, including breakfast club, after school club, sporting events or other extra-curricular activities after school. It is therefore in effect from 7:15am - 6:00pm - the time that the premise is open to staff and pupils. Thank you for your support and understanding.

## PE Kit - CHANGE OF COLOUR

From September 2022, we will begin to phase out our white PE tops. For next academic year, our PE Kit will now be:

**Light blue t-shirt, black shorts / tracksuit bottoms only and white or black trainers.**

The light blue t-shirts will then match our light blue polo shirts. These items of clothing do not need to have our school badge / logo on them. They can be plain light blue t-shirts and polo shirts which are available in packs from local supermarkets. However, our uniform supplier will sell these items of clothing with the school badge, if parents prefer to purchase these. Please do not replace white t-shirts immediately. We understand that these will be replaced naturally over time as parents purchase new clothes. Thank you.

## Congratulations

Well done to Elliot in Nursery who was awarded 'Most Outstanding Busy Bee' in her category during her recent ballet awards. Elliot looked so proud in her photograph.

Congratulations to Chloe in Year 6 who has achieved her 15m, 20m, 25m and 50m swimming badges and certificates.

Well done to Ziggy in Year 2 who plays for Benfield Juniors Football Team as their striker. He has a wonderful trophy for his participation this season.

Congratulation to Luke in Year 6 who was awarded 'Player of the Tournament' during a recent competition at Flamingo Land. He plays for Benfield Under 11s and has two superb trophies for his hard work and achievements.

Well done to Jed in Year 5 who has achieved 'Players' Player' and 'Manager's Player' during his awards ceremony for North Shields FC. What a tremendous recognition Jed!

Congratulations to Oliver, Will and Alfie Cl in Year 1 who have been selected to play for the Benfield Under 7s team for next season after a four day trial! Excellent work boys.

## North Tyneside's Active Mile Challenge

As parents will be aware, St. Columba's School works with the Local Authority to promote the Active Mile Challenge. Mrs Iliadou has us walking around the field regularly to promote health and fitness. On Thursday 28th April, at our last count, St. Columba's School have walked an amazing **482 miles** together! What an achievement! Congratulations to you all.

## Weekly Attendance

Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 for this week has been 93%. This has dipped slightly from last week and means that we are in the Amber Zone. Keep trying hard everyone!

We are delighted to announce that Year 3 have 97.9% attendance for this week and are the winners of our attendance trophy. Congratulations!

## Dates for your Diary

Please save the following dates; more information will follow in due course.

- 21.06.22 - 4:00pm – Nursery New Starters' meeting
- 22.06.22 -2:00pm - Reception New Starters' meeting
- 22.06.22 - 4:00pm – Nursery New Starters' meeting
- 23.06.22 - 3:30pm - Sacramental Preparation Year 3
- 28.06.22 - 10:30am – Nursery Sports Day
- 06.07.22 - 1:30pm – Reception – Year 6 Sports Day
- 13.07.22 - St. Columba's Bring and Buy Sale
- 15.07.22 - Reports out to Parents
- 15.07.22 - 2:30pm – Ukulele / Guitar performance
- 18.07.22 - 3:30pm – Drop in session for parents
- 19.07.22 - 6:00pm – Y6 Leavers' Assembly