

St. Columba's Catholic Primary School

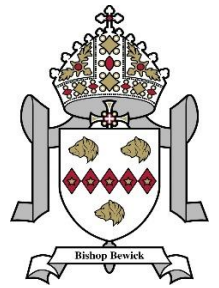
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Iona Star – 16th February 2024

St Columba's Families,

We have had a wonderful week before our half term holidays with many exciting things taking place at school:

- Our Reception and Year 6 pupils enjoyed a joint visit to Our Lady and St Columba church. Year 6 helped their buddies to find key religious items within the church and showed them around the building.
- We held a peaceful liturgy in our school hall to distribute ashes on Wednesday, to mark the start of Lent. The children talked about how to grow closer to God throughout this season of the liturgical year.
- This morning, Year 1 held a super assembly and presented 'The Lost Sheep' – a wonderful reminder that all of us are special to God as unique individuals.
- Finally, our Year 5 hockey team won the North Tyneside family festival competition which has held on Wednesday – well done to everyone involved!

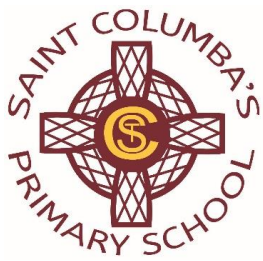
Thank you to everyone who has supported our 'Break the Rules' day. From the last two events, we have raised a total of £361.50 for our PTA fund. Your support is greatly appreciated. We hope the make up, fake tan, hairspray and tattoos are all able to be removed successfully!!

Below, you will find key messages and information. If you have any queries about anything in the Iona Star, or anything else that we can help with, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

We wish you a happy half term week together, school will reopen to all pupils on Monday 26th February and we look forward to seeing you all then.

Take care,
Miss Quinn





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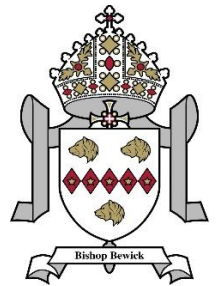
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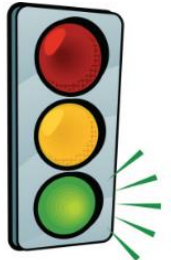
Attendance and Punctuality

Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 for this week has been **95.2%**. This means that we are in the amber zone and we are not meeting our targets set by the Department for Education.

However, we are delighted to announce that Year 4 and Year 5 are the joint winners of our attendance trophy with an overall attendance of **98.3%**.

Year 4 have also had the best attendance this half term with 97.4%.

Congratulations!



Job Vacancies



We currently have two lunchtime supervisor posts, as well as a Breakfast and After School Club Leader position available within school.

If you know of anyone who may be interested, please encourage them to contact school via telephone or email to request an application pack.

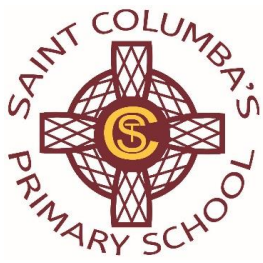
Breakfast and After School Club

On Monday 26th February, After School Club will be held in the school hall. On Tuesday 27th February, both Breakfast and After School Club will be held in the school hall. This is due to interviews taking place within school. Children can be brought to and picked up from the main school entrance during these sessions. Many thanks.

TenTen Parental Newsletter

Ten:Ten
Resources

You can access the latest parental newsletter from Ten Ten which shares the key messages, prayers and opportunities for worship at home by clicking this link <http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>



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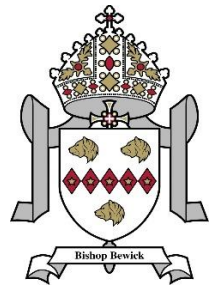
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Help and Advice



We know that the half term holidays can be challenging for some families. If you need support for any issue with domestic abuse or violence, the organisation Harbour is offering support

If you need urgent advice, please call 0300 020 2525 which will be answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Emails and messages sent via this page will be checked and responded to within normal office hours. If you are in immediate danger, always call 999.

Here is a link to their webpage and live chat which is available during office hours.

<https://www.myharbour.org.uk/contact-us>

Feeding Families – Support is Available

We know that many families are struggling financially with the cost of living crisis at the moment. As a school, we have joined up with 'Feeding Families'. This is a charity based in the North East that offers 'support, hope and security for those experiencing food poverty'. It means that we will be able to offer emergency food boxes and support packages from school.

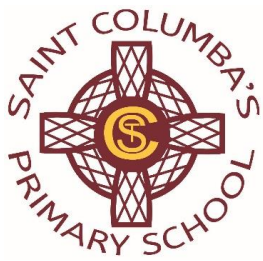


If you need any support, please email familysupport@stcolumbasprimary.co.uk and we will be able to help you. Please be assured that all emails will be treated confidentially.

Diary Dates:

We appreciate that it is difficult for parents to attend events without advance notice. Where possible, we try to give dates as soon as possible. Please see below a list of dates for the Spring Term.

New date Wednesday 28th February – Maths in Action workshops for Year 1 and Year 2 at 9.15am



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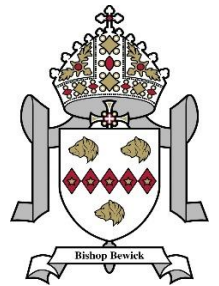
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Wednesday 28th February – 9.00am – SEND Coffee Morning. Come and meet other parents, along with Mrs Harman for a coffee and a chance for a chat

New Date - Tuesday 5th March – 6.30pm – Year 3 Dance Festival at The Parks

Friday 8th March – 9.00am – Reception Class assembly in the school hall

Tuesday 12th March – 9.15am – Nursery 'Stay and Play'. Stay for a morning session with your child and take part in some learning and outdoor activities

Wednesday 13th March – 9.15am – Reception 'Stay and Play'. Stay for a morning session with your child and take part in some learning and outdoor activities

Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th March – SEND Parent Meetings throughout both days. Mrs Harman will be inviting parents to a 20 minute meeting across the two days to discuss targets and review plans with class teachers. More information to follow

Monday 25th and Wednesday 27th March – Spring Parents Evenings. Appointment times from 3.30pm – 6.00pm will be available to book via SchoolCloud two weeks before the date.

Tuesday 26th March – Lent/Easter. Whole School Mass in the school hall with Fr. David. Family members are welcome – please book a space via the school office.

New Date - Thursday 28th March – Decorate an Easter Egg competition – more information to follow

New Date - Thursday 28th March – St Columba's Bring and Buy sale – more information to follow

