

Chaplaincy Team & Faith in Action

This year, we will be introducing a new Pupil Group known as the Chaplaincy Team. This team will consist of six Year 6 children who will work alongside the Mini Vinnies. These children will also be working toward the Faith in Action Pin Award, which recognises the charity work, discipleship and fundraising efforts of young children.



Class 6 Parents:

Please join us in the Chapel for our Stay and Pray on Wednesday 10th October at 2:45pm.

The Mini Vinnies are a group of children from Year 2 to Year 5 who gather together fortnightly with Miss Johnston to organise and talk about helping those in need within our school and the wider community. Their name is based upon the The Society of St Vincent de Paul. As Mini Vinnies, the children have their own 'treasured' Prayer, Pledge and Badge - helping and enabling them to become in every sense, young Vincentians - or 'Mini Vinnies'. They plan to 'turn concern into action' through their good deeds. Last year, our Mini Vinnies raised over £1500 through a range of different fundraising efforts. Keep an eye out for more information about their upcoming events for this year. Mini Vinnies are continuing to collect used stamps to help to raise money for Macmillan and CLIC Sargent. The stamps can be posted into the Post Box in the Main Entrance.



Opportunities for our Young People

Below is an invitation, aimed at young people in school years 4 - 13, to join one of the social groups, being run in Durham Martyrs Parish. These sessions begin next week and are being run by the newly appointed Youth Ministry Coordinator, Katie Flood.

Katie has met with the Young People's group recently and is keen to support their work, to the benefit of the young people in the Finchale Partnership.

"Come along to one of our groups at Durham Martyrs Parish to make new friends, share a meal and take some time out. We have three groups, for three different age ranges, the details of which can be found below:

Base Camp - For school years 4 and 5 - Tuesdays 4:30 - 6:30pm

Signpost - For school years 6, 7 and 8 - Thursdays 5 - 7pm

Frontier - For school years 9 - 13 - Wednesdays 7 - 9pm

All groups will meet in the Jubilee Room at St Joseph's Church, Mill Lane, Gilesgate, Durham, DH1 2JG. Entry is £1.50 and includes a meal.

The groups are run by Katie Flood, the Youth Ministry Coordinator for Durham Martyrs Parish, along with other volunteers from the parish who are all DBS checked.

If your child wishes to attend the groups, please be aware that you will be required to complete consent forms, including photo consent, before you leave your child with us. These can be completed upon your arrival.

For more information about the groups please contact Katie Flood at youth.durhammartyrs@rcdhn.org.uk or on 07483 36956.

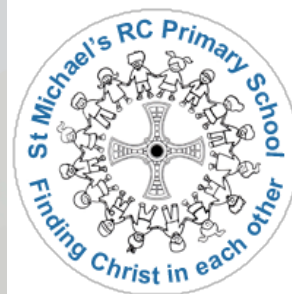


St. Michael's RC Primary School

Chaplaincy Newsletter

September 2018

Celebrating the Catholic Life of our School Community



Welcome to our first Chaplaincy Newsletter. Each half term, we will be sending out information and updates about the Catholic Life of our school. Please ask your child about the things you read on these newsletters – they may be able to tell you even more about it! Thank you, Miss Kirkwood (RE Co-ordinator).

Weekly Collective Worship Timetable

Day	Collective Worship type	Led by
Monday	Whole School Collective Worship	Mrs Bruton
Tuesday	Hymn Practice	Mrs Bruton/Miss Kirkwood
Wednesday	KS1 - Key Stage Collective Worship *	KS1 Staff (rota)
	KS2 - Class Collective Worship	Children
Thursday	KS1 - Class Collective Worship	Children
	KS2 - Key Stage Collective Worship *	KS2 Staff (rota)
Friday	Celebration Assembly	Mrs Bruton

Class 2 Parents:

Please join us in the Chapel for our Stay and Pray on: Thursday 27th September at 2:45pm.



Each Wednesday, Fr Coxon comes into school to celebrate Mass in our chapel. Please see below which class is attending Mass each week.

19 th September	Year 6 & Year 2
26 th September	Year 4
3 rd October	Year 3
10 th October	Year 5
17 th October	Year 6 & Year 1

Please note that Class F will attend Mass in the chapel later in the year once they have settled in to school life.

Each week during our whole school and class Collective Worship, we focus on a particular theme; either taken from that week's Gospel, current and topical events or a theme relevant to the children.

Week beginning	Collective Worship Theme
3 rd September	New Beginnings, Being disciples of Jesus
10 th September	Sunday's Gospel – 'He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak'
17 th September	Peace (International Day of Peace – Friday 21 st)
24 th September	Forgiveness
1 st October	Acceptance, Tolerance, Celebrating Differences
8 th October	Mary, our Mother
15 th October	Charity, helping those in need