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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here is our March newsletter. It has been a busy term so far and I cannot believe there are only three weeks until the Easter holiday.

Here is some information for you.

Parent/teacher consultations

These will take place on **Tuesday, 28th March** and **Thursday, 30th March** from 3.30pm to 6pm, in school. An invitation to sign up for a session will be sent soon. Nursery times and dates will differ to these times, but we will contact all Nursery parents about this.

Please remember you do not have to wait until these official meetings to discuss any worries you have about your child. An appointment will always be made for you to meet with a member of staff to resolve any issues.

Red Nose Day: Friday 17th March

Please can we remind you that this will be a **non-uniform** day. You can either donate to the national Comic relief charity or send a small donation into school if you wish to. Thank you.

Shout out for Holy Communion dresses from the Catechists of Our Lady, Star of the Sea Parish

Hello parents/carers,

Do you have a daughter who received the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in our Parish during the last few years?

If you still have their First Holy Communion white dress and don't want to keep it for another family member or for sentimental reasons, would you consider donating it to us please?

We would like to offer these dresses to girls taking the Sacraments this year. On the one hand this is environmentally friendly and on the other, this may help families with the challenging cost of living at the moment.

If you would like to donate a dress you can do so in the following manner, either: if you have a child attending Star of the Sea Primary School send it in with them or hand it in to the Parish Office during opening hours (Wednesday & Thursday, 9.15am - 4pm and Friday 9.15am - 2pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church) or

*Contact us at **1holyycommunionolss@gmail.com** and we will arrange to collect it from you*

We would love to have a selection of dresses available for parents to choose from at our parents' evening on 30th March. Many thanks.

World Book and Shakespeare Weeks

School celebrated World Book Day last week. We all enjoyed doing different reading activities, coming into school in our pyjamas, sharing our favourite bedtime books. Please see our website and twitter for photographs. We are looking forward to Shakespeare Week, 20th to 26th March, and to celebrate this, the whole school will spend the week exploring A Midsummer Night's Dream.

School Meals

We are pleased to attach the new summer school meals menu which will start after the Easter holidays.

Benefits Based Free School Meals and Milk

If your family is on a low income and you think that that you should be eligible for free school milk and school meal vouchers you need to apply to North Tyneside Council. If your child is in Reception, Years 1 and 2, you automatically get free school meals but you **still need to apply in order to be eligible** for free milk and holiday food vouchers. Here is the link: <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/238/free-school-meals>.

If you have already applied for free school meals and your circumstances have now changed and you think you may be eligible, please email Student.Support@northtyneside.gov.uk to find out. Please do not re-apply if you have previously made a claim as this slows down the processing time of all free school meal applications.

Cool Milk

If you would like your child to have milk at school (under 5s are given this free) please register with Cool Milk. Simply visit www.coolmilk.com/register it's very easy and your child can benefit from a nutritious drink of milk to keep them hydrated.

Emergency Contacts and Contacting School

Please can you let us know if you change your emergency contacts, telephone numbers, email and/or home addresses so that we can update your children's records. If you update your details in ParentMail, please also let the school office know too. Please be aware that if we contact you, our number is displayed as 'No Caller ID' or 0191 643 2655 but we always try to leave a message if we need to contact you.

Bishop Bewick Newsletter

Please find attached the BBCET newsletter. These are written termly and can be found on our website under 'A Catholic Education'. We are delighted that our school is mentioned twice in this edition!

Scholastic books

To further promote a love of reading, your child will be bringing home a Scholastic Book Club catalogue next week. You can order directly; however, I am pleased to announce our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/star-of-the-sea-rc/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online and get free delivery to school. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your order online by 31st March.

Safeguarding

Please remember to regularly check your child's phone, computer and tablet to ensure they are not accessing anything inappropriate for their age. Please can you also remind your child of changes to their normal pick up arrangements or if they are attending after school activity clubs.

Important dates

Team Challenge – 5DM	10 th March
Team Challenge – 5RH	14 th March
Team Challenge – 6LC	15 th March
Team Challenge – 6LH/JC	17 th March
Red Nose day – non uniform	17 th March
Shakespeare Week	w/b 20 th March
Parent/teacher consultations	28 th March and 30 th March
Last day of term	31 st March
Staff training day	Monday, 17 April
First day of summer term	Tuesday, 18th April

Kind regards,

K.L.DiMambro

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Headteacher.