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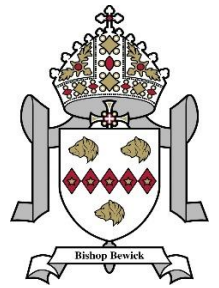
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Iona Star – 24th May 2024

St Columba's Families,

Today, Year 4 shared a lovely assembly based around believing in yourself. Well done to all of the children and thank you to the family members who came to support them.

Another thank you to all family members who supported our Reading in Action mornings. We are keen to develop opportunities like this across the school so please do leave some parental feedback using the link that was provided.

Well done to our latest 'BELONG' ambassador recruits! The children spent their free time this week making booklets and posters to share with others throughout the school to explain St Columba's values. Well done!

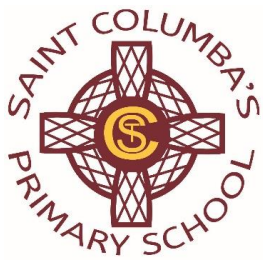
Below, you will find key messages and information. Attached to the Iona Star is a parental guide – this week's focus is on supporting children with healthy friendships.

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.

Have a lovely half term holiday, we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 3rd June.

Take care,
Miss Quinn





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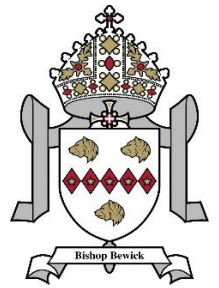
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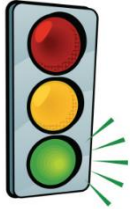
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Attendance and Punctuality

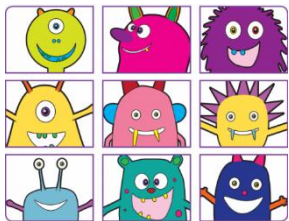


Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 for this week has been **92.7%**. This means that we are in the amber zone and we are not meeting our targets set by the Department for Education.

However, we are delighted to announce that Year 2 are the winners of our attendance trophy with an overall attendance of **97.6%**. Congratulations!

World Children's Day

Pope Francis announced that the first 'World Day for Children' would be held in Rome on 25-26 May 2024. This is so that all children can hear and live out the Gospel enabling them to meet Christ. To mark this within school, we asked children to create a piece of artwork which answers the question, 'How do I see the Kingdom of God?' It was wonderful to see the children's fabulous and unique ideas!



Phonics Screening Check

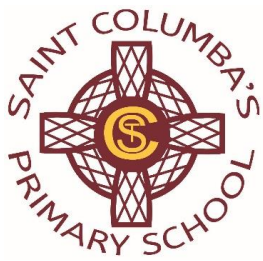
The Department for Education have produced an information leaflet about the phonics screening check, which takes place in June for Year 1 and some Year 2 children. Please use this link to access the information:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/664c87774f29eld07fadcba9/2024_Information_for_parents_assessment_phonics_screening_check_WEBHO.pdf

Holy Island SVP Summer Camp

Places are still available for the Holy Island summer camp ran by the SVP. Information is available on the leaflet attached to the Iona Star. Places are open to Year 5 and Year 6 children. They can be booked using the following link: <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island/about-camp>





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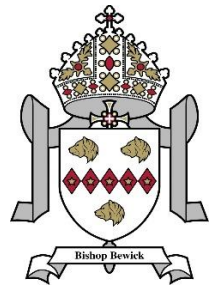
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Breakfast and After School Club Supervisor

We are looking to recruit a supervisor to help with our breakfast club and after school provision. If you may be interested, please contact Mrs Wallace at the school office for an application pack or download the information from our school website.

Parent Governor

A position has become available on St Columba's Local Governing Body.

All parents (including carers) of registered pupils at the school are eligible to stand for election. Should there be more nominations than vacancies to fill, an anonymous ballot will take place.

Parents have an important role to play in the education of children and being a Parent Governor can give you an opportunity to contribute to the education of all children at your school.

The closing date for applications is: **Friday 8th June 2024**

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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

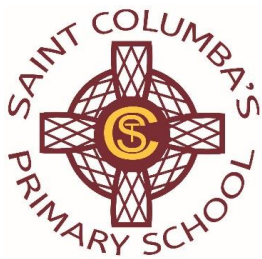
<http://www.tenttenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

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.





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Diary Dates – Summer Term

Please see below a list of dates for the Summer Term.

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May – May half term holiday

Monday 3rd June to Friday 14th June – Year 4 Multiplication Check. This will be completed in small groups with the pupils over the two-week window

Monday 3rd June to Friday 7th June – Assessment Week (internal class assessments for all classes)

Monday 3rd June – High Borran's information evening at 3.30pm in the Year 5 classroom. Year 5 and Year 4 parents/children are welcome to attend.

Friday 7th June – Year 2 class assembly at 9.15am in the school hall. Year 2 family members are welcome.

Saturday 8th June – Holy Communion Group 3

Monday 10th June to Friday 14th June – Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics Screening

Thursday 20th June – Year 4 Holy Communion celebration and Mass at St Columba's Church

Change – Friday 28th June – Year 1 class assembly at 9.15am in the school hall. Year 1 family members are welcome.

Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd July – SEND parent review meetings. Appointments will be available to book two weeks before the two dates. Further information to follow.

Tuesday 2nd July – Nursery 'Stay and Play' at 9.15am. One family member per pupil can come and enjoy some time with the children in Nursery.

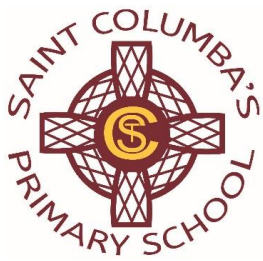
Change Tuesday 2nd July – KS2 School Sports Day. 2.00pm for Year 3 to Year 6. Family members are welcome.

Change Thursday 4th July – KS1 School Sports Day. 2.00pm for Reception to Year 2. Family members are welcome.

Thursday 4th July and Friday 5th July – St Thomas More transition dates for Year 6 pupils.

Friday 5th July – Reports will be sent home to parents/carers.

Monday 8th July – 3.30pm to 5.00pm – Report drop in sessions for parents, no appointment time necessary.



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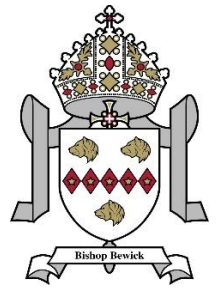
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Tuesday 9th July – Year 6 day trip to Holy Island. More information to follow.

Thursday 11th July – North Tyneside Roman Catholic Family of Schools Year 6 Leaver's Mass at St Columba's Church – 1.30pm

New - Thursday 11th July – PTA Leaver's Disco.

EYFS and KSI 4.30 – 5.30pm

KS2 5.45pm to 6.45pm

Friday 12th July – Reception and Year 6 Buddy assembly at 9.15am in the school hall. Reception and Year 6 family members welcome

Tuesday 16th July – Year 6 Leaver's Assembly at 6pm in the school hall. Year 6 family members are welcome.

Wednesday 17th July – Whole school mass with Fr David in the school hall. Family members are welcome – please book a space through the school office

Thursday 18th July – Year 6 vs teachers rounders match at 2pm. Year 6 family members are welcome.

Friday 19th July – school is closed to all pupils for staff training day

