

St. Columba's Catholic Primary School

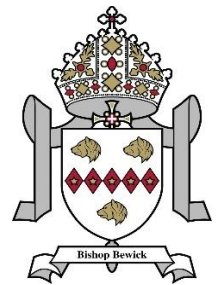
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Iona Star – 27th June 2024

St Columba's Families,

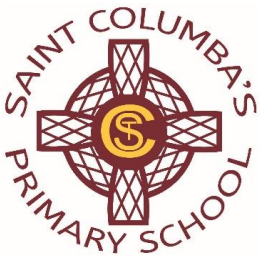
This week, we've had much to celebrate:

- Year 4 attended the parish Mass at St Columba's in their Holy Communion clothes as the final part of their Sacramental Preparation. They then enjoyed party food and cake back at school.
- Reception and Year 1 had a successful trip to Tynemouth Beach and the sun was shining! They had a lovely day and managed to fend off some pesky seagulls!
- Year 6 enjoyed a day off timetable on Wednesday with Team Challenge Adventures. They spent the day outdoors taking part in lots of teamwork and physical challenges!
- Our Mini Vinnies delivered our food bank donations to the Walking With centre and spent some time with the volunteers and refugees. Thank you once again for your donations
- We welcomed some of our new Nursery starters for September into St Columba's on Tuesday evening. Miss O'Connor and Mrs Bensley were thrilled to meet our new families!
- Year 1 delivered a wonderful assembly this morning for their family members. You were full of enthusiasm and made us all smile with your gorgeous singing! Well done!
- We had a site visit from RedsIO who are delivering our modular building for September. The building is being prepared in their central site in Yorkshire and then transported to Wallsend in the summer holidays. We are on schedule with the groundworks and hope to be able to share photos and drawings of the building soon!

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

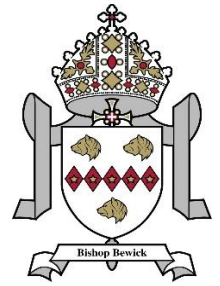
If you have any queries about anything in the Iona Star, or anything else that we can help with, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Take care,
Miss Quinn

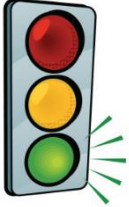


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Attendance and Punctuality



Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 for this week has been **93.4%**. 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 **99.6%**. Congratulations!

Afterschool Club – Pricing

From September, the Local Governing Body have decided that there will be a change to the pricing structure for Afterschool Club. This is to cover the rising costs of staffing costs, utilities and food. The decision has not been taken lightly; governors have thoroughly researched other provision in the area and we believe the following prices remain competitive.

For children using the club up to 4.30pm the cost will remain at £6.00

For children using the club beyond 4.30pm the cost will increase to £8.00

From September, there will be two options available to select when booking your space for the club. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.



Bikes and Scooters

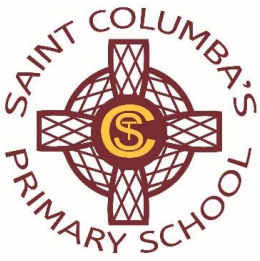


Could we also remind family members that children are not permitted to ride bikes and scooters once they are through the school gates. Again, this is for health and safety reasons. Particularly at pick up and drop off time, the paths can be quite congested. We will also remind children of this during assembly on Monday morning. Thank you.

Frozen Fridays!

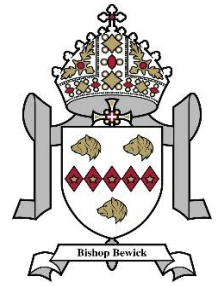
Just a reminder that these will be on sale, outside of school, every Friday. All proceeds will be added to the PTA funds which benefit the whole school community. Thank you for your support!





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TenTen Parental Newsletter

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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/>

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'. 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 – Summer Term

Please see below a list of dates for the Summer Term. **There are a number of dates which have been added**

Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd July – SEND parent review meetings. Appointments are available to book on SchoolCloud

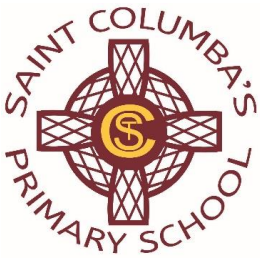
Tuesday 2nd July – Nursery 'Stay and Play' at 9.15am. One family member per pupil can come and enjoy some time with the children in Nursery.

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

New Wednesday 3rd July – Parent meeting for all children starting Reception class in September. In the school hall at 9.15am

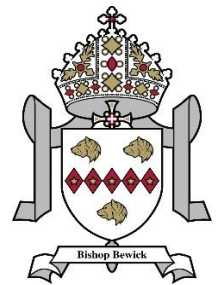
Thursday 4th July – KS1 School Sports Day. 2.00pm for **Reception to Year 2**. Family members are welcome.

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



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New Friday 5th July – Swimming Gala – representatives from Year 5 to attend at Hadrian Leisure

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.

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

New Wednesday 10th July – Year 3 and Year 4 trip to the Lifeboat Centre at Tynemouth

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

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

New Friday 12th July – Front Row music performance for parents at 2.30pm

New Monday 15th July – Transition morning. Children get to meet their new teacher and get to know them before September

New Monday 15th July – Year 6 and Reception buddies to visit Richardson Dees Park together

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

New Tuesday 16th July – Year 2 visit to the Lifeboat Centre at Tynemouth

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

