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lona Star - 7th June 2024

St Columba's Families,

Welcome back! We hope that you had a wonderful May half term together; it has been lovely to see the children back at school this week.

Thank you to all family members who supported Year 2 in their class assembly this morning — the theme was 'Courage'. Well done to the children who read, acted and sang beautifully.

This week, supported by Walking With the Wounded, each class has been exploring the  $80^{th}$  anniversary of D-Day. Each class is taking part in the charity's poetry competition with KSI writing on the theme of 'Bravery' and KS2 on the theme of 'Home'. The poems look fantastic — more information will be shared by each class on SeeSaw.

Below, you will find key messages and information. Attached to the lona Star is a parental guide — this week's focus is on pop-up ads.

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



## Attendance and Punctuality



Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 for this week has been 93.7%. 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 98.6%. Congratulations!



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#### Statutory Testing

- KSI children, primarily from Year I, will be taking part in their statutory phonics check next week.
- Year 4 children will be taking part in the Multiplication Check throughout next week also.

If you have any questions about either of these assessments, please do not hesitate to contact the school office for further information.





#### Frozen Fridays!

Thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA 'Frozen Friday' stall! We hope that you en joyed your ice lollies! 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!

## 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: <a href="https://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island/about-camp">https://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island/about-camp</a>





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#### TenTen Parental Newsletter



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 <a href="http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/">http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/</a>

#### 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 - Summer Term

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

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

Saturday 8th June — Holy Communion Group 3

Monday 10th June to Friday 14th June — Year I and Year 2 Phonics Screening

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

\*Change\* - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Year I class assembly at 9.15am in the school hall. Year I family members are welcome.

**Monday I<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2^{nd} July** — SEND parent review meetings. Appointments will be available to book two weeks before the two dates. Further information to follow.

Tuesday  $2^{nd}$  July — Nursery 'Stay and Play' at 9.15am. One family member per pupil can come and en joy some time with the children in Nursery.



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\*Change\* Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July — KS2 School Sports Day. 2.00pm for Year 3 to Year 6. Family members are welcome.

\*Change\* Thursday 4th July — KSI 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  $5^{th}$  July — Reports will be sent home to parents/carers.

Monday  $8^{th}$  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. 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 IIth 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

