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St. Michael's C of E Primary School

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Dinner Menu
Next week we will be serving week 1 of the NEW dinner menu.

School News

Attendance in School
From last September attendance guidelines changed. Please contact school if your child will not be in attendance. Children with below 90% attendance are seen by the government as 'persistent absentees'. As a school we check the attendance regularly and contact you by letter to make you aware of your child's attendance if the percentage is below 95% so that you are fully aware if your child is close to becoming classed as a persistent absentee. We also let you know if your child's attendance is below the 90% level.
If you are in any way concerned about their health i.e. feeling a little sick or a slight temperature, just let us know and we can keep a particular eye on them. If we think that they might be better off at home we will give you a call to come and get them. Please be assured that we won't keep children who really need to be at home but often children 'perk up' once they are with their friends. Sometimes it's best if you don't tell your children they can come home if they don't feel well as invariably they make their way to Mrs Dickinson. However, if you have a quiet word with us we will monitor closely.

Dinner Money and Club Money
Please could parents ensure dinner money and club money is paid on a Monday. Could we ask that any payments be placed into named purse or envelope and that pupils put this into the basket in class which is sent down to the school office each morning.

Monday 26th September – European Day of Languages
Children will be learning songs from European countries on this day.

Monday 26th September – Gymnastics Coach for Infants
As part of our SSP agreement a gymnastics coach will be working with all infant classes for this half term on a Monday afternoon

Thursday 29th September – donations of cakes/biscuits required.
Please could we ask for donations of cakes or biscuits to be brought into school either today or first thing in the morning for school to sell to parents during our coffee morning on Friday and the to sell to pupils at breaktime to raise money for Macmillan. We really appreciate your support in this event so please get baking for Macmillan.

Friday 30th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning
Parents are invited into school at 9.00am to have a tea/coffee with a cake or biscuit at a cost of £1.00 per person or any reasonable donation over £1.00. All proceeds will go to Macmillan Cancer Funds. We are hoping to have performances from the children with European songs.

Saturday 1st October – Macmillan Coffee Morning in Bishop Middleham Village Hall
Please come along to the village hall on Saturday 1st October from 10am – 12 noon to support Sam Waterworth raise money in memory of his nan. Coffee/Tea and cakes will be on sale alongside a bouncy castle, rodeo bull. Lucky dip and a tombola stall.

Friends of the School (FOS) Newsletter
The latest edition of FOS newsletter is available to view on our school website or in the school noticeboard near our school front entrance.

Tuesday 4th October – Gymnastics Festival for Y1/2
We will be taking Year 1 and 2 to South Durham Gymnastics Club to take part in a gymnastics festival. We will leave school at 9am and return in time for lunch. Please could all pupils have a PE Kit in school.

Thursday 6th October – National Poetry Day
Children will be working on poetry all week but particularly on this day.

Friday 7th October – National Smile Day (teeth)
We have a dentist coming into school to demonstrate healthy eating, healthy teeth and correct teeth brushing techniques to all pupils during the afternoon.

Sainsbury's Vouchers
Just to let you know that we spent the Sainsbury's vouchers on additional balls for various sports.

Class photographs
Pupils will today bring home a proof of their recently taken class photograph. Please could all orders be in school by Friday 7th October.

Scholastic Book Club Leaflet
Pupils will today bring home the latest offers from Scholastic Book Club. Please could all orders be in school by Friday 30th September.

Message from St Michael's Church

October 2nd at 4.30 pm.
Putting On Your Armour! Come on your own, or bring a friend. All ages welcome, snacks, songs, crafts and a prayer and time to relax a bit too.

Message from Friends of the School (FOS)
Friends of the School will be meeting in The Fleece at 7.30pm on Monday 26th September to discuss fundraising ideas for 2016/17. We would love to see you there, everyone welcome.

October is Black History Month
Over the month children across the school will be learning about various black people and their effect on the world.

October is Prevent Bullying Month
Over the month children across the school will be taking part in prevention of bullying.

Happy Birthday to....

Sam E

Attendance 19th – 23rd September

R	100%
Y1	96%
Y2	98%
Y3	97%
Y4	96%
Y5	96%
Y6	89%

Stars of the Week

Class 1 (Reception)
Lexi, Reuben, Jude

Class 2 (Year 1 and Year 2)
Lola, Amira, Oscar, Lucia

Class 3 (Year 3 and Year 4)
Alex, Charlotte H, Millie, Isabelle, Charlie O

Class 4 (Year 5 and Year 6)
Tom, Konrad, Charlotte D, Ella