

The Federation of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Esh Winning & St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor Catholic Primary Schools



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with our eyes focused on Jesus.*



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We are very much looking forward to seeing everyone this week in school. Our new Reception start on Wednesday and we also have new children starting in year 1 and 2. I'm sure you will welcome everyone into the St Joseph's family and support them as they begin our school.

Attached is the first Weekly Calendar that we intend to send in order to help keep you informed as to what is happening in school. We will also Tweet these out.

The first of our Monthly Updates will be with you this week and it'll set out advance dates for this month and next, as well as key dates for the academic year. We have listened to what you have said and tried to plan well ahead and share this information with you. Please be aware, if there are circumstances beyond our control, we may need to move events.

You also told us you wanted more notice of trips, to help spread the costs. Below is a table of trips, when we are hoping to go and an indication of cost. With increased fuel and venue costs, prices are not available until closer to travel. We have estimated the cost of trips and will ensure if over payments are made monies are moved to the next trip, and so on. We will inform you of the cost of each trip once we have it finalised.

		Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year B Cultural Diversity	Class 1		Durham Castle 15 th March £14 Ballet (Gala) 30 th April £12	
	Class 2	Beamish Museum 3 rd Oct £16	Ballet (Gala) 30 th April £12	
	Class 3	Oriental Museum 4 th Oct £14		Durham Cathedral 26 th June £14
	Class 4	Jorvik Centre – York 28 th Sept £22		OAA Residential 24 th May £220
	Whole School	Pantomime 25 th Nov £14		Beach 27 th June £14

Please remember to label all your child's belongings before they come into school so that we can ensure found items are returned to their rightful owner. As we all know, energy costs are currently soaring, please ensure your child is warmly wrapped to come to school, just as you did at the height of the pandemic (vests are excellent!) as we will be

unable to put the heating on as early as we used to, to 'take the chill off', as we have done previously and it can, at times, be cool in school, particularly on a morning.

Finally, BWCET's Catering Services have taken over in the kitchen. If you have not done so already, please have a look at the menu – [it's in with the Monthly Updates and Weekly Calendars on the website](#). It has a wide choice and looks yummy! Perhaps you'd like your child to give it a try for the first four days? It would normally require just 1 week to switch between school meals and packed lunch. For the first few weeks, if you give it a try, no notice will be required. For those of you that currently do a mix of packed lunch and school dinners, I'm sorry but that will no longer be an option.

With best wishes for a happy and healthy school year.

Mrs Louise Keenan

Head Teacher