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and Loving
together with
Christ*

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Dear Parents,

The children have settled into school really quickly and it is a pleasure to see them all working hard whilst making the most of the experiences we provide. Already years 3, 4 and 5 have had history specialists visit from Durham University delivering workshops on the Stone Age, Iron Age, Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. Year 4 have visited Kirkley Woods, Year 6 Edan Camp, Year 1 the Discovery Museum and Year 2 will be going to Beamish Museum next week. These visits support the history topics across the whole school and provide first hand experiences for our children.

This week we have send home data forms for you all to complete. These forms collect information needed so we can contact you in the case of an emergency, provide medical support if needed for your child and for our school to apply for funding. It is very important that they are completed accurately and returned to school next week.

Can I take this opportunity to remind you that children need to be in school at 8:45am. This is when teaching begins. If your child is late they miss important learning opportunities which will affect their education. Schools ends at 3:15 and clubs at 4:15, please be punctual.

There have been a number of bugs in school this week which has impacted on attendance, hopefully they have passed now and everyone will work hard to get into school next week. Please bring your child to school if they are well enough to get up and play. If your child has a medical appointment bring them to school until their appointment, or after their appointment. Please show the office the letter or appointment card. If your child is going to be absent from school please ring the office number 0191 2739063 and leave a message and reason, before 9:00 am or email absence@stjosephsrcprimary.co.uk

School uniform is a very important part of our school and we expect all children to wear this each day. Children can wear their PE kits on the days they do PE. Now the weather is changing children can wear dark coloured jogging bottoms/ leggings instead of shorts. Please look on the school website for uniform information.



Thank you everyone who attended the parent meeting over the last few weeks, Year 2's is next week. If you could not make it the information can be found on Class Dojo. If you have not downloaded the ClassDojo app, please do so as it is an important method of communication

between you and home. Teachers will reply when they can between 8:00 and 4:30 when they find time between teaching.

Finally, I would like to say congratulations to our football team who were fabulous role models on Wednesday when they won all three of their matches in the Bishop's Cup. Thank you also to our families for your support at these sporting events.

Mr Brown
Executive Headteacher

Mrs Sharon Rogan
Head School