

**IMPORTANT DATES/TASKS THIS WEEK:**

- Please see the enclosed note and attached letter regarding forthcoming evacuation and lockdown drills to be held at school.
 - Secondary admissions: An important reminder for all Year 6 parents/carers that all admissions must be completed by 31st October.
 - Please make sure that all items of clothing being sent in to school are clearly labelled with your child's name.
 - Reception class will be walking to Whickham Library on Wednesday. If you could help with the trip, please get in contact with the school office. Reception pupils will also need their wellies in school this week (from Monday); please make sure that they are clearly labelled with your child's name.
 - School photos: A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Tuesday 8th October 2024. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).
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EVACUATION AND LOCKDOWN PROCEDURE:

Next week, we will be holding a school evacuation drill and a partial lockdown drill. These are important practices so that all pupils and staff know what to expect should the school need to be evacuated (eg. In the case of a fire) or a partial lockdown procedure initiated (eg. An incident in the vicinity of school such as a chemical incident in the vicinity of school requiring pupils and staff to remain in the school building). These are important drills and will be simulated in a sensitive and supportive way for pupils so as to not cause undue alarm or anxiety.

Please read the attached letter with further information regarding our lockdown procedure. If you have any concerns about this, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

SPORTING UPDATE:

Well done to our cross country runners, girls' football team and Y2 multi-sports athletes who have represented the school over the past week at their respective events. All the pupils demonstrated amazing sporting skill, determination and fair play representing the school admirably with their efforts.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY:

CAFOD Family Fast day is celebrated on 4th October. If you would like to donate to this appeal, you can do so here: <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day?form=envelope>.

THE FEAST OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS:

Blessed Carlo Acutis was a Catholic Italian teenager who died of leukemia in 2006 at the age of 15. He was beatified on October 10, 2020, in Assisi, Italy. Acutis was a gamer and computer programmer who loved soccer and the Eucharist. He has been dubbed "the patron saint of the internet" recording purported miracles online and helping to run websites for Catholic organizations. His Feast Day is celebrated on 12th October.

Bishop Wilkinson CET has chosen Blessed Carlo Acutis, as an example of a young person called to live out his Christian mission in the 21st Century, as its patron. Across our family of 47 schools, we will be celebrating the Feast of Carlo Acutis this week; in commemoration, the BWCET student council has invited

all Trust schools to do something good for our common home – the world – living out the Mission of the Church and taking a lead from our Holy Father, Pope Francis XVI.

Prayer of Blessed Carlo Acutis:

*Oh God, Our Father,
thank you for giving us Carlo,
a life example for the young
and a message of love for everyone.*

*You made him become enamoured with
Your Son Jesus, Making of the Eucharist
his “Highway to Heaven”.*

*You gave him Mary, as a most loving Mother,
and, with the Rosary, you made him
a poet of her tenderness. Receive his prayer for us.
Above all, gaze upon the poor,
whom he loved and helped.*

*Grant for me too, by his intercession,
the grace that I need
And make our joy fulfilled,
placing Carlo among the Saints
of your Church, so that his smile
may shine again for us in the glory of your name.*

Amen