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'Together with Jesus, we love to learn and learn to love'

Ethos statement for next week: "I know what humility means."

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Dear Parents,

In assembly this week the children heard about an amazing thing that happened to Jesus, which showed the disciples just how important he was. Jesus went up a mountain with Peter, James and John to pray. Whilst he was there a great change came over him. His face had changed and his clothes became sparkling white. Then a voice came from the clouds was heard saying, "This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him." Mrs Phillips explained that, as Jesus had changed, so everything changed for the disciples too; they now knew that Jesus really was the Son of God. Together, the children thought about what we are trying to do this Lent; to Live our Lives with Love. To do this well requires that we try to make a change to our lives too. We try to live the way God wants us to. If we listen to Jesus and spend time with God in our lives then we too can be changed for the better. In quiet reflection and prayer the children thought about how we can best listen to Jesus and how we could act to change our lives and our world for the better.

Mass - On Sunday 31st March we will be having our parish/school mass at 9.30am to celebrate Mother's Day. We hope as many families as possible will be able to attend.

1SC Assembly – This morning 1SC performed a wonderful assembly that left everyone watching ready for Spring! They reminded us of the importance of being patient and not rushing things to happen too soon. They cheered everyone up with their colourful costumes, lovely acting and reading and of course their beautiful singing. Thank you to Mrs Collins, Mrs Timms and Miss Timms for preparing the children so well.

Lenten stalls – Many thanks to all of our families for your support so far of our Lenten stalls, both with the making of the stalls and in allowing your children to join in with them. So far we have raised £700.69 and we still have Year 3's stalls to come next week!
The sponsored run forms will be given out next week and the run will take place on Monday 1st April.

Astroturf – To the delight of the children the astroturf was finally finished on Wednesday. The team from STM have been superb and I think you will all agree that it is a massive improvement on the previous astroturf.

The turf has two small football grounds marked out, a netball court and one large football pitch. It does now mean that we can have regular football matches at our school rather than our team always having to travel. Since half term the school playground has been football free and what has been noticeable is how few fallouts there have been amongst the children. From next week football will be reinstated but if there are too many

disagreements we will have more non-football days. However now we have the astroturf, football will be played on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

To ensure that the astroturf provides the children of IHOM with many years of service it is important that we look after it properly from the very beginning. The banking area around the pitch has had grass seeds sown. In order to let the grass grow and to prevent damage to the drainage system the children cannot go on the banking. Bringing mud onto the astro turf will damage the drainage and ultimately damage the playing surface. Also at playtimes and lunch times fruit cannot be eaten on the pitch - only on the playground.

May we remind parents that only the children in our on-site Breakfast Club or After School Clubs may use the astroturf at the beginning and end of the school day. This is to ensure that we can see all those children clearly and keep them all safe. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Barrelates – Many thanks to everyone who attended the IHOMSA Barrelates session on Wednesday night, it was great to see so many of you there. A special thanks to Jo Sheridan-Hawley for giving up her time to run the session and to Hannah Kevill for organising it.



IHOMSA - Our Cross Country team would like to say a huge thank you to IHOMSA for their fabulous flag – they love it!

Sports News – Good luck to Evie and Sam who are competing tomorrow in the National Cross Country Finals in Loughborough. They have qualified to run in the West Yorkshire team and we are incredibly proud of their achievement.

Sports News 2 – Last night out Year 6 Boys won 8-1 against Our Lady of Good Counsel in Mr Wilkinson's final match. He was very proud of all the boys for their efforts this season and wishes them all the best in their future teams.

Year 4 Choir – The Rothwell Music Festival is taking place this afternoon and we wish our choir from Year 4 lots of luck!

EASTER ACTIVITIES ADVANCE NOTICE

As we are returning to school on Easter Tuesday we thought we could celebrate Easter by the children doing various Easter activities at home in the holidays! Your child can choose between the following options – they can make their own Easter bonnet, or an Easter Garden (in an old shoebox or item of similar size) or decorate a hard boiled egg. These items to be brought into school on Tuesday 23rd April when we return to school. If you really want you can do all three! Nearer the time there will be examples on the website.

Year 3 More Than Dance Easter Celebration – For all parents but especially our Year 3 parents, Thursday 25th April at 6pm in IHOM church. Children will need their white PE t-shirts and blue shorts for this performance.

IHOMSA 100 Club – Congratulations to Lucy Carey who has won the £100 this week. Remember you can still enter! Please contact Mark Butler on ihomsa13@gmail.com



Sally and the Spaceman Panto - The Queen's Hall, Sun 24th March, 3pm. The Queen's Hall are pleased to present a panto for the whole family. Come along for an afternoon of fun entertainment with a bar, tea and coffee and snacks available. This is a ticket only event with tickets priced at £3.50 a person. You can purchase yours from the school office, the lounge bar in the Queen's Hall or by email to parishhalls@gmail.co.uk. Don't miss out, get your tickets before they sell out! **Please note that you may now buy tickets on the door!**



Recommended Reading – This week's recommendations are:

Year R – The Tiger Who Came to Tea by Jill Tomlinson
 Year 1 – A Bear Called Paddington by Michael Bond
 Year 2 – Mrs Wobble the Waitress by Allan Alhberg
 Year 3 – Secret Seven Series by Enid Blyton
 Year 4 – The Sea Piper by Helen Cresswell
 Year 5 – The Owl Service by Alan Garner
 Year 6 – Dragon Keeper by Carole Wilkinson

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS – Attend Today Achieve Tomorrow

Can we reach our whole school target of 98%? If we reach 98% our attendance will be Outstanding.

Attendance – Well done to the whole school on achieving 97% attendance. Special congratulations to 2HC & 3AW who achieved 100%.

Year Group	Attendance Wk. Comm 11 th Mar	
YR	RAG – 98%	RCD – 98%
Y1	1LG – 95%	1LR – 97%
	1SC – 98%	
Y2	2JM – 95%	2HC – 100%
Y3	3GG – 97%	3AW – 100%
Y4	4GB – 97%	4DK – 97%
Y5	5HS – 97%	5JR – 96%
Y6	6FE – 94%	6CK – 97%

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded Star of the Week in their class!

RAG – Varsha	3AW – Molly-May
RCD – Evie	3GG – Thomas
1LR – Orla	4GB – Padmae
1LG – Franklin	4DK – Alice
1SC – Luca	5JR – Ruby-Rose
2JM – George	5HS – Ntokozo
2HC – Indira	6CK – Ruairi
	6FE – Ramaya

Happy Birthday to –

Year R – Arthur
 Year 2 – Sophia-Grace
 Year 3 - Patrick
 Year 4 – Lydia
 Year 6 – Emma, Harley



Forthcoming Events – new dates in bold		
Date	Time	Event
Mon 25 th Mar	3.25-4.45pm	Y4 First Holy Communion class
Weds 27 th & Thurs 28 th Mar	3.45-6.45pm	Parent's Consultation Evening
Thurs 28 th & Fri 29 th Mar	During school	IHOMSA Mother's Day stalls
Fri 29 th Mar	9.15am	RCD Class Assembly
Fri 29 th Mar	During school	Year 5 Planetarium visit
Sun 31st Mar	9.30am	School Parish Mass at IHOM Church Mother's Day and clocks go forward.
Mon 1 st Apr	All Day	Sponsored Run
Mon 1 st Apr	3.25-4.45pm	Y4 First Holy Communion class
Fri 5 th Apr	All Day	KS2 St George's Merit House Non Uniform Day – Brownies/Cubs etc may wear those uniforms
Fri 5 th Apr	3.25pm	School closes for Easter
Tues 23 rd Apr	8.45am	School reopens
Tues 23 rd Apr	8.45am	Easter crafts to be brought into school
Thurs 25 th Apr	6pm	Y3 More Than Dance Performance
Fri 26 th Apr	All Day	Class Photos
Fri 26 th Apr	5.30-6.30pm	YR & Y1 Spring Disco
Fri 26 th Apr	6.45-7.45pm	Yrs 2, 3 & 4 Spring Disco
Mon 29 th Apr	3.25-4.45pm	Y4 First Holy Communion class
Sat 15th June	10am	4GB First Holy Communion
Sat 22nd June	10am	4DK First Holy Communion

Mrs. A. M. Phillips
Headteacher

Prayer

Dear God,
During this time of Lent, we ask that you will help to focus our minds on our Lenten promises. Help us to know that these small changes in our lives may have a positive impact on others.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

If you are worried or concerned about the wellbeing of any of our pupils please ask to speak to Mrs Phillips, Mrs Hill, Miss Hargreaves or Mrs Roberts.

