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

**Ethos statement for next week: "I know when to ask for help and who to ask for help from."**

29<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your attendance at this week's parent's evenings. We are very fortunate to have such supportive parents and it is the school/parent partnership that makes IHOM so special.

Congratulations to our Year 3 children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week. Canon Tim was very impressed by their reverence and respect.

**RCD Assembly** – This morning our youngest children delighted everyone with their Mother's Day assembly. They reminded us of how amazing our mums are. They are detectives, nurses, police officers and chefs! The mums each received a beautifully painted picture from their child. Thank you to Mrs Cromack, Mrs Doherty and Ms Causey for their wonderful work in preparing the children. May we wish all our mums a very happy Mother's Day.

**St George's Day** – We will be celebrating St George's Day on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Children in Key Stage 2 in St George's Merit House may wear their own clothes. Any Guides, Brownies, Scouts etc may wear that uniform.

**Sponsored Run** – Our Sponsored Run is taking place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Children may come to school dressed in their sports clothes. Sponsor money can be sent in when we return to school after Easter.

**Nits** – This term most classes have had an outbreak of nits. I would suggest that over the holidays, whether your child has had nits or not, that you check your child's hair. The easiest way is after washing hair put lots of conditioner on and use a nit comb to comb it through. If your child has nits, they will stick to the conditioner and you will see them on the comb. You then wash off the conditioner. We could then come back after Easter nit free!

**Wooden benches** – We have at the back of the Year 1 classrooms 2 wooden benches in reasonable condition that would be an excellent addition to anyone's garage. If you have a van and would like to take them away you are very welcome. They are heavy but could be a great upcycling opportunity!

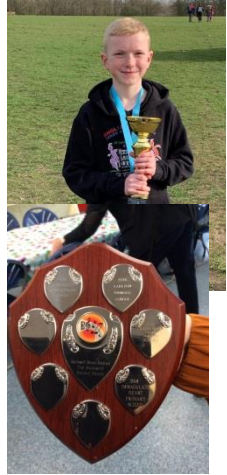
**End of Term** – A reminder that we finish for Easter on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April and return on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Summer uniform may be worn on our return. Please remember that if children are wearing summer footwear it must be suitable for school and socks must be worn. Flip flops, Crocs or trainers are not allowed.

**Holiday Activity** – Leaflets for a holiday activity at IHOM in the Easter holidays went out in the book bags this week. For further information please visit [www.inspiration-tree.com/registration](http://www.inspiration-tree.com/registration)

**Mass** - On Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 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. Parents whose children have been chosen to take part in the Mass will have received a text. The children who are doing the readings and offertory will be sitting at the front of Church and need to arrive for 9.20am. All other children will sit with their families. Children are not in their uniform. Don't forget that we lose an hour of sleep on Saturday night/Sunday morning when the clocks go forward!



**Sports News** – Congratulations to our two superstar runners Evie and Sam who ran in the National Cross Country Finals last Saturday in Loughborough. Both children finished in the winning Year 6 teams and did very well individually – Evie finished 58<sup>th</sup> out of 342 runners and Sam finished 49<sup>th</sup> out of 400 runners. These are great results and we hope they are very proud of how far their skill and hard work has taken them – we certainly are!



**Year 4 Choir** – A group of children from Year 4 took place in the Rothwell Music Festival last Friday. We are delighted to tell you that their fabulous singing won the competition (retaining the trophy for IHOM for the third year!). Well done to all the children, not just for their singing but for their behaviour too. They were great representatives of our school. Thank you to Mr Tom Leech from the Diocese of Leeds who taught and conducted them and to our superb Mrs Dooley for all her hard work in preparing the children.

**Northern Ballet Company** - You may remember that last half term a number of our children from Year 4 were invited to take part in ballet lessons with the Northern Ballet Company. Congratulations to Cameron, Andrew, Rebecca, Charlotte, Eleanor and Casper who have been asked to continue to dance with the Company.

#### **EASTER ACTIVITIES ADVANCE NOTICE**

On Monday your child will receive a leaflet explaining our Easter crafts competition. It is £1 per entry and judging will take place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

**Year 3 More Than Dance Easter Celebration** – The children in Year 3 will be presenting through dance and song the story of Easter on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm in IHOM church. This is not just for our Year 3 parents - all our families are invited. Children will need their white PE t-shirts and blue shorts for this performance.

**IHOMSA 100 Club** – Congratulations to Joanne Kennedy who has won the £100 this week. Remember you can still enter! Please contact Mark Butler on [ihomsa13@gmail.com](mailto:ihomsa13@gmail.com)

**Recommended Reading** – This week's recommendations are:

Year R – The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler

Year 1 – Funnybones by Allan Ahlberg

Year 2 – Pirate School: Just a bit of Wind by Jeremy Strong

Year 3 – Animal Ark series by Lucy Daniels

Year 4 – The Chocolate Touch by Patrick Skene Catling

Year 5 – Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman

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 98% attendance. Special congratulations to 3AW who achieved 100%.

Year Group	Attendance Wk. Comm 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	
YR	RAG – 99%	RCD – 99%
Y1	1LG – 92%	1LR – 97%
	1SC – 99%	
Y2	2JM – 97%	2HC – 98%
Y3	3GG – 98%	3AW – 100%
Y4	4GB – 97%	4DK – 99%
Y5	5HS – 99%	5JR – 99%
Y6	6FE – 98%	6CK – 99%

**Stars of the Week**

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

RAG – Victoria	3AW – Mia
RCD – Edward	3GG – Tiago
1LR – Oscar	4GB – Tom
1LG – Bobby	4DK – Ava
1SC – Joseph	5JR – Igor
2JM – Joseph	5HS – Brandon
2HC – Orla	6CK – Kayla
	6FE – Callum

**Happy Birthday to –**

Year R – Aahil  
 Year 2 – Joseph, Rio, Jimmy, George  
 Year 3 – Elsie  
 Year 4 – Noah, Travis  
 Year 5 – William, Jairaj, Annie-Jo  
 Year 6 – Callum, Teresa



Forthcoming Events – new dates in bold		
Date	Time	Event
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	9.30am	School Parish Mass at IHOM Church
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	All Day	Sponsored Run
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	3.25-4.45pm	Y4 First Holy Communion class
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	All Day	KS2 St George's Merit House Non Uniform Day – Brownies/Cubs etc may wear those uniforms
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	3.25pm	School closes for Easter
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	8.45am	School reopens
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	8.45am	Easter crafts to be brought into school
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr	6pm	Y3 More Than Dance Performance
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	All Day	Class Photos
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	5.30-6.30pm	YR & Y1 Spring Disco
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	6.45-7.45pm	Yrs 2, 3 & 4 Spring Disco
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr	3.25-4.45pm	Y4 First Holy Communion class
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> May	All Day	YR Educational Visit to Hesketh Farm Park
<b>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>IHOMSA Meeting (venue TBC)</b>
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	4GB First Holy Communion
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	10am	4DK First Holy Communion

Mrs. A. M. Phillips  
Headteacher

### **Prayer**

We pray for all the mummies, nannies and ladies who care about us. Help us to be kind and good so we can help them make their jobs easier.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our Prayer.

Prayer from RCD's assembly.

**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.**

