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

**Ethos statement for next week: "I can recognise comfortable and uncomfortable feelings."**

5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dear Parents,

Our children, in their Assemblies, by reading, praying, singing and reflecting about the events of Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Good Friday, have enabled everyone in school to walk with Jesus during his last days on Earth. It is so important that our children have a clear understanding of the 'Easter Story' as it is central to our Christian Faith. The teachers and all the staff in the school have worked extremely hard to ensure that our children know the true meaning of Easter. As we are breaking up two weeks before Easter we hope that you will find the opportunity to go to Church and attend one of the Holy Week services below.

<u>Services over Easter</u>
<b>Holy Triduum</b>
<b>Maundy Thursday 18th April</b>
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm IHOM & St Paul's with Watching until 10.00pm concluding with Night Prayer Confessions after Mass for as long as there is demand
<b>Good Friday 19th April</b>
Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00am IHOM Confessions at IHOM from 10.30am for as long as there is demand Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3pm IHOM & St Paul's Confessions after 3 O'Clock Liturgy for as long as there is demand Stations of the Cross 7pm IHOM & St Paul's
<b>Holy Saturday 20th April</b>
Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00am IHOM Confessions at IHOM from 10.30am for as long as there is demand
<b>Easter Vigil</b>
8.00pm St Paul's
<b>Easter Sunday 21st April</b>
8am Mass IHOM, 9.30am Mass IHOM, 10am Mass St Paul's, 11am Mass IHOM and 6.30pm Mass IHOM

Today has been an emotional day as we have said goodbye to Mr Wilkinson. It is hard to summarise in just a few sentences the exceptional contribution that Mr Wilkinson has made to IHOM. His cheerful enthusiasm has ensured that the children of IHOM enjoy sport and have an 'I Can' attitude. Parents always knew that in Mr Wilkinson's class the children would work hard but would also have fun in their learning. We have been extremely fortunate to have had such an outstanding teacher for so long and we wish Mr Wilkinson all the very best in his new role as Deputy Head at St Gabriel's in Middlesbrough.

Hopefully Spring will have well and truly arrived by the time we return to school on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** and we will have said goodbye to the cold weather. Weather permitting summer dresses can be worn on our return to school. Everyone at school wishes all of you a truly happy and holy Easter.

**Wooden benches** – We have at the back of the Year 1 classrooms two 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!

**Junior Bake Off** – If we have any budding Mary Berrys or Paul Hollywoods out there you may wish to apply for the next series of Junior Bake Off! Children need to be aged between 9-15 and applications close on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May. For more information please visit [WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK)

**Sports News** – Last night our Year 5 & 6 girls took part in some round robin football league games at Cardinal Heenan. The girls dominated many of the games they played and came away with a substantial haul of points. This puts them in a great position to make the playoffs at the end of the season. Well done girls!

**Award Winners** – Congratulations to the following children who received an award based on the seven virtues our children decided on in October. The new trophies do need to be brought back in May.

Yr	Honesty	Generosity	Patience	Courage	Respect	Wisdom	Resilience
1	Darcy	Jack	Brendan	Naashon	Sofia	Isobel	Lily
2	Jessica	Tom	Emily	Mimi-Grace	Leon	Elissa	Joseph
3	Sam	Lola	Amelia	Joao	Adam	Neviah	Harry
4	Cara	Niamh	Theo	Tommy	Noah	Sam	Charlotte
5	George	Silvia	Isla	Cherrynne	Isaac	Theodore	Roisin
6	Kayden	Mia	Billy	Harley	Leona	Christa	Sam



**EASTER ACTIVITES ADVANCE NOTICE**

Your child will have already brought home 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 Basia Crosby 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 – Winnie the Witch by Valerie Thomas & Korky Paul  
 Year 1 – The Hodgeheg by Dick King-Smith  
 Year 2 – George’s Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl  
 Year 3 – Horrid Henry series by Francesca Henry  
 Year 4 – Spacebaby by Henrietta Brandford  
 Year 5 – The Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula K Le Guin  
 Year 6 – Peter Pan by J M Barrie

**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 1SC, 2JM & 5HS who achieved 100%.

Year Group	Attendance Wk. Comm 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	
YR	RAG – 96%	RCD – 96%
Y1	1LG – 95%	1LR – 99%
	1SC – <b>100%</b>	
Y2	2JM – <b>100%</b>	2HC – 99%
Y3	3GG – 99%	3AW – 99%
Y4	4GB – 92%	4DK – 97%
Y5	5HS – <b>100%</b>	5JR – 99%
Y6	6FE – 98%	6CK – 95%

**Stars of the Week**

Congratulations to the following Reception children who have been awarded Star of the Week in their class! As the older year groups have had merit awards this week they have not had a Star of the Week.

RAG – Arthur  
 RCD – Izabella

**Happy Birthday to –**

Year R – Leo, Finlay, Jacob, Matthew, Dominik  
 Year 1 – Joseph, Aila, Luna, Maxime, Darcy  
 Year 3 – Maeve, Maria  
 Year 4 – Pati, Charlotte, Finlay, Adam, Andrew  
 Year 5 – Cherrynne, George, Isaac, Eoin  
 Year 6 – Rui, Katie



Forthcoming Events – new dates in bold		
Date	Time	Event
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>
<b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>1LG Class Assembly</b>
<b>Sat 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>4GB First Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>4DK First Holy Communion</b>

Mrs. A. M. Phillips  
Headteacher

### **Prayer**

**M**ay all children  
**I**n the world  
**S**hare love  
**S**hare friendship and live  
**I**n the peace  
**O**f God's love  
**N**ow and forever.  
**A**men

**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.**

