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

**Ethos statement for next week: "I understand what trust means."**

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

Dear Parents,

The month of May is dedicated by the Church to Mary and as Mary is our patron saint it is an opportune time to reflect on why Mary is so important in our Catholic Faith.

Mary was, in the first instance, the Mother of God, completely without sin and 'full of grace'. The Church teaches that Mary was taken up, body and soul, into heaven when she died.

The Rosary is based on events in the life of Mary and Jesus and is a lovely way of coming closer to Jesus through Mary. Mary is not God but she will lead us safely to Him - 'through Mary to Jesus'. The Wedding Feast at Cana is perhaps a good example for us to reflect on, Mary said to the servants to 'do whatever he tells you'. If we try our best to do 'whatever God tells us' we will never go far wrong. Mary said 'yes' to God and placed all her trust in Him. The challenge is for us, each day, to do likewise.

This year rather than a school May procession each class will be saying a decade of the rosary at the grotto throughout this month.

**Good Shepherd** - We have finally counted all the money raised over Lent through our Lenten stalls, pennies and sponsored run! Our grand total was £4013.81 which is a tremendous amount – thank you so much for your generosity. The following charities will each receive £1000.

- Catholic Care
- Sylvia Wright
- St George's Crypt

In these difficult financial times I am very conscious that there are many requests throughout the year to support numerous charities. £1000 of the money raised will be held back to donate to other charities during the year e.g. CAFOD emergency appeals.

**IHOMSA** - Thank you to Mrs Tracey Collins for organising the very successful disco last week. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves!

Last night we had a good attendance at the IHOMSA Committee meeting and it was wonderful to see so many new faces – especially dads! The future for IHOMSA is looking brighter but we still need lots of parents to volunteer to run certain events. Many hands make light work!

**Thank you** - Today we had a special assembly thanking Mr Robinson for 18 years involvement and 11 years coaching our Cross Country team. That's a lot of Saturday mornings given up for our school! A huge thank you from all our children and staff, past and present, as it would not have been possible without your help. We wish you the best of luck and hope to see you at future races supporting Cardinal Heenan High School.

We also thanked Alistair Preston and Emma Rose who have both given up their time over the past few years to support and coach our team. Cardinal Heenan are very lucky to be getting you! Thank you to our volunteers who will take over next season – Mr and Mrs Bolton, Mr Murphy and Mr Gaffey.

**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** – A huge well done to all our Cross Country winners today! A special mention to all those who won awards.

**Most Improved** – Christa & James  
**Outstanding Effort** – Seth & Florence  
**Outstanding Achievement** – Sam & Evie

#### **Commitment to Cross Country Medals**

Sam	Travis
Evie	Noah
Christa	Niamh
Teresa	Florence
Billy	Seth
Matthew	Patrick
James	Ruairi
Conal	Eva
Simeon	Aoife
Cody	Jacob

#### **Participation and Teamwork certificates**

Liam	Bhavan
Annie-Jo	Jude
Alfred	William
Daniel	Benjamin
Mylo	Christopher
Oscar	Elsie

**IHOMSA 100 Club** – Congratulations to Mr Blamires 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 – We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Helen Oxenbury  
Year 1 – Mister Magnolia by Quentin Blake  
Year 2 – The Guard Dog by Dick King-Smith  
Year 3 – Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown  
Year 4 – A Pot of Gold by Jill Bennett  
Year 5 – Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls  
Year 6 – Wizard of Oz by F Baum

**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 1LG & 4GB who achieved 100%.

Year Group	Attendance Wk. Comm 23rd Apr	
YR	RAG – 98%	RCD – 97%
Y1	1LG – <b>100%</b>	1LR – 99%

	1SC – 96%	
Y2	2JM – 98%	2HC – 99%
Y3	3GG – 99%	3AW – 97%
Y4	4GB – <b>100%</b>	4DK – 97%
Y5	5HS – 95%	5JR – 98%
Y6	6FE – 99%	6CK – 98%

### Stars of the Week

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

RAG – Nicolas	3AW – Joshua	
RCD – Oliver	3GG – Maia	
1LR – Harry	4GB – James	
1LG – Jared	4DK – Isabella	
1SC – Ellie	5JR – Mafalda	
2JM – Scarlett	5HS – Ruby	
2HC – Luke	6CK – Iriana	6FE – Niamh



Happy Birthday to –  
 Year 1 – Joseph, Joshua & William  
 Year 2 – Dillon  
 Year 5 – Alfred, Isla, Sophie, Rian & Milo  
 Year 6 – Rory & Erin

### Prayer

The celebration of Easter lasts within the Church for fifty days and ends on the 9<sup>th</sup> June on Pentecost Sunday. Pope Francis' Easter message, given in part below, is a very important one; please do take a moment to read it and reflect upon it as we progress through the Easter Season.

*“Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world. Everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life. The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive! He is in you, he is with you and he never abandons you. However far you may wander, he is always there, the Risen One. He calls you and he waits for you to return to him and start over again. When you feel you are growing old out of sorrow, resentment or fear, doubt or failure, he will always be there to restore your strength and your hope”*  
 (Christus Vivit, 1-2).

Forthcoming Events – new dates in bold		
Date	Time	Event
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Rosary &amp; St Anne’s Catholic Primary School, Leopold Street LS7 4AW</b>
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May	3.25-4.45pm	Y4 First Holy Communion Class
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Cardinal Heenan High School, Tongue Lane LS6 4QE</b>
<b>Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	<b>St Augustine’s Primary School, St Wilfred’s Circus, LS8 3PF</b>
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	All Week	Y4 Herd Farm Residentials
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May	3.25pm	School finishes for May Half Term
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Jun	8.45am	School opens after May Half Term
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Jun	8.30am	Y2 Educational Visit to Bridlington
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Jun		Y6 Northumberland Residential
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Jun	3.25-4.45pm	Y4 First Holy Communion Class
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> & Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Jun	In school	IHOMSA Father’s Day Stalls
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Jun	3.30pm	IHOMSA Stay and Play Session

Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Jun	9.15am	1LG Class Assembly
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	4GB First Holy Communion
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	10am	4DK First Holy Communion
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> – Weds 26 <sup>th</sup> Jun		Y3 Herd Farm Residentials
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> Jun	6.30pm	Music Evening
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	1.15pm	KS1 Sports Day
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Jul	1.15pm	Y3 & Y4 Sports Day
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Jul	1.15pm	Y5 & Y6 Sports Day
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Jul	TBC	IHOMSA Family Fun Night
Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> Jul	9.30am	YR Sports Day
Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> Jul	1.30pm & 6.30pm	Y6 Production
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Jul	3pm	Y6 Leavers Mass & Disco
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Jul	2pm	Y6 and siblings may leave from 2pm
<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>	<b>3.25pm</b>	<b>School finishes for Summer holidays – no After School Club</b>

**Mrs. A. M. Phillips**  
Headteacher

**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.**

