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NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th November 2019

Mass in Church (9.30 a.m.) – Autumn Term 2019

Year Group	Date
Year 4	Monday 11 th November
Year 5	Monday 18 th November
Year 3	Monday 25 th November
Reception	Monday 2 nd December

Mass in the Classroom 2:30 pm

Year 6	Tuesday 26 th November
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SCHOOL 'ANIMATING' THE SUNDAY MASS

Sunday 1st December at 11:00am

Hope

Our current virtue is hope. Please share the following Psalm with your child as you say your nightly prayers.

May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you. Psalm 33:20-21

As Pope Francis tells us, Hope is not a passive act but a proactive one – so fits in very well with our Leader in Me Habit 1 – Be Proactive and Habit 3 Begin with the end in mind.

“Hope is not a spiritual consolation, a distraction from the serious tasks that require our attention, but a dynamic force liberating us from all determinism and every obstacle in order to build a community of men and women finally free from the usual chains of selfishness, inaction and injustice.” (Pope Francis)

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2019

Next week, 11th – 15th November, is anti-bullying week. The theme this year; change starts with us. We have launched the week during this morning's worship, so please do speak to your child about what they have learnt so far.

Through a variety of activities during the week, children will learn to recognise the signs of bullying and be familiar with the definition of bullying as an imbalance of power. They will understand the difference between bullying and conflict in the playground. They will learn how to deal with situations of conflict and know how to stand up to potential bullies. This fits in really well with our ongoing work on the 'Leader in me' by encouraging children to listen to and understand each other's points of view and be proactive in making their voice heard in a calm and respectful manner.

Tuesday 12th November is 'Odd socks day' when we will be celebrating diversity. Children are encouraged to wear odd socks to school in support of this initiative run by the anti-bullying alliance. The week will draw to a close on Friday 15th with Year 1 leading a whole school worship at 9.00 to which parents are warmly invited. We hope to see as many parents as possible. *Mrs Heckman*

CHOIR

There are still plenty of places available if your child would like to join the school choir, please drop the school office an email. Choir runs on a Friday morning, 8.15am to the start of school, and children from Years 2 to 6 can participate.

SYMPHONY MATH

We have attached some information to this newsletter which tells you how you can log into your child's account. Please get in touch if you have any problems.



CONFIRMATION – YEAR 6

The children have now finished their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Mrs Filarowski is very proud of how the children have engaged with the preparation sessions and feels all the children are really well prepared! Today Year 6 have visited Leeds Cathedral and part of this visit has been to receive the Sacrament of Confession which is an important act before being confirmed. Next Wednesday, 13th November, Year 6 will go to Church to rehearse with Fr John for the Confirmation liturgy. This rehearsal will happen during the school day - normal school uniform should be worn and it should be noted that sponsors are not needed to attend this rehearsal - it is for the children only. The Confirmation Service is on November 20th at St. Anne's Cathedral in Leeds. The service starts at 7:00 p.m. but Fr John is asking that the children and their sponsors/families are in the Cathedral by 6:15 p.m. to ensure they are seated by 6:30 p.m. Also a polite reminder from Fr John that he would like the children to be smart and to wear an element of 'white' clothing, e.g. boys - white shirt/tie, girls - white dress/top/cardigan. This white attire represents the white garment given to us during baptism. Please note that jeans, tracksuits and trainers are not allowed. If you have any questions about any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Filarowski. Thank you.

GARDENING

Gardening club has started this week. If your child would like to take part, they will need to bring waterproof clothing, wellies and gloves (if possible, gardening gloves) on the correct day;

Wednesday - Years 5 and 6. Thursday - Years 3 and 4 Friday - Reception, Years 1 and 2

We hope to have lots of children join us. *Mrs Ripley*

BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL DAY

May we remind you that the cloakroom doors close at 8.50am. Anyone arriving after this time must come to the main office and sign their child in.

YEAR 5 AMPLEFORTH – 3RD INSTALLMENT

Please ensure all payments are up to date on ParentPay. If you are having difficulties, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Ss PETER & PAUL CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR – SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER – 10AM – 1PM

Donations have been coming in left right and centre! Please bring your donation bags either to us here in school, or drop them off at church.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Just a reminder again of the Christmas performance dates;

KS2 Carol Service – Tuesday 17th December in Church – 6.00pm

Reception Nativity – Wednesday 18th December – 9.15am

KS1 Christmas Performance – Wednesday 18th December – 2.30pm

We hope to see as many of you as possible at the performances.

FRIENDS OF Ss. PETER & PAUL

Halloween Disco

The FOSPAP would like to thank each and every one of you who attended the Halloween Disco. The children looked fantastic in their outfits and certainly enjoyed the disco! The total amount raised was £453.53

A special thanks go to Mrs Heckman, for volunteering to be staff representative 'on-site' for the disco, Mr McLeer (Islas dad, Yr 4) for being the First Aider at both discos, Mr Holdsworth and all those who helped out on the night, FOSPAP staff and non-FOSPAP staff. Your help is always very much appreciated.

Christmas Shops

These will take place on Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th December – all gifts are £2 and lovingly wrapped.

Dress Down Day

This will take place on Thursday 5th December 2019, in exchange for a donation (alcohol, chocolates etc.) for the Christmas Hampers

The next FOSPAP Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 27th November 2019** at **6.30pm** (please note the change of time), in school.