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NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th March 2020

Mass in Church (9.30am) –Spring Term 2020

Year Group	Date
Year 6	Monday 9 th March
Year 5	Monday 16 th March
<u>SUNDAY 29TH MARCH 2020 – 11AM</u> <u>ANIMATE THE MASS</u> Please see below for more information	

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS CLASS LED WORSHIP

Friday 20 th March – Reception – Mother's Day
Monday 23 rd March – Year 6 – Bible Story
Tuesday 24 th March – Year 1 – Bible Story
Wednesday 25 th March – Year 4 – Bible Story
Thursday 26 th March – Year 3 – Bible Story
Friday 27 th March – Year 2 – Bible Story
Monday 30 th March – Year 5 – Bible Story

Children who showed the virtue of Charity

Rec – Izzy D
Year 1 – Hayden B
Year 2 – Eirin S
Year 3 – Charlotte C
Year 4 – Elsie I
Year 5 – Whole Class
Year 6 – Oisin H

500 Word Writing Challenge

The vast majority completed this homework challenge – which is excellent. If your child did not complete the homework, please think about the 'unspoken' message this could give. The 500 words was set as a challenge for the half-term holiday and parents were informed about it as early as the 31st January for a submission date of the 24th March – which is almost a month. Homework is a 'discipline' that children need to get used to.

The finalist from each year group were as follows.

Year 6 – Oliver B
Year 5 – Amelia S
Year 4 – Betsy B
Year 3 – Daniel P
Year 2 – Eamon L
Year 1 – Mae M
Reception – Hughie A

The librarians have not finalised the overall winners for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 – so these will be announced next week. A very well done to all those who entered – many of them are amazing and much effort went into them.

LENT

Please see attached a letter regarding all the events and activities we have planned during Lent. More information from each individual class will be sent home in due course with extra details of their planned events.

YEAR 2 JUMBLE SALE – 16TH MARCH 2020

On Monday 16th March 2020, Year 2 will be holding a Jumble sale to raise money for our Lenten Campaign. Please send donations of 'Jumble' to school next week. On the day, each item will be 50p. If there are any Year 2 parents able to help on Monday 16th, Please let Mrs Ripley know. Thank You

ATTENDANCE LETTERS

Most people should have received a letter which has been emailed home with your child's attendance percentage from between September 2019 and February half term. If you have any queries regarding this letter, please contact Mrs Morris in the school office.

WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

Thank you for all the effort that was put in for World Book Day! The children looked fabulous dressed as their favourite bible characters, and we appreciate the work that goes into these events for parents!

ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY – ANIMATED MASS – MARCH 29TH

From as early as 1051, England has been commonly known as the Dowry of Mary: that England has belonged in some special way to Mary, who was seen as the country's 'protectress' and who through her powers of intercession acted as the country's defender or guardian. The first Dedication was over 600 years ago - in 1381 by Richard II. On March 29th, England will be re-dedicated as the Dowry of Mary. This will take place in Westminster, Walsingham, every Cathedral, every parish and in as many homes as possible. We will be animating the **11am Mass on March 29th** at Ss Peter & Paul Church as we celebrate together this special occasion.

You may remember that the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham is currently on a two-year tour of England's Catholic cathedrals, by way of helping prepare people spiritually for England's rededication. Our Year 6 children were lucky enough to visit the statue and take a lead in the Mass at Leeds Cathedral back in the Autumn term. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us for Mass on March 29th.

PARENTS EVENING

Parent's Evening is on Tuesday 10th March and Thursday 12th March. The appointment system is now closed. If you have any queries please contact the school office.

PUPIL DISCUSSION REPORT

Children from year 2 upwards will bring home a pupil discussion. These are almost like a half-yearly update on how your child is progressing in Reading, writing, maths and RE. Your child has sat with their teacher and discussed how they are doing and what they need to 'improve' on next. The idea is that you have these before parent consultation, read through it with your child, and then discuss anything that needs clarifying at your appointment with the class teacher. These will be coming home with children tonight. Please ensure you read these with your child.

SAFERSCHOOLS APP

Please make sure you have signed up for our Saferschools app to get the latest information, advice and alerts about what is and is not safe for your child to access on line. Please do regularly check that your child is not using social media platforms that could put them into potentially harmful situations. A reminder that the code for parents is 7440 and the code for children is 9342.

CHILDREN BRINGING MOBILE PHONES TO SCHOOL

May we remind you that mobile phones should not be brought to school unless absolutely necessary, for example if a child walks home from school without an adult. We have had an increase in the amount of phones being brought into school, and not being handed into a teacher. Please ensure that if your child needs to bring their phone, it is handed to a teacher at the beginning of the day. It will then either be stored safely in the classroom, or brought to the school office to be locked away.

CROSS COUNTRY EVENT – 7TH MARCH 2020

Please note as per the app message on Tuesday, this event is **POSTPONED** due to unsuitable ground conditions. We will let you know once it is rearranged.

MISSION TOGETHER CHARITY BOXES

Thank you for your generosity when filling the Mission Together money boxes. We raised a total of £129.60. Fantastic!

PARENTPAY – CONSENT FROM PARENTS

ParentPay has an option to give consent, we would like to increase the use of this facility. This would minimise the need to email the office, or return letters to school. We would suggest that if there is any part of the consent on ParentPay that you **do not** agree with (for example, consent for photographs), please still email or contact the office and specify what you do/do not consent to.

RE CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

The RE Curriculum newsletter for Spring 2 is available to view on the school website under the 'RE Newsletter' tab, as well as each individual class webpage.

SCHOOL DINNER/PAKED LUNCHES

ANY CHANGES to lunchtime arrangements should be given **2 weeks** in advance. This should then reduce the amount of wasted food being thrown away, and also ensure that payments for lunches aren't added to your ParentPay account in error.

YEAR 4 - HOLY COMMUNION TIES

If you would like to order a red, dated, Holy Communion tie, we are able to do so through a company that we use each year. The cost of the ties are £4.70 each. We will add these to ParentPay, please place your order by making payment by Friday 13th March. Orders will be placed that day, so please ensure you do not miss this deadline.



MINI VINNIES

Our Mini Vinnies will be organising a number of events after half term to raise money for CAFOD. We will give you more information in due course.

STEM WEEK

This year, STEM week will be the week beginning the 9th March. The theme this year is 'Diversity'. We would like to work on diversity in people (focussing on disability and how engineers work to adapt things to support people) and diversity in the plant and animal kingdoms. If you could support us in any way, or know of someone who could, please get in touch with Mrs Ripley or Mrs Heckman. Thank you.

FRIENDS OF Ss. PETER & PAUL

Mothers Day Shops

Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th March 2019 – please note: all gifts will be £2.50

A date for the next FOSPAP meeting is to be confirmed – watch this space!

Interested in helping the FOSPAP to fundraise for your school? Then why don't you come along to the next meeting (tba) to share your ideas and meet new people?



Did you know you could train to teach at Ss Peter and Paul? We currently have two partnerships our long-standing partnership with the St Mary's Teaching school, which links to Trinity in Horsforth. Contact Aisling at enquiries@stmarysteachingschool.org We also have our local Aireborough Partnership, which links to Becket University in Headingley – see above

If you are interested in applying for the course or would like more information, follow this link:

<https://find-postgraduate-teacher-raining.education.gov.uk/course/2JF/39SP>

or email: aireboroughpartnership@rawdonstpeters.co.uk