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'With Mary we put Jesus at the heart of our work, love and learning'

**Ethos statement for next week: "I can say one good thing about myself."**

21<sup>st</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents,

We must begin this week by thanking the huge numbers of parents who joined us last night (in the miserable weather) for our Maths evening. We were overwhelmed by the numbers who attended and hope that you all found it beneficial in understanding our approach to teaching Maths in school and ways in which you can support this at home. We greatly appreciate your patience in dealing with the logistics of last night and as always, our children were a credit to you in their behaviour, both in the workshops and while waiting for their turn. On your behalf, I thank all of the staff for their time in preparing and delivering the sessions. In particular, our thanks go to Mrs Fairburn and Mrs Green for leading the evening. I'm sure you will agree that their enthusiasm and love of the subject they lead and how they teach it is truly inspiring and infectious. As a school we are on a journey in our Mastery in Maths teaching and we will continue to involve and inform you as we move through this process. For those of you who were unable to join us last night, the powerpoint will be available on our website from next week.



On Friday 14th September our Mini Vinnies took part in a re-commissioning ceremony at St Anne's Cathedral in Leeds. During the ceremony, led by Bishop Marcus, the Mini Vinnies renewed the promise they made to follow in the work of St Vincent de Paul, Blessed Frederick Ozanam and the St Vincent de Paul Society in serving and helping those who are in need of our help. The children pledged to reach out to others in their school and community by being a friend to those who are alone, in need or in trouble. As always we were immensely proud of our young children who gladly take on this responsibility and service.

**Coats** – There are still children coming to school without coats. The weather is proving extremely changeable at the moment so please ensure your child comes to school each day wearing a coat. Please label any item of clothing/footwear etc that you send in to school.

**Nut Allergies** - Several children in school have severe nut allergies. Please help us to ensure their safety by not including any nut products in packed lunches, this includes not just nuts but peanut butter or nutella. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in assisting us to provide a safe environment for all children. Also if parents are including grapes or strawberries in their child's packed lunch these need to be cut in half. Grapes must be cut vertically to prevent your child from choking with this fruit.

**If your child has an allergy that the school should be aware of please contact the school asap.**



**Football** - As seen on our Twitter feed we have been awarded the free Nike kit, consisting of 15 football shirts, shorts and socks, after Mr Wilkinson's successful online application through the Premier League Primary Stars website.

Premier League Primary Stars is available to primary schools across England and Wales and uses the appeal of the Premier League and professional football clubs to inspire girls and boys aged 5-11 to learn and be active.

PLPrimaryStars.com offers primary school teachers free curriculum-linked resources in English, Maths, PE and PSHE, and opportunities for schools to enter competitions and access free offers like the Premier League Primary Stars Kit and Equipment scheme.

Richard Scudamore, Executive Chairman of the Premier League said: "The Premier League Primary Stars kit and equipment packs provide a fantastic boost to schools at the start of the new school year. We hope that coupled with the free downloadable online resources, we can inspire children to do their best in the classroom and on the sports field."

Mr Wilkinson said that our children will look the smartest on the field.

**IHOMSA AGM** - On Wednesday 3rd October at 6.15pm it is the AGM of our fantastic parent association group IHOMSA. It is an opportunity to meet parents from other classes and to think of ideas of how we can as a school raise funds but most importantly provide social activities for our families. The existing committee would like new volunteers to shadow some of the roles so that in the next academic year they could just enjoy attending events.

If you take a role on the committee, it is a very much team event and as past members have said it is great fun! So why not come to the AGM and make some new friends. If you did not receive a copy of the letter this week please find it on the IHOMSA section on the school website.

**Years R-5 Flu Immunisations** – Please remember to complete the online consent form for your child to receive their flu immunisation. Letters were sent home at the start of term and the form must be filled in by the end of September. We cannot give consent on your behalf. The link below can be used to access the forms, when asked for a secure school code please enter 33776.

<https://onlineformsflul.hdft.nhs.uk/flu vaccinationsleeds>

Please visit <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/services/childhood-flu-programme/> for more information about flu vaccines.

**Parish Masses** – Our two parish masses have been confirmed as Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October & Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The Masses take place at IHOM Church at 9.30am and our Year 4 Choir will lead the singing. They are a wonderful opportunity for the whole school community to come together and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

**Car Parking** – Many thanks to the vast majority of parents who consistently take care in our car park and only park in marked bays and therefore help us to keep both children and adults safe. However, we are still experiencing incidences of inconsiderate parking; cars blocking other cars in and parking outside marked bays thus making driving around the car park difficult. The 'yellow box' at the end of the drive upto the carpark **is not** a parking space. It is essential for those needing to use the disabled space at the top and in case of an emergency that the driveway is kept clear. As we have said before, it would be dreadful if only an accident forced some parents to park more considerately. We are all responsible for the safety of our school community.

**School Council** – congratulations to the following children who have been chosen by their class mates to represent them on the School Council.

Year 2JM – Olivia & Malachy      Year 2HC – Harry & Niamh

Year 3GG – Erin & Pierce  
 Year 4DK – Luke & Ava  
 Year 5HS – George & Cara  
 Year 6CK – Rory & Lois

Year 3AW – Sebastian & Aoife  
 Year 4GB – Mia & Jack  
 Year 5JR – Oliver & Erin  
 Year 6CK – Christa & Harley



**CAFOD Fast Day** - This year we will continue to support the work of Cafod across the world and will begin this by joining their Fast Day on Friday 5th October. The theme for this is 'Brighten Up' so the children can come to school wearing bright and colourful hair accessories and head wear. The idea of the fast day is that we go without a food item at some point in the day and donate what this would have cost to Cafod. We therefore ask each child to bring a donation in recognition of them 'going without' something that day.

**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 and to RCD, 1LR, 2HC & 5JR who achieved 100%.

Year Group	Attendance Wk Comm 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	
YR	RAG – 96%	RCD – <b>100%</b>
Y1	1LG – 99%	1LR – <b>100%</b>
	1SC – 98%	
Y2	2JM – 95%	2HC – <b>100%</b>
Y3	3GG – 98%	3AW – 99%
Y4	4GB – 97%	4DK – 99%
Y5	5HS – 99%	5JR – <b>100%</b>
Y6	6FE – 97%	6CK – 97%

**Stars of the Week**

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

1LR – Gracie	4GB - Rebecca
1LG – Lily	4DK - Florence
1SC – Holly	5JR - Matthew
2JM – Liam	5HS - Tilly
2HC – Emily	6CK- Rui
3AW – Eva	6FE - Erin
3GG – Mary	

**Happy Birthday to –**

Year R – Oliver  
 Year 3 - Jacques  
 Year 4 – James  
 Year 6 – George



Forthcoming Events – new dates in bold		
Date	Time	Event
Weds 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	All day	Year 6 Educational Visit to York Chocolate Story
Weds 26 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	All day	Y5 Weardale Residential
Weds 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	6.15pm	IHOMSA AGM
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	All day	CAFOD Fast Day

Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.15am	Year 5 Weardale Assembly
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7pm	IHOMSA New Reception Parents Cheese & Wine evening
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.15am	3AW Assembly
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	6pm	YR/Y1/Y2 Phonics Training Evening
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	All day	Individual photos
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct		IHOMSA Goosebumps Disco
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	9.30am	Harvest Mass at IHOM Church
Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3.45-7pm	Parents Evening
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3.45-7pm	Parents Evening
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.15am	6CK assembly
Weds 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30-11.30am	Open morning for children starting school Sept 2019
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.15am	6FE Assembly
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6.30pm	IHOMSA Christmas Market
Weds 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1.30pm	Y6 Confessions
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.15am	3GG Assembly
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	9.30am	School/Parish Mass at IHOM Church
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	All day	YR-Y5 Flu immunisations
<b>Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Y6 Confirmation</b>
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	RCD Nativity
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	RAG Nativity
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1pm	YR Christmas Party
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	TBC	IHOMSA Christmas Family Fun Night
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1pm	Y3 Christmas Party
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.45pm	Y2 Nativity
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Y2 Nativity
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1pm	Y2 Christmas Party
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1pm	Y4 Christmas Party
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1pm	Y6 Christmas Party
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6pm	Yrs 4,5 & 6 Carol Service
Weds 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1pm	Y5 Christmas Party
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15am	Y1 Carols around the Crib
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1pm	Y1 Christmas Party
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	1.15pm	School finishes for Christmas – no After School Club
<b>Sat 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>4GB First Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>4DK First Holy Communion</b>

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December – School will finish at 1.15pm. There will be no After School Club on this day.**

Mrs A. M. Phillips  
Headteacher

### Prayer

Almighty Creator,  
Teach me to appreciate the wondrous things You have made. Grant me the grace to see You in each of them and give you the praise and glory owed to you.  
Amen

**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.**

