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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 how I feel."

28th September 2018

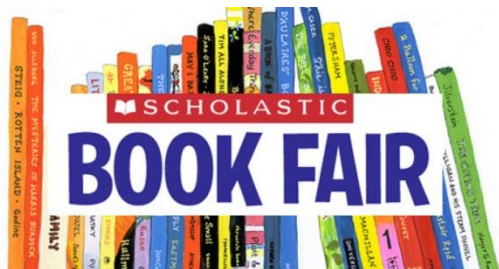
Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that on Monday we will be in October and that it is only four weeks to half term. How the time flies. Although we have been fortunate to have some sunny days recently all children should now be wearing their Winter uniform and coming to school with a coat. Please can parents check that their child's name is written in all their clothes as we are already getting a large number of unnamed jumpers and cardigans in our Lost Property Box which nobody ever seems to want to claim.



In Monday's assembly we focused on Sunday's Gospel from Saint Mark in which the disciples were arguing about who, amongst them, was the greatest. In the reading Jesus gave the disciples a clear answer, to be 'great' you have to serve others. This is different from how the world sees greatness.

Today in our assembly we said goodbye to Mrs Dooley who has worked at this school in numerous roles for over 16 years. Mrs Dooley throughout her life has served others with joy. In our assembly we looked at the three Es and the three Fs that are central to Mrs Dooley's life. She is a person with great enthusiasm, energy and empathy, whose faith, family and friends are at the forefront of all that she does. We wish her a very long and happy retirement.



Scholastic Book Fair – The Book Fair will be in school from Monday 1st October – Friday 5th October. Each morning it will be open from 8.15-8.40am and each afternoon from 3.30-4pm (except Friday). It's a great way to raise funds for school so we hope to see many of you there! Please enter school through the main door at the front of school.

Weardale - Our Year 5 children have had a great time in Weardale. Thank you to our staff who have looked after them so well – Mrs Roberts, Miss Hargreaves, Mr Wilkinson, Miss Stone and Mrs Cawthray.

Please look at all the wonderful photos on Twitter.

Chocolate Factory York - Year 6 had a fantastic time this week at York Chocolate Story. They learnt about the history of chocolate and how to make it. The children were exceptionally well behaved and a pleasure to be with. As some of you may be aware we were not happy with the service provided by the coach company and have complained. The coach company have refunded the cost of transport so it means that the next Year 6 visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park will be cheaper.

Girls football – It was another good performance from the football team although it ended in defeat against Shadwell Primary. We created some good goal scoring opportunities against the previous year's finalists.

Parent's Evening – Y1-Y6 Parent's Evenings will take place on Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th October. Letters will be going out next week for appointments. Reception Parent's Evening will take place in November.

Franciscan Sisters - This year we are again collecting food throughout October for the Franciscan Sisters. Donations of tinned goods, dried pasta, rice and toiletries will be most welcome and can be brought in to school from next Monday. The Sisters have always been incredibly grateful for our support and we hope that you will once again give generously.

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 very much a team effort 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 21st October & Sunday 2nd 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.

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 1LR, 1SC & 2HC who achieved 100%.

| Year Group | Attendance Wk Comm 17 th Sept | |
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| YR | RAG – 99% | RCD – 98% |

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| Y1 | 1LG – 100% 1SC – 100% | 1LR – 99% |
| Y2 | 2JM – 98% | 2HC – 100% |
| Y3 | 3GG – 97% | 3AW – 97% |
| Y4 | 4GB – 98% | 4DK – 97% |
| Y5 | 5HS – 97% | 5JR – 97% |
| Y6 | 6FE – 98% | 6CK – 95% |

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded Star of

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| 1LR – Lara | 4GB – Sam |
| 1LG – Brendan | 4DK - Matthew |
| 1SC – Jack | 5JR – Weardale All Stars! |
| 2JM – Emily | 5HS – Weardale All Stars! |
| 2HC – Alex | 6CK- Imogen |
| 3AW – Beth | 6FE - Gabriel |
| 3GG – Finlay | |

Happy Birthday to –

Year 3 – Sebastian, Pierce & Danny

Year 4 – James

Year 6 – Lorna



| Forthcoming Events – new dates in bold | | |
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| Date | Time | Event |
| Mon 1st-Fri 5th Oct | 8.15-8.40am 3.30-4pm | Scholastic Book Fair – Enter school through Main Door at front of school |
| Weds 3 rd Oct | 6.15pm | IHOMSA AGM |
| Fri 5 th Oct | All day | CAFOD Fast Day |
| Fri 5 th Oct | 9.15am | Year 5 Weardale Assembly |
| Tues 9 th Oct | 7pm | IHOMSA New Reception Parents Cheese & Wine evening |
| Fri 12 th Oct | 9.15am | 3AW Assembly |
| Weds 17 th Oct | 6pm | YR/Y1/Y2 Phonics Training Evening |
| Fri 19 th Oct | All day | Individual photos |
| Fri 19 th Oct | | IHOMSA Goosebumps Disco |
| Sun 21 st Oct | 9.30am | Harvest Mass at IHOM Church |
| Weds 24 th Oct | 3.45-7pm | Parents Evening |
| Thurs 25 th Oct | 3.45-7pm | Parents Evening |
| Fri 26 th Oct | 9.15am | 6CK assembly |
| Weds 7 th Nov | 9.30-11.30am | Open morning for children starting school Sept 2019 |
| Fri 9 th Nov | 9.15am | 6FE Assembly |
| Thurs 15 th Nov | 6.30pm | IHOMSA Christmas Market |
| Weds 28 th Nov | 1.30pm | Y6 Confessions |
| Fri 30 th Nov | 9.15am | 3GG Assembly |
| Sun 2 nd Dec | 9.30am | School/Parish Mass at IHOM Church |
| Tues 4 th Dec | All day | YR-Y5 Flu immunisations |
| Tues 4th Dec | 7pm | Y6 Confirmation |
| Wed 5 th Dec | 9.30am | RCD Nativity |
| Thurs 6 th Dec | 9.30am | RAG Nativity |
| Fri 7 th Dec | 1pm | YR Christmas Party |
| Fri 7 th Dec | TBC | IHOMSA Christmas Family Fun Night |
| Weds 12 th Dec | 1pm | Y3 Christmas Party |

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| Thurs 13 th Dec | 1.45pm | Y2 Nativity |
| Fri 14 th Dec | 9.30am | Y2 Nativity |
| Fri 14 th Dec | 1pm | Y2 Christmas Party |
| Mon 17 th Dec | 1pm | Y4 Christmas Party |
| Tues 18 th Dec | 1pm | Y6 Christmas Party |
| Tues 18 th Dec | 6pm | Yrs 4,5 & 6 Carol Service |
| Weds 19 th Dec | 1pm | Y5 Christmas Party |
| Thurs 20 th Dec | 9.15am | Y1 Carols around the Crib |
| Thurs 20 th Dec | 1pm | Y1 Christmas Party |
| Fri 21 st Dec | 1.15pm | School finishes for Christmas – no After School Club |
| Sat 15 th June | TBC | 4GB First Holy Communion |
| Sat 22 nd June | TBC | 4DK First Holy Communion |

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

Mrs A. M. Phillips
Headteacher

Prayer

Give us a heart as beautiful, pure, and spotless as yours.
A heart like yours, so full of love and humility.
May we be able to receive Jesus as the Bread of Life,
to love Him as you loved Him,
to serve Him under the mistreated face of the poor.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

