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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 laugh and have fun."

5th October 2018

Dear Parents,

October is the 'Month of the Holy Rosary'. The rosary is a very special Catholic Prayer which helps us to reflect on the main events in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Its very repetitive structure can help to bring inner peace, as when we say the rosary, we are giving ourselves space to step away from our busy lives and place ourselves in to God's loving hands. In school the children will have the opportunity to say the Rosary each playtime in our new prayer space which is between the two Year 1 classes. Our statue of the Immaculate Heart is in the centre of this room to remind us all that at the heart of our school is Mary and prayer. Please look on our Twitter account for pictures of this space.

On Thursday 18th October every class in school will start the day with the rosary as we are taking part in the Church in Need rosary initiative.

This prayer initiative first began in Venezuela in 2005 with a small group of parents and their children. In their minds were the words of Saint Padre Pio, who famously said "If a million children pray the Rosary together, then the world will change." It is hoped that there will be many millions of children throughout the world who will be joining together to pray for peace in our world.

Year 5 Weardale - It was fantastic to see so many parents at our Year 5 assembly. The children were superb. They are a very talented year group and a real credit to the school and their parents. The photos from Weardale showed the great joy the children experienced in not just doing exciting activities but in spending time with one another. There is no doubt that teaching is a demanding vocation but as teachers we are so privileged to be part of so many lives and create memories that last a lifetime.

Thank you to our parents for supporting the school in providing residential visits. A very big thank you to Miss Hargreaves, Mrs Roberts, Miss Stone, Mr. Wilkinson and Mrs Cawthray, for their great enthusiasm and commitment to the children and school.

Phonics Evening - For many years, our children's reading has been a strength of our school. Children leave our school as confident and competent readers who can discuss characters and author intent as well as using their skills of inference to deepen their understanding of texts. Children's phonic knowledge provides a strong foundation for this later reading and comprehension and we are very fortunate in our school to have parents who engage with and support us in the way that phonics is taught in Reception and Key Stage One. For any parents who are new to school (and for any who would welcome a refresher), we will be holding our phonics and reading evening on **Wednesday 17th October at 6pm** in the school hall. Parents do find this to be an extremely useful session in outlining how we teach phonics

in school and how this enables your child to become a reader. We hope to see many of you there.

Haircuts – May I remind parents that children must not come to school with haircuts that include any kind of etchings, tram lines etc. After half term this will not be accepted.

Health and Safety

Pebbles - Can I please remind all parents not to allow their children to run through the pebbles at the side of school, or to kick the pebbles onto the path. It may seem great fun but it causes a hazard to other parents. Yesterday one of our mums had a very nasty fall because a pebble got stuck under her shoe. Fortunately she has not broken any bones but she will be very badly bruised. The children will be reminded in school not to go on the pebbles; please reinforce this when they are in your care.

School gates - At present the gate to KS1 and Reception classes is opened at 3.10pm as Reception children finish at 3.15pm this half term. After half term please note that the gates to school will not be opened till after 3.15 pm.

Trim Trails - Can I remind parents that it is only the Reception trim trail that KS1 children and younger are allowed to play on at the end of the day. Children can only go on it if they are being supervised by their parents.

The trim trail in the Main playground cannot be used by children at the end of the day it is for the sole use of After School club.

Cardinal Heenan - This Saturday from 11am to 1.30pm is the Cardinal Heenan open day. I would highly recommend that it is not just our Year 6 parents who make the time for a visit but Year 4 and Year 5 parents as well.

High School Applications – A reminder that the deadline for High School applications is Wednesday 31st October 2018 and it is **essential** that you complete a SIF (Supplementary Information Form) for Cardinal Heenan, Mount St Mary's, Corpus Christi & St John Fisher's Catholic High Schools.

Please return your completed application forms for Cardinal Heenan & Mount St Mary's Catholic High Schools to the Immaculate Heart School Office by **Monday 22nd October**. The forms will be hand delivered to the high schools. Alternatively if you wish to deliver your child's application personally to the high school then the closing date is **Wednesday 31st October** – please remember that this is during half term. Applications for St John Fisher's and any other high school should be collected from and returned directly to the high school in question.

School 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 celebrate our Faith. We look forward to seeing you at the Masses.

IHOMSA

On Wednesday we had a successful AGM and the following officers were elected to the committee. The Chair is Clare Taylor; Treasurers are Ann Lightfoot & Shereen Isherwood; the Secretary is still to be appointed. If you are interested in applying please complete the form which is on the IHOMSA section of the school website.

Jo Alldred and Zoe Lock are the retiring chairs. Before the summer we thanked Jo and although Zoe is retiring from her role she will still be very involved with IHOMSA. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Zoe for

her cheery, can-do personality and the tremendous commitment she has given to raising funds for the school. We are extremely grateful for all her efforts.

On Thursday 15th November we will have our Christmas Market in the Queens Hall. Tables are available to hire at £15 please email ihomsa13@gmail.com or speak to Clare Taylor .

Girl's Football – The team had a fantastic end to end match on Thursday night against Shadwell. It was especially pleasing to see many new faces making their debuts for IHOM. With all the chances created for both sides it was incredible the game ended 0 – 0. Player of the match went to Evie, well done girls!

Individual Photos – taking place Friday 19th October. Please remember full uniform and your brightest smiles!

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 RAG, 3AW, 4GB & 5HS who achieved 100%.

Year Group	Attendance Wk Comm 24 th Sept	
YR	RAG – 100%	RCD – 99%
Y1	1LG – 99%	1LR – 97%
	1SC – 99%	
Y2	2JM – 93%	2HC – 99%
Y3	3GG – 99%	3AW – 100%
Y4	4GB – 100%	4DK – 96%
Y5	5HS – 100%	5JR – 99%
Y6	6FE – 98%	6CK – 96%

Stars of the Week

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



RAG – Isabella
RCD – Holly
1LR – Malachy
1LG – Anna
1SC – Isabella
2JM – Sadie
2HC – Timmy

3AW – Joao
3GG – Jude
4GB – Lydia
4DK – Pati
5JR – Liam
5HS – Roisin
6CK – Liam

6FE - Kayden

Happy Birthday to –

Year R – Andrea, Kaiden & Isabella
Year 1 – Shonagh & Arthur
Year 2 – Leon & Jack
Year 4 – Cameron, Rebecca & Isabella
Year 5 – Jacob
Year 6 – Rocco & Callum



Forthcoming Events – new dates in bold		
Date	Time	Event
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
Mon 22nd Oct		Y1 Lion Learners
Tues 23rd Oct	8.25-8.50am	YR Tapestry Information Session
Weds 24th Oct	8.25-8.50am	YR Tapestry Information Session
Weds 24 th Oct	3.45-7pm	Parents Evening
Thurs 25th Oct	8.25-8.50am	YR Tapestry Information Session
Thurs 25 th Oct	3.45-7pm	Parents Evening
Fri 26th Oct	8.15am	IHOMSA Coffee Morning
Fri 26 th Oct	9.15am	6CK assembly
Weds 7 th Nov	9.30-11.30am	Open morning for children starting school Sept 2019
Thurs 8th Nov	All Day	YR Educational Visit to Stockeld Park
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
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 15th June	TBC	4GB First Holy Communion
Sat 22nd 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

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.

