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NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th October 2018

Mass in Church (9.30 a.m.) – Autumn Term 2018

Class	Date
Year 5	Monday 8 th October
Reception	Wednesday 10 th October

Mass in the Classroom

Class	Date
Year 5	Tuesday 27 th November – 2:30pm

Children taking a lead in Mass on a Sunday with the Parish

Date
Sunday 14 th October at 11:00am (Harvest Mass)
Sunday 2 nd December at 11:00am

PARENT ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR

Please see the Parent Engagement Calendar that I have produced. My intention is to produce one for each half-term. It details all the ways you can get involved in your child's life at school. This may be volunteering to go on a school visit or coming to a class Mass or a performance. The first event for all year groups is the Stay and Pray. A million children around the world will be praying the Rosary on **18 October 2018 at 9 a.m.** for unity and peace in the world. Many schools in the BWCAT will be taking part in this event. I thought it would be nice for parents to enter in through the classroom doors at 9 O'clock to say the Rosary with the children in their classrooms. Do not worry if you have more than one child you could always start off in one class and 'sneak' out to the older child's classroom. Reception, Year 1, & 2 will only be saying one decade. Years 3 & 4 will say 3 decades and years 5&6 will say 5 decades. Please let me know if you have any feedback on the calendar – how easy it is to use etc. I have deliberately kept information brief so each half-term will fit the whole school and each year group on one side of A4 as follow up information will be in the weekly newsletter. *Mrs Todd*

PARENT'S EVENINGS

The parent's evenings will take place on Tuesday 23rd October from 5:30pm to 8pm and on Thursday 25th October from 3:40pm to 6:20pm. Appointments for these sessions should be booked through our online booking system (please visit the website below and enter the requested details). This system to book appointments will be live from 7:30am on Wednesday 3rd October until 7:30pm Wednesday 17th October. The parent name and email address will be the one school holds on record for the parent who is priority 1 contact on our system. If you have any problems accessing or booking appointments, please contact the school office. <https://sspp.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

READING VOLUNTEERS (PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS)

We would like to recruit more reading volunteers to help listen to children read in school. If you are able to commit to an hour or so, each week on the same day and time, we are holding an information session in school on **Tuesday 16th October at 2:45 p.m.** One of our experienced volunteers will be providing some training, although he does stress the most important attribute is a friendly 'listening' ear. If this is something that you or perhaps a grandparent is interested in, please come along. Any current volunteers are also most welcome to attend. There may even be a cup of tea and a biscuit on offer! Any volunteer role will be subject to the necessary safeguarding checks being carried out.

HOLY ROSARY

The month of October is traditionally recognised as the Month of the Rosary. Your eldest child will bring home a pack containing Rosary beads, a picture of Mary, a candle, a small cloth, an activity booklet for the children to complete and keep at home, and a card explaining about the Mysteries of the Rosary. This pack should be returned to school the next day. I hope that you will be able to share this pack with your child/ren. Thank you for your support, as always.

KINGSWOOD

There will be an assembly at 2:30pm on Friday 12th October where the Year 6 children will share their experiences of Kingswood, parents/ carers are warmly invited.

YEAR 4 SWIMMING

As Aireborough Leisure Centre will now not be opening until April 2019 at the earliest, we will start Year 4 swimming at Kirkstall Leisure Centre on Friday 9th November 2018. A bus will collect children from school at 11:00 a.m. on Fridays and return to school for approx. 12:30 p.m. Children will need to bring their swimwear and a towel each Friday. Please see the letter sent home earlier this week for more details.

WWI THEMED FORTNIGHT – 5th NOVEMBER to 16TH NOVEMBER

During these two weeks in school, the children will be experiencing and taking part in a range of activities. As part of this fortnight, children will take part in workshops provided by external companies. On the 5th November there will be a 'Poetry and Poppies' workshop provided by West End in Schools with each class participating in their own workshop throughout the day with a final workshop for parents at 2:45pm on Friday 9th November. The cost of these workshops to school is £539. On the 8th and 9th November, One Day Creative will be in school to work with the children in drama workshops and the cost to school for these sessions is £695. If you would you like to contribute towards these please make a payment of £2 per child on ParentPay. Thank you

YEAR 6 VISIT TO YORK BIRD OF PREY CENTRE

On Monday Year 6 will visit the York Bird of Prey Centre, the coach will depart at approx. 9:00 a.m. and will return for the end of the school day. A packed lunch is required and your child should wear school uniform.

YEAR 5 - AMPLEFORTH RESIDENTIAL

The 3rd instalment of £20 is due to be paid by the end of October and you are now able to make this payment on ParentPay. There are still a number of 2nd instalments that are overdue, please make payment for the 2nd instalment, if still outstanding, by the 12th October.

CENSUS INFORMATION FORM

We still require a number of these forms returning, if you have a form that you have not returned please send into school as soon as possible. You will have filled in a similar form previously; this form replaces the previous form due to changes in the data regulations. Thank you

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Please return school photo order forms to the school office by Monday 8th October.

BOOK BAGS

We have now received the new delivery of Keystage 2 book bags. If you have purchased one of these bags on ParentPay please collect from the school office.

WIZARD OF OZ DVD

If you paid for a copy of the Wizard of Oz production on DVD, these will be available from the school office from Monday 8th October.

ARTS MARK SILVER AWARD

Last year we were working hard towards the Arts Mark. I would like to thank Mrs Munro for leading the staff so well in this area. At a time when we read about the narrowing of the curriculum I am delighted to tell you we have had some excellent information this term!

Through committed leadership you have enhanced your arts provision. You have made particular progress in developing pupil voice through your arts council, which has contributed significantly to decision-making about pupils' arts experiences. Going forward, you should continue to foster partnerships with local schools, and establish as wide as possible a range of collaborations with arts organisations to support CPD across the arts and to enhance the children's artistic lives. Arts Awards should be a valuable tool in developing pupil ownership of the Arts, and you should continue to develop ways of evidencing the impact of the arts on outcomes for your children. It is clear that you believe strongly in the benefits that the Arts have brought and will bring to your pedagogy.

Congratulations on your Artsmark Silver Award!

Onwards and upwards now - let's go for Gold! – a BIG thanks to everyone from Mrs Todd.

WEEKLY AWARDS

'John Paul II Foundation for Sport' Virtue of Honesty

Reception – Eliza S.
Year 1 – Halle W-M.
Year 2 – Ava S.
Year 3 – Elsie I.
Year 4 – Harry H.
Year 5 – Xavier A.
Year 6 – Will S.

'Spellodrome – Highest Achiever'

Year 1 - Daniel W.
Year 2 - Phoebe R.
Year 3 - Daisy H.
Year 4 - Christopher K.

'Mathletics – Best in Class'

Reception - Alice Mc.
Year 1 - Millie W.
Year 2 - Imogen P.
Year 3 - Daisy H.
Year 4 - Christopher K.
Year 5 - Thomas E.
Year 6 – Luca T.

FRIENDS OF Ss. PETER & PAUL

Halloween Disco - taking place on Friday 19th October 2018. This is being split into Reception/KS1 (5.30pm-6.30pm) and KS2 (6.45pm–7.45pm). Please ensure that your child attends the correct time! Entrance £2 per child – to pay on the door. Food and drinks will be available to purchase.

NB. Children MUST be fully supervised by the Parent(s) / Grandparent(s) to whom they bring for the full hour!

Christmas Cards – All Christmas cards/gifts must be purchased online (instructions are on the form). The form **MUST** be returned to school by 19th October 2018.