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'Together with Jesus, we love to learn and learn to love'

Ethos statement for next week: "I know what to do if I see anyone being hurt."

12th October 2018

Dear Parents,

We had hoped that in September we would have returned to school and the children would have had a new astro turf surface to play on. The company that we had been working with unfortunately let the school down with an increase in price and inability to do the project in the summer holidays. We are meeting again with other contractors including <https://www.cleveland-land-services.co.uk> and <https://stmworld.co.uk> to get new quotes and to book this work in for April so that hopefully all the children will be able to use it in May.

Our initial cost was £80,000 which we had raised last year through various sources including a very generous donation of £25,000 from IHOMSA . We would also like to thank Leeds Council for their kind donation of a £1,000 towards the cost of our new astro turf. When we have met with our new contractors we will be able to give an update on cost. We may then hold further fundraising events throughout the year.

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

3AW Harvest Assembly - 3AW shared with us this morning what harvest is and why it is important to remember those who do not have enough food at this time of year. They taught us that we need to share what we have, even if it only seems a small amount and that those who need it seem very far away. We were all entertained by the vegetable rap and hope that the children put the words of this into action this weekend! Many thanks to all those who came to support our children and who have already supported our harvest appeal by sending in food. We would be very grateful for further donations of non-perishable items; the Franciscan sisters will be visiting school to collect food just before half term so there is still plenty of time to donate!

CAFOD – Many thanks to all our families who contributed to our CAFOD fundraising. It was great to see so many children in their bright headgear and we raised a grand total of £484.35. This is a super example of what Y3 taught us this morning in that doing something small can make a big difference.

Scholastic Book Fair – Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our book fair. The fabulous total of £1,183.74 was raised and all this money comes straight to our school.

Hairstyles – There are an increasing number of children coming to school with shaved heads. This may be fashionable but as a school we do class this as an extreme hairstyle and it is not appropriate for school. If after half term any child comes to school with an extremely shaved head, partly or completely, they will be wearing a woolly hat chosen by myself until their hair has grown. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Childcare Vouchers – please note that childcare vouchers can only be used to pay for the IHOM Breakfast and After School Club (not any other after school activity). They cannot be used to pay for school trips.

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.

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.

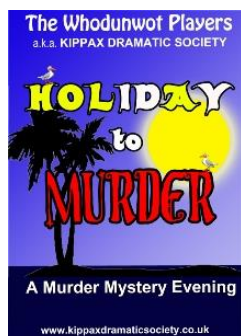
School Parish Masses – Our two parish masses have been confirmed as **Sunday 21st October & Sunday 2nd December**. The Masses take place at IHOM Church at 9.30am and our Year 4 Choir will lead the singing. They are a wonderful opportunity for the whole school community to come together and celebrate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



HCPT Cake Sale - After the 9.30am school mass at IHOM Church on Sunday 21st October.

If anyone would like to know more about HCPT and travelling with the group at Easter then please speak with one of the group on the day or visit www.hcpt.org.uk

Sylvia Wright Christmas Cards – If you are interested in buying some Christmas cards please call into the office as we have a selection to choose from.



HOLIDAY TO MURDER—Queens Hall Saturday 10th November: Time to pack your bags – not forgetting the sun cream – and take a **HOLiDay** to Murder. A few members of the Stillingford Ghost Hunting Team are holidaying on a supposedly haunted Spanish island. They are in search of sun, sea, sand and spooks; and of course, this being a murder mystery, it is inevitable that we will be saying 'Adios' to one or more of the party before the evening is over. This will be a fun evening for everyone; will yours be the table that picks up on the clues and unmasks the villain? Tickets £10 including food. Tickets available from the Parish office during office hours, from the lounge in the Queens Hall Friday mornings or Sunday lunch, you can also email parishhalls@gmail.com or phone 07516705428.

IHOM Church Youth Choir - The parish is setting up a youth choir to sing at Sunday morning masses at Immaculate Heart. If your child enjoys singing, is Year 3 or above, and wants to be part of a newly formed choir then please contact Sarah Barnes, Deputy Head Teacher at Cardinal Heenan on 0113 887 3240 or see her after mass on Sunday (Sarah has been playing the organ in mass recently). Rehearsals are Tuesdays 6pm-7pm at IHOM church. The youth choir is open to children from Year 3 to Year 11, all schools welcome.

Girl's Football – A majestic performance from the girls team who played some great passing football and ran out 4-1 winners against Bramham Primary. Player of the match went to Niamh for her hat-trick. Well done team!

Message from the Brownlee Foundation - Following the Brownlee Foundation triathlon events in May, we established a bike and run session at the Brownlee Centre and Bodington Cycle Circuit (LS16 8NA) on Wednesdays 5.30pm to 6.30pm. These sessions are planned to continue year round. With a focus on having fun, taking part and trying something new, it's a great follow on from the events in May.



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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 & 3AW who achieved 100%.

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

Stars of the Week

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



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| RAG – Leo | 3AW – Dylan | |
| RCD – Joe | 3GG – Eryn | |
| 1LR – Olivia | 4GB – Daniel | |
| 1LG – Ava | 4DK – Mylo | |
| 1SC – Daisy | 5JR – Alice | |
| 2JM – Aidan | 5HS – Wiktor | |
| 2HC – Minnie | 6CK – Ronan | 6FE - Rocco |

Happy Birthday to –
 Year R – Aidan & George
 Year 1 – Gabriella, Lara, Grace, Jack & Sofia
 Year 2 – Liam & Samuel
 Year 4 – Casper



Year 5 – Cara & Orlaith

Year 6 – Kayla & Zack

Forthcoming Events – new dates in bold		
Date	Time	Event
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 30th Nov	All day	St Andrew's Day: Years 3-6 St Andrew's Merit House – non uniform; whole school Brownies/Rainbows/Cubs/Scouts uniforms
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

Happy are those who have bread to eat!
As grain grows in the fields and
Rains bring the water of life we share
Visions of all your people united in
Eternal praise and kneaded together to
Share good news of justice and peace:
Taste and see that the Lord is good!

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.

