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NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th October 2018

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

Class	Date
Year 5	Monday 10 th December
Year 4	Wednesday 12 th December
Year 6	Monday 17 th December

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

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.

HARVEST SERVICE IN SCHOOL

The Harvest service will take place in school on Monday 15th October at 9:15am. The Little Sisters of the Poor will be attending and will collect our food offerings. Please bring any donations of food to school on Monday morning. A big thank you to those families that have already donated food.

STAY AND PRAY

A million children around the world will be praying the Rosary on **18 October 2018 at 9:00 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

PARENT'S EVENINGS

Tuesday 23rd October from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday 25th October from 3:40 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. Appointments for these sessions should be accessed by our online booking system (please visit the website below and enter the requested details). This system to book appointments will be available until 7:30pm Wednesday 17th October. Priority 1 contact on our system will be the details required. If you have any problems 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! Please email the school office to let us know if you are coming so we can get organised. If you cannot make this meeting but would still like to volunteer, please email the school office stating the days and

times you could help with reading and your preference for year groups. Any volunteer role will be subject to the necessary safeguarding checks being carried out.

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

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Items will be on sale from Monday 15th October. Please see attachment with this newsletter for novelty items that will be on sale, stickers and traditional poppies will also be available for a donation.

TIMESTABLES ROCKSTARS

Please remind the children from years 2 to 6 to use Timestables Rockstars regularly. Rapid recall of times tables is crucial for so many areas of maths. We are working hard on this in school and home practice is vital to make sure it is really secure. *Mrs Ripley*

KINGSWOOD

This afternoon, Year 6 shared their experiences from Kingswood.

From the 26th to the 28th September, Year 6 were on residential at Kingswood in the Dearne Valley. Whilst there, they took part in a variety of activities involving many different skills and a LOT of teamwork. The children were very well behaved on the visit and worked really well together, encouraging each other well. There was a lot of problem solving and thinking of ways to tackle the challenges independently. The staff at Kingswood were very complimentary about the children and the way they worked together on tasks. The children got on well with each other and enjoyed sharing the rooms in the accommodation. We were surprised by the amount of sleep we all got! They also managed to create just a little bit of a mess in their rooms, as well as some very interesting odours!

We were really proud of all of the children and we hope they enjoyed the trip as much as we did!

Thanks Year 6, from Mrs Ripley, Mr Costa and Miss Walsh

SNACKS

Please be reminded that the children should only bring fruit for their snacks at morning break. Children should not have biscuits, crisps or cereal bars.

SCHOOL CHOIR

There are still spaces to join the school choir on Thursdays after school, for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. The choir starts after school until 4pm and there is a small charge of £5 per half term to cover the cost of producing materials. If your child would like to join, please contact the school office. Thank you

CHESS CLUB

There will be no Chess Club on Monday 15th October or Monday 22nd October due to staff training.

PARKING

Please can we remind parents and carers not to park in the drop off zone or in the turning circle. This week we have had issues with people not being able to drive past cars parked in the drop off zone and the coach from the Year 6 trip could not get round the turning circle due to a parked car making the driver late for his next pick up.

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.

PARENT GYM

A taster session for this new course will be held in school on Wednesday 24th October at 2:30 p.m. This course is a free 6 week course which will be held every Wednesday for 6 weeks starting Wednesday 7th November 2018 from 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Each session is fun and interactive, with a 'weekly mission' to practice at home. It is a great chance to meet and chat with other parents. Sessions will be run by Miss Brown. Look out for a flyer coming home!

SCHOOL MEALS – CHANGE TO MENU

Please note that on the week 3 menu, the beef lasagne will be changing to spaghetti Bolognese after half term.

CAULIFLOWER CHRISTMAS CARDS

Once your child brings home their Christmas card design, please place any orders that you would like, online and then return the design to school. Orders need to be placed and card designs back in school by Friday 19th October at the latest. Thank you

YEAR 3 VISIT TO TROPICAL WORLD

Year 3 will be visiting Tropical World on Tuesday 16th October. Coach departs at approx. 9:00 a.m. and returns for the end of the school day. School uniform is not required but children should wear appropriate clothing (cooler clothing for inside and warm clothes for outside), a packed lunch is required.

YEAR 4 VISIT TO BOLTON ABBEY

Year 4 will be visiting Bolton Abbey on Wednesday 17th October. Coach departs at approx. 9:00 a.m. and returns for the end of the school day. School uniform should be worn and a packed lunch will be required. Strong shoes/trainers should be worn along with a warm waterproof coat. If the weather is wet wellies will be required.

RECEPTION CLASS VISIT TO EUREKA

Reception will be visiting Eureka on Friday 19th October. The coach will depart at approx. 9:00 a.m. and will return for the end of the school day. School uniform should be worn and a packed lunch will be provided.

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

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

Unfortunately, there has been a delay with the delivery of these DVDs to school. As soon as they arrive we will let parents know when to collect from the school office.



Cross Country at Hawksworth – Wednesday 10th October
Many congratulations to all our KS2 children that took part in Wednesday's cross country races at Hawksworth. We had two first place finishers (Thomas D, Year 3 boys; Alex C, Year 4 girls), one second place finisher (Florence H, Year 3 girls) and two third place finishers (Kaitlyn M, Year 4 girls; Alfie H, Year 4 boys). I was exceptionally proud of each and every child that took part, all of them completing a very challenging and undulating course against over 200 children from schools across the area. Well done everyone! Mr Costa

CROSS COUNTRY

Please be reminded that cross country will take place at Cardinal Heenan High School, Saturday 13th October. All children from Years 3 to 6 who returned slips will have been given kits to wear. Please wash and return the kits as soon as possible after the event. Mr Costa will meet you at 9:45 a.m. with the first race taking place at 10:00 a.m.

WEEKLY AWARDS

'John Paul II Foundation for Sport' Virtue of Honesty

Reception – Amelie R.

Year 1 – Missi T.

Year 2 – Isla M.

Year 3 – Florence H.

Year 4 – Oliver C.

Year 5 – Vinnie P.

Year 6 – Hermione T.

'Spellodrome – Highest Achiever'

Year 3 - Daisy H.

'Mathletics – Best in Class'

Reception - Hayden B.

Year 1 - Elsie McL.

Year 2 - Iris B.

Year 3 - Daisy H.

Year 4 - Christopher K.

Year 5 - Thomas E.

Year 6 – Josie D.

FRIENDS OF Ss. PETER & PAUL

Lego Albums & Cards

Friends of SS Peter & Pauls [FOSPAP] will be selling Lego Albums and cards immediately after school, outside Year 3 classroom on Monday 15th October 2018. Prices are as follows: £1 Lego Album; 10p per pack for cards

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.