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

**Ethos statement for next week: "I try to stand up for myself and others without hurting others."**

26<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents,



It has certainly been an action packed half term with lots of interesting visitors. This week has been no different with our Reception children having a visit from Clifford and Seth, two police horses. Our Year 6 were visited by BBC News and were superb in sharing their work on Remembrance. It is expected to go out on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Dominic Hurst the producer was so impressed with the children that they stayed far longer in our school than they had planned.

Today the whole school has focused on reinvigorating our school mission and focusing on seven virtues and what they mean for our school. The virtues the children have been looking at in no particular order are honesty, resilience, courage, generosity, respect, patience and wisdom. We will send more information to parents once we have collated all of the wonderful work that has been done.

May we wish you all a very happy half term break. School reopens on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 8.45am.

**Academisation** – All parents should have received the letter informing you that IHOM will next term be part of the St Gregory the Great Catholic School Academy. Meetings for parents are:

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 6pm Cardinal Heenan High School  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 9am St Augustine's Primary School  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 4pm Holy Rosary & St Anne's Primary School

**Feast of All Saints** - November is the traditional month to remember all those who have died. The month begins with the great feast of All Saints which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at 9.15am, 12pm and 7pm on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November at IHOM Church. This is the feast day when we remember all those people who we have known and loved who are now enjoying their eternal reward.

We will throughout this month in our assemblies and collective worships pray for deceased members of our families.

**Goodbye and good luck** - Yesterday we said goodbye to Mrs. Tracy Cotter who has been our Kitchen Manager at school for the last 25 years. Tracy is having a change of direction and instead of cooking thousands of meals a week will now be having leisurely days as a dog walker. We thank Tracy for all of her dedication to our school and wish her every happiness in her new job. Mrs. Sharon Nutman will be acting as our new Kitchen Manager until the post is filled.

**Breakfast Club** - Mrs. Johanne Broadhurst and Mrs. Diane Tindell are both leaving breakfast club in November. We thank them for the work they have done in setting up Breakfast Club and making it the success that it is.

**6CK Assembly** – this morning, 6CK did a brilliant assembly on the history of bonfire night as well as reminding us how to behave safely around fireworks. We learnt that sparklers cause the most injury to children and were reminded very clearly by Lorna never to touch a finished sparkler, to have a bucket of water on hand, to place sparklers in the bucket when finished and as Lola told us, always to wear gloves.

All the children were amazing in their drama, poetry recital and clear speaking.

As Bonfire Night is fast approaching we urge all our parents and children to stay safe and follow the Firework Code:

- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Light all fireworks at arm's length
- Stand well back
- Never go back to a lit firework
- Never put fireworks in your pocket
- Never throw fireworks
- Keep pets indoors



**IHOMSA COFFEE MORNING** - Thank you to all of you who supported this event, it was fantastic to see so many of you in school this morning. Thank you to all those who donated cakes and buns and to the IHOMSA team for organizing this event. Cakes will be on sale at the end of the day on the school path.

**Autumn Disco** – Many thanks to everyone who helped out at the discos last Friday. The children had a great time and the events raised £700. This was the first time Nen had run a disco for us, for any parents who wish to book her for parties her contact details are [aclassdiscos@yahoo.com](mailto:aclassdiscos@yahoo.com) or 07801 533 632.



**Individual Photographs** – proofs of the children's photos have been sent home. Please return all orders to school by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

**Harvest Collection** – Thank you for your great generosity in donating food for the Franciscan Sisters. Sisters Faustina & Antonia were overwhelmed with the hundreds of items we gave them; their car was completely full!

**High School Applications (Year 6)** – A reminder that the deadline for High School applications is Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> 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



**Poppies** – Remembrance Day poppies are on sale for 20p at school.

**Congratulations** to the following children who received the following awards in our assembly yesterday:

Year	Generosity Of Spirit	Politeness & Good Manners	Outstanding Effort
2	Thomas	Phoebe	Bodo
3	Ella-Rose	Rosie	Sam
4	Abi	Ruairi	Alice
5	Sophie	Isaac	Ruby
6	Imogen	Chloe	Billy



**Girls Football** – Another great display from the Girls team saw them overpower their opponents in a 5-0 win. The goals came from Niamh (x2) continuing her incredible goal scoring form, Alice, Imogen and an own goal. Even more pleasing was a third clean sheet in a row! Player of the match went to Imogen. Well done girls.

**Boys Football 1** – The boys took part in the Leeds Schools FA tournament at St Theresa's. The team was in a very tough group and was unfortunate to lose two games in the final few minutes. This meant they finished third, missing out by 1 point on the semi final. Mr. Wilkinson was very proud of all the boys to say it was their first games of the season.

**Boys Football 2** – In the first game of the Y6 league the team worked extremely hard on a very large pitch and were very unfortunate to go away from Moor Allerton Hall with no league points conceding in the final minutes via an own goal.

**Moortown Festive Lights Switch On** – The lights in Moortown will be switched on on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Activities start at 6.45pm, lights on at 7pm. For more information visit [moortowncommunitygroup.org.uk](http://moortowncommunitygroup.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. All the money raised goes directly to the charity. Sylvia's charity has a great impact on the communities in the Indian State of Tamil Nadu. Prices start at £7 for 20 cards.

**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.

## EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS – Attend Today Achieve Tomorrow

The table below shows the impact of being regularly late. This only applies to a very small minority of children but if your child is continually late it will have an impact on their education. We will continue to monitor children who are regularly late and will work in partnership with the families to try and resolve this issue.

The table gives you an indication of how much learning time is lost if regularly late.

Minutes late per day	Number of days over a year
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days
30 minutes	20.7 days

**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.

Year Group	Attendance Wk. Comm 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	
YR	RAG – 97%	RCD – 98%
Y1	1LG – 99%	1LR – 99%
	1SC – 97%	
Y2	2JM – 99%	2HC – 99%
Y3	3GG – 98%	3AW – 99%
Y4	4GB – 99%	4DK – 97%
Y5	5HS – 99%	5JR – 98%
Y6	6FE – 96%	6CK – 98%

### Stars of the Week

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

RAG – Megan

RCD – Edith

1LR – Cara

1LG – Naashon

1SC – Oscar

2JM – Millie

2HC – Grace

3AW – Sam

3GG – Adam

4GB – James

4DK – Benjamin

5JR – Cherryne

5HS – Joel

6CK – Harry

6FE - Joseph

### Happy Birthday to –

Year R - Florence

Year 1 – Aaron, Jonny, Alessandro, Anna, Lily, Cara, Nuala, Eva & Serayah

Year 2 – Jenson & Alexander

Year 3 – Joao, Jude & Tiago

Year 4 – Henry, Samuel, Megan & Alice

Year 6 – Sophia, Niamh, Anna



<b>Forthcoming Events – new dates in bold</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Weds 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30-11.30am	Open morning for children starting school Sept 2019
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	All Day	YR Educational Visit to Stockeld Park
<b>Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Y5 Poetry Slam</b>
<b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Individual/Family Photo orders due back</b>
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.15am	6FE Assembly
<b>Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Academies Meeting at Cardinal Heenan High School</b>
<b>Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Academies Meeting at St Augustine's School</b>
<b>Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>4pm</b>	<b>Academies Meeting at Holy Rosary &amp; St Anne's School</b>
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6.30pm	IHOMSA Christmas Market
Weds 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1.30pm	Y6 Confessions
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.15am	3GG Assembly
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	9.30am	School/Parish Mass at IHOM Church
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	All day	YR-Y5 Flu immunisations
<b>Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Y6 Confirmation</b>
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	RCD Nativity
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	RAG Nativity
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1pm	YR Christmas Party
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	TBC	IHOMSA Christmas Family Fun Night
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1pm	Y3 Christmas Party
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.45pm	Y2 Nativity
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Y2 Nativity
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1pm	Y2 Christmas Party
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1pm	Y4 Christmas Party
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1pm	Y6 Christmas Party
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6pm	Yrs 4,5 & 6 Carol Service
Weds 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1pm	Y5 Christmas Party
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15am	Y1 Carols around the Crib
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1pm	Y1 Christmas Party
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	1.15pm	School finishes for Christmas – no After School Club
<b>Sat 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>4GB First Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>4DK First Holy Communion</b>

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

Mrs. A. M. Phillips  
Headteacher

### **Prayer**

No two saints are alike, just as no two people are alike. Saints do share certain qualities. They hear and obey the Lord's call. They follow the footsteps of Christ. They are WITNESSES of our faith. Let us open our hearts to the will of God and follow Christ by looking to the example set by the saints.

**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.**

