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

Ethos statement for next week: "I can work, play, rest and pray each day."

30th November 2018

Dear Parents,

This Sunday we will be celebrating the first Sunday of ADVENT - a time of preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ.

Advent is an opportunity to reflect on our priorities and direction of our lives. A time to be still with God in the frantic rush of the weeks coming up to Christmas.

To celebrate the start of Advent the 9.30am Mass at IHOM Church is a parish school Mass. It would be great to see as many of our families as possible at this Mass. The children will be leading the singing, reading and serving. Straight after the mass there will be the opportunity to socialise and buy cakes from the HCPT 131 Cake Sale

3GG Assembly – Thank you to 3GG, Mrs Green & Miss Jones for a fantastic assembly on explaining the meaning and importance of Advent. The children reminded us all of the importance of using the four Sundays and weeks of Advent to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas. Our Year 3 children were superb in their acting and spoke in clear confident voices .

IHOMSA Family Night – In a change to our usual format the Family Night will begin **at 5.30pm for our Reception families**. If your Reception family includes older children you are all able to come at 5.30 pm. All other families are at 6pm .We hope this will allow the younger children a chance to look around before the event becomes too busy.

Penguin raffle – Raffle tickets are on sale at 50p to win a cuddly penguin. Children may buy the tickets at morning break.

Admissions – The draft Admissions Policy 2020/21 has now been uploaded onto the school website for consultation purposes. Please email any comments to school.office@ihomcps.co.uk

Admissions Information: Leeds City Council is currently consulting on changes to school catchment areas for community and voluntary controlled Leeds schools. Your views are important and we encourage you to respond by the deadline of 7th December 2018. Find out more at www.leeds.gov.uk/admissionsconsultation

Advent School Mass – We will have our Advent School Parish Mass on Sunday 2nd December at 9.30am. It would be great to see as many of our families as possible at this Mass.



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



Leeds CCE - Leeds CCE have been around for the last 49 years and during this time they have produced musicians capable of competing at all Britain and world class level as recently as this summer! Many of these musicians are now or have been pupils at this school! These children will be performing on stage at Leeds Irish Centre as part of the Juniors' colourful and entertaining concert of traditional Irish music, singing dancing and recitation. The show starts at 2pm Sunday 9th December (doors open at 1.45pm) the price is £5 per adult and £2 a child or £10 per family (based on 2 adults & up to 3 children). It will be a great afternoon of entertainment including a raffle and tombola stall. Leeds CCE would be grateful of your support and look forward to seeing you there.

Parish Family Night – The Parish Christmas Family Night will be held on Friday 14th December from 6.30pm in the Queen's Hall. Tickets cost £2 per person and are available to buy from the school office.

Cross Country – Congratulations to both our teams who performed superbly on Monday. Special thanks to Zack who stepped in for the boys team at the last minute. Delighted to report that our girls are into the next round of the Cross Country competition as they came first ! Well done Christa, Evie, Niamh and Teresa

Girls Football 1 – A testing game for the girls team saw them just miss out in a 4-3 defeat and see their long unbeaten run come to an end. There was lots to learn from the game and I'm the sure the girls will be stronger for it. Player of the match: Alice.

Girls Football 2 – The girls showed some really positive signs in their friendly game. There were many girls playing for the first time and it was great to see them applying the skills they have learnt in training. Player of the match: Ntokozo.

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.

Recommended Reading – In order to promote the children's love of reading each week the newsletter will include a recommended book for each year group. This is not compulsory reading and children are not expected to read every book – we hope the children will enjoying trying some different authors and letting us know their opinions!

Year R – Brown Bear, Brown Bear What do you see by Bill Martin Jr

Year 1 – The Cat in the Hat by Dr Seuss

Year 2 – The Cat who lost his purr by Michelle Coxon

Year 3 – Cool by Michael Morpurgo

Year 4 – A Caribbean Dozen by John Agard & Grace Nicholls

Year 5 – Water Wings by Morris Gleitzman

Year 6 – Carrie's War by Nina Bawden

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. Congratulations to 4DK on achieving 100% attendance!

Year Group	Attendance Wk. Comm 19 th Nov	
YR	RAG – 98%	RCD – 97%
Y1	1LG – 99%	1LR – 94%
	1SC – 97%	
Y2	2JM – 97%	2HC – 99%
Y3	3GG – 99%	3AW – 99%
Y4	4GB – 96%	4DK – 100%
Y5	5HS – 99%	5JR – 97%
Y6	6FE – 99%	6CK – 97%

Stars of the Week

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

RAG – Oscar	3AW – Neviah
RCD – Finlay	3GG – Jasmine
1LR – Luca-James	4GB – Harry
1LG – Grace	4DK – Gabrielle
1SC – Mani	5JR – Nancy
2JM – Sophia-Grace	5HS – Sebastian
2HC – Tom	6CK – Alfie
	6FE - Lois

Happy Birthday to –

Year 3 – Ella-Rose
Year 4 – Sam
Year 5 – George
Year 6 – Daniel, Holly



Forthcoming Events – new dates in bold		
Date	Time	Event
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	5.30pm Year R; 6-8.30pm rest of school	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



God of hope and promise, be with us throughout this Advent and draw us ever closer as we journey together toward the stable and the birth of your Son. Amen

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.

