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

Ethos statement for next week: "Simple things can make us happy."

7th December 2018

Dear Parents,

It has been a fantastic week in school in which our Reception children and staff have shone as bright as any star! Every single child in each of the Reception classes were superb. Their confidence and joy in performing was a true privilege to watch. They told the story of the first Nativity in such a way as only the youngest children can do. All the staff were so proud of the children as I am sure you as parents were. It is these moments that make such special memories for our families. It is hard to believe that they have only been in school for just over three months. Congratulations to our brilliant staff in Reception Mrs Galbraith, Mrs Cromack, Mrs Doherty, Mrs. Blanc, Miss Gray and Mrs Groves for preparing the children so well. Please can I remind you that photos taken at the Nativity are for your own family use and cannot be posted onto any social media sites. If photos are posted onto social media sites it would mean that we would have to ban photos by parents in future years. We truly appreciate your co-operation with this.

Mr Wilkinson - Yesterday Mr Wilkinson was successful in an interview and from Easter 2019 will be the new Deputy Head of St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School in Middlesbrough. Although you will all be delighted personally for Mr Wilkinson in this well deserved promotion I know that all parents but especially Year 3AW parents will be sad that he is leaving. However we will be advertising after Christmas for a new class teacher and fortunately we have enough time to ensure that we get an excellent replacement.

IHOMSA Family Fun Night - Tonight is the highlight of IHOM's social calendar - Father Christmas is coming to school! If your child is in Reception you may bring your family to the Family Fun night at 5.30pm entrance by the Small hall door. All other families to arrive for 6pm.

Hopefully you will have already bought your raffle tickets for our amazing Christmas draw but there will be spare tickets available on the night. Remember you have to be in it to win it!!

As the Astro turf is not happening till Easter I have allocated £10,000 raised from last years IHOMSA fund raising to buy a state of the art lighting and sound system for the Main Hall and after Christmas there will be a new sound system in the Small Hall. So the money raised this year will again go towards the cost of the astro turf.

Misson statement - You may remember that just before half term our children spent time exploring our school mission and virtues. Films from this day are now available on our website. Please go to the Catholic Life section, then Ethos and Virtues.

Confirmation – Congratulations to our Year 6 children who were confirmed on Tuesday night. It was a beautiful service. Thank you to our Year 5 children who were a superb choir; to our altar servers and readers who all helped to make this such a special occasion for all the families concerned. I would like to thank Mrs Kent, Mrs Evans and Mrs Fairburn for preparing the children so well for this important sacrament.

St Gemma's Light Up a Life Service – Thank you to our children who sang so beautifully at St Gemma's on Sunday evening. They were a credit to the school demonstrating very respectful behaviour, particularly when singing on the wards. Well done to all of you.

Christmas Decoration Exchange - Year 5 Children have this term been involved with sending Christmas decorations to various schools in Europe and receiving them in return. These photos show their European Christmas tree. Relations may be frosty between our Government and the EU but as always children show the way.

Christmas Jumper Day – On Wednesday 19th December we will have our Christmas jumper day. Children may wear non uniform and festive apparel! Christmas dinner will also be served on this day.

Cliff's Christmas tree – Many thanks to Cliff's Hardware who have provided an excellent discount on the beautiful tree that is up in the main reception area.

Carols round the crib – This year rather than our Year 1 children being the choir in the Year 2 Nativity, we have decided that Year 1 will have their own special assembly of carols around the crib on Thursday 20th December at 9.15am. Because we have 90 children we are limiting this to two tickets per family.

Looking ahead to the next academic year the children will do individual Nativities as they did in Reception.

Year 6 Boys Football – Congratulations to our Year 6 Boys who last week made it through to the finals day of the Road to Wembley competition. The games will take place at Leeds United's Thorp Arch Training Ground. As this is the fourth year in a row we have had a team at these finals we are very proud of our footballers!

Poetry – Our recent poetry celebration has inspired some of our children from 4DK to rework a rap they were given in class. Well done to Alice, Charlotte, Natalia, Charlotte, Eleanor and Megan.

Mum Can You Rap?

Mum was on the sofa,
She was on her phone
When I tapped her on the shoulder
To see if she could rap.

Mum can you rap can you rap can you rap can you Mum?



She opened one eye and she said to me “Girls
I’m the best rapping Mum this world has ever seen,
I’m an Instagram, Twitter rap rap Mum.”

She rose from the sofa in the middle of the room
And she started to rap with a tip tap send.
She rolled up her eyes and she rolled round her head
And as she What’s Apped this is what she said
“I’m the best rapping Mum this world has ever seen
I’m a Facebook, Snapchat rap rap Mum.”

She rapped past my Dad and she rapped past my Gran
She rapped past us and our little baby sister
She rapped our arms around us
She rapped our arms away from us
She messaged through the door and she messaged outside
She’s the best rapping Mum this world has ever seen
She’s a different but the same rap rap Mum!!!!!!!!!!!!
She’s an Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, Snapchat, wifi, digital, rap rap Mum

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

Class Assemblies – Please see the table below for dates of the remaining class assemblies for 2018/19.

Forthcoming Assemblies		
Date	Time	Class
Fri 18 th Jan	9.15am	RAG
Fri 25 th Jan	9.15am	1LR
Fri 1 st Feb	9.15am	4GB
Fri 8 th Feb	9.15am	2JM
Fri 15 th Feb	9.15am	5JR
Fri 1 st Mar	9.15am	1SC
Fri 8 th Mar	9.15am	5HS
Fri 15 th Mar	9.15am	4DK
Fri 29 th Mar	9.15am	RCD
Fri 14 th Jun	9.15am	1LG



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.

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 enjoy trying some different authors and letting us know their opinions! This week's recommendations are:

- Year R – Where's Spot by Eric Hill
- Year 1 – The Tiger Who Came To Tea by Judith Kerr
- Year 2 – Frightened Fred by Peta Coplans
- Year 3 – The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpugo
- Year 4 – Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters by John Steptoe
- Year 5 – Blabbermouth by Morris Gleitzman
- Year 6 – When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr

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 97% attendance. Congratulations to RAG and 3AW on achieving 100% attendance!

Year Group	Attendance Wk. Comm 19 th Nov	
YR	RAG – 100%	RCD – 97%
Y1	1LG – 95%	1LR – 96%
	1SC – 98%	
Y2	2JM – 97%	2HC – 96%
Y3	3GG – 95%	3AW – 100%
Y4	4GB – 93%	4DK – 98%
Y5	5HS – 98%	5JR – 99%
Y6	6FE – 96%	6CK – 94%

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 – Michael | 3AW – Aoife | |
| RCD – Caleb | 3GG – Sam | |
| 1LR – Georgia | 4GB – Mia | |
| 1LG – Tommy | 4DK – Annabel | |
| 1SC – Jack | 5JR – William | |
| 2JM – Claudia | 5HS – Jasmine | |
| 2HC – Oscar | 6CK – Katie | 6FE - Ellie |

Happy Birthday to –

- Year R – Henry
- Year 1 – Daisy, Jack & Jamie
- Year 2 – Harry
- Year 3 – Aoife
- Year 4 – John
- Year 5 – Jude
- Year 6 – Rebecca



Forthcoming Events – new dates in bold		
Date	Time	Event
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	6.30pm	Yrs 4,5 & 6 Carol Service
Weds 19th Dec	All Day	Christmas Jumper/Non Uniform Day
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
Tues 8th Jan	3.30pm	Y3 Confessions & Herd Farm Meeting
Fri 11th Jan	9.15am	Y2 Educational Visit to Skipton Castle
Mon 14th Jan	9am	Y1 Educational Visit to the Yorkshire Museum
Tues 15th Jan	3.30pm	Y4 Herd Farm Meeting
Weds 16th Jan	9am	Y6 Educational Visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Fri 18th Jan	9.15am	RAG Class Assembly
Weds 23rd Jan	6pm	Y6 SATS Information Evening
Fri 25th Jan	9.15am	1LR Class Assembly
Thurs 31st Jan	6pm	Y2 SATS Information Evening
Fri 1st Feb	9.15am	4GB Class Assembly
Fri 1st Feb	6.30pm	IHOMSA Bingo Night
Mon 4th – Thurs 14th Feb	All Day	Y6 Bikeability
Fri 8th Feb	9.15am	2JM Class Assembly
Fri 15th Feb	9.15am	5JR Class Assembly
Fri 15th Feb	8.15am	IHOMSA Coffee Morning
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

Dear Lord,
We pray that we will be happy and take time to rest and play in school and at home, we also pray that we will take time to encourage one another to work, rest, play and pray each day.
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.

