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

Ethos statement for next week: "I try to love others as I love myself."

14th December 2018

Dear Parents,

On Thursday and Friday our Year 2 children were magnificent in their production of 'The Hoity Toity Angel'. It was wonderful to see such confident, talented and happy children putting on a show of such quality for all their parents. I was so proud of all of the children, we definitely have a lot of budding thespians.

Congratulations to our wonderful Year 2 staff; Miss Hargreaves, Mrs Clark, Mr McLaughlin, Mrs Cawthray, Mrs Denton & Mrs Huckerby. Our Year 2 Nativity and the Reception nativities last week remind us of the true message of Christmas, that Jesus entered the world to be our Saviour and just as the inn keeper made room for Jesus in the stable so we need to make room for him in our lives today.

As we approach the end of another year I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have helped to make our school so special. There is not enough space here to mention individually the amazing contributions of staff, governors, parents, IHOMSA, grandparents, parishioners and others who have given so much of their time, energy, talents and goodwill for the benefit of all of our children. It is such a privilege to serve a community where there is such goodness and kindness.



Road Safety – As the dark nights are now firmly upon us may I remind parents of the importance of keeping our children safe on the roads. Harrogate Road is always busy and the lights can take a while to change but better to wait than be run over. It is important that as adults we set a good example to our children so please do not cross Harrogate Road outside of the crossings. Can I ask you all to please remind your children of the importance of holding your hand and following the Green Cross Code when crossing the road. One of our children did not listen to their mother's instruction to wait and has been very fortunate that he was only slightly hurt in a road accident as he rushed to cross a road. For further information the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents has a very useful website www.rospa.com

Christmas Finish – A reminder that on the last day of term, Friday 21st December, school will finish at 1.15pm and there will be no After School Club on this day. All children to be collected from classrooms or playground as at the normal end of day. We return to school on Monday 7th January. Breakfast Club is open at 7.30am.

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.

Carol Service – The Carol Service on Tuesday 18th December at 6.30pm is open to the whole school. We hope to see as many parents and children from other classes as possible. It will involve audience participation so come with your singing voices! There will be a collection for Sylvia Wright at the end of the Carol Service. Everyone is then welcome to go into Queens Hall for tea, mince pies or something stronger as the bar will be open!

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, so that families can have more than two tickets.



Mini Vinnies Appeal – A huge thank you to everyone who brought in a gift or a bar of chocolate in response to our Mini Vinnies appeal in aid of the SVP, Catholic Care and St George's Crypt. Your kindness will make a big difference to a lot of people.

Poppy Appeal – Many thanks to everyone who bought a poppy from school. We raised a brilliant £177.80.

In case of bad weather – As we are approaching winter can I just remind you of our severe weather procedure. We will do our utmost to keep the school open. Please assume school is OPEN unless you receive a text message from school, see the notification on the school website, Education Leeds or the Radio Leeds webpage.

If the school is open as normal in adverse weather, e.g. snow, it is then up to the parent/carer to do his/her own risk assessment and decide if it is safe for his/her child to travel to and attend school.

By opening the school we are saying that the school site itself is clear and relatively safe to use (with caution and common sense) but parents/carers must make the ultimate decision to bring their child to school or keep them off because of adverse weather.

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

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

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 – This week's recommendations are:

Year R – Guess how much I love you by Sam McBratney & Garth Williams
 Year 1 – Hairy Maclary by Lynley Dodd
 Year 2 – Friends by Kim Lewis
 Year 3 – Billy the Kid by Michael Morpugo
 Year 4 – Beowolf by Kevin Crossley-Holland
 Year 5 – Belly Flop by Morris Gleitzman
 Year 6 – The Diamond of Drury Lane by Julia Golding

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.

Year Group	Attendance Wk. Comm 3 rd December	
YR	RAG – 99%	RCD – 98%
Y1	1LG – 97%	1LR – 99%
	1SC – 96%	
Y2	2JM – 99%	2HC – 95%
Y3	3GG – 96%	3AW – 97%
Y4	4GB – 94%	4DK – 98%
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 – Jake	3AW – Zander
RCD – Maja	3GG – Jacob
1LR – Maxime	4GB – Theo
1LG – Luna	4DK – Finlay
1SC – Joshua	5JR – Talia
2JM – Jessica	5HS – William
2HC – William	6CK – Chloe

6FE - Mia



Happy Birthday to –

Year R – Zachariah

Year 1 – Daniel, Isobel, Lily, Jared & Rory

Year 2 – Ben, Tom & Jack

Year 4 – Isabelle, Ruairi & Callum



Forthcoming Events – new dates in bold		
Date	Time	Event
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	9.30am	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 8 th Jan	3.30pm	Y3 Confessions & Herd Farm Meeting
Fri 11 th Jan	9.15am	Y2 Educational Visit to Skipton Castle
Mon 14 th Jan	9am	Y1 Educational Visit to the Yorkshire Museum
Tues 15 th Jan	3.30pm	Y4 Herd Farm Meeting
Weds 16 th Jan	9am	Y6 Educational Visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Fri 18 th Jan	9.15am	RAG Class Assembly
Weds 23 rd Jan	6pm	Y6 SATS Information Evening
Fri 25 th Jan	9.15am	1LR Class Assembly
Thurs 31 st Jan	6pm	Y2 SATS Information Evening
Fri 1 st Feb	9.15am	4GB Class Assembly
Fri 1 st Feb	6.30pm	IHOMSA Bingo Night
Mon 4 th – Thurs 14 th Feb	All Day	Y6 Bikeability
Fri 8 th Feb	9.15am	2JM Class Assembly
Fri 15 th Feb	9.15am	5JR Class Assembly
Fri 15 th 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,

Help us to be grateful for all our friends, family, our home and food especially at Christmas time. We thank our parents for all the things they do for us including taking us to places that we enjoy and showing love to us.

Help us to be grateful and happy for all the simple things that we have in our lives. Amen.

Written by Christa and Evie from 6CK.

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.

