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

**Ethos statement for next week: "I try to follow our school and classroom rules."**

20<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Parents,

Everyone at school would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy, holy and joyful Christmas. May we all experience great joy and peace with those we love over the Christmas season. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have helped our school in any way during this last year.



**Carol Service** – On Tuesday night our Year 4, 5 and 6 children provided us with a fantastic evening of carol singing. The children sang in clear, beautiful tones and lifted the hearts of everyone present. It was wonderful to see so many families there and we thank you all for your participation! Many thanks must go to the staff from each year group but particularly to Mrs Roberts and Miss Stone who organized the event and provided us with some fabulous actors from Year 5. Special thanks to the amazing Mrs Dooley without whose musical talents the evening could not take place. It truly was a joyful occasion and we received the following comments from one of our parents:

*"I thought I would send an email to you to congratulate you, your staff and the children on such a wonderful Carol Service last night. Last night certainly showed us that the real meaning of Christmas does still exist. The young people from Immaculate Heart demonstrated real passion for the service, superb singing with lots of enthusiasm for Christmas and its meaning, all down to you and your super staff, Well Done to each of them.*

*Once again thank you for a great evening and please pass on our thanks to your staff."*

Our retiring collection for the Sylvia Wright Charity raised £340. Thank you very much for your generosity.

**Year 1 Carols around the Crib** – This year for the very first time our Year 1 children had their own Christmas Assembly and they have set a very high standard for other Year 1s to follow! The children brightened everyone's morning with a wonderful carol service, creating a very festive atmosphere with their words, songs and actions. Mrs Read, Mrs Collins, Miss Goodfellow, Miss Gray, Mrs Courtney-Ashton, Miss Timms, Mrs Doulou and Mrs Broadhurst worked so hard in a very short amount of time to get the children ready. We also thank the incredible Mrs Dooley, for teaching the children such lovely carols. We are so proud of our children. I am certain that you as parents are just as proud!

**IHOMSA Family Fun Night** – Our Family Fun Night was an incredible evening! So well organised by IHOMSA, enjoyed by all our families and raised a fantastic £5000! As always this event would not happen without the hard work of the IHOMSA Committee. We wish to sincerely thank Clare Taylor, Anne Lightfoot, Sherean Isherwood, Zoe Lock and Mark Butler and all the parents who gave up their time. Thank you also to all our staff who willingly give up their time to support IHOMSA. Hopefully this has reminded you all how important IHOMSA is so please try and come to the meetings and get involved. The more people who get involved, the less you have to do!

**Mini Vinnies Toy Appeal** – Thank you to all our parents for your great generosity in providing so many toys for Catholic Care and the SVP. It took two vans to take away all the toys and the volunteers from these organisations were overwhelmed by your kindness. Special thanks to Mr & Mrs Calam who organized for the £800 raised in the DXC Charity Tuckshop to be spent on toys for this appeal.

**RCD** – Miss Causey has been appointed as a Teaching Assistant in class RCD. I'm sure you will all make her feel very welcome.

**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.

**Car Park** – Please note that the Church car park will not be open on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January morning as asbestos removal is taking place in the Church. Skips will be arriving from 8am so for safety reasons the car park will be closed to school traffic.

**Award Winners** – This half term we have introduced our new awards based on the seven virtues our children decided on in October. Congratulations to all the children who have received these awards. The new trophies do need to be brought back in February.

Yr	Honesty	Generosity	Patience	Courage	Respect	Wisdom	Resilience
1	Lily	Connor	Nuala	Filip	Rachel	Jack	Tommy
2	Joshua	Jack	Elsie	William	Ben	Niamh	Jack
3	Hugh	Rosie	Amelia	Sam	Jacques	Jacob	Maria
4	Isabella	Isabella	Benjamin	Gabrielle	James	Matthew	Rebecca
5	Milo	Autumn	Gabriella	Nikola	Ruby-Rose	Jasmine	Sebastian
6	Harry	Callum	Dominic	Niamh	Martina	Iriana	Katie



**Recommended Reading** – This week’s recommendations are:

Year R – The Little Red Hen by Byron Barton  
 Year 1 – The Large Family Collection by Jill Murphy  
 Year 2 – Mog Stories by Judith Kerr  
 Year 3 – The Twits by Roald Dahl  
 Year 4 – The Dragon’s Child by Jenny Nimmo  
 Year 5 – The Diddakoi by Rumer Godden  
 Year 6 – Framed by Frank Cottrell Boyce

**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 96% attendance.

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Attendance Wk. Comm 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	
<b>YR</b>	RAG – 100%	RCD – 100%
<b>Y1</b>	1LG – 92%	1LR – 99%
	1SC – 97%	
<b>Y2</b>	2JM – 98%	2HC – 100%
<b>Y3</b>	3GG – 95%	3AW – 91%
<b>Y4</b>	4GB – 98%	4DK – 97%
<b>Y5</b>	5HS – 98%	5JR – 100%
<b>Y6</b>	6FE – 92%	6CK – 94%

**Happy Birthday to –**

Year R – Edward, Taya & Benjamin  
 Year 1 – Joshua, Isabella, Georgia, Sophia, Ella, Dabeluchi, Rachel, Liam & Kal-EI  
 Year 2 – Niamh, Enya, Daniel & Emily  
 Year 4 – Cara, Natalia, Katie, Luke & Gabrielle  
 Year 5 – Minnie, Nancy, Oliver & Bhavan  
 Year 6 – Ruby, Julia, Evie & Chloe



<b>Forthcoming Events – new dates in bold</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	1.15pm	School finishes for Christmas – no After School Club
<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>		<b>School reopens – Church car park closed</b>
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3.30pm	Y3 Confessions & Herd Farm Meeting
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.15am	Y2 Educational Visit to Skipton Castle
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9am	Y1 Educational Visit to the Yorkshire Museum
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3.30pm	Y4 Herd Farm Meeting
Weds 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9am	Y6 Educational Visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.15am	RAG Class Assembly
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	6pm	Y6 SATS Information Evening
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.15am	1LR Class Assembly
Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	6pm	Y2 SATS Information Evening
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	9.15am	4GB Class Assembly
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	6.30pm	IHOMSA Bingo Night
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	All Day	Y6 Bikeability
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.15am	2JM Class Assembly
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.15am	5JR Class Assembly
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.15am	IHOMSA Coffee Morning
<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>

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Mrs. A. M. Phillips  
Headteacher

### **Prayer**

Loving Father; help us remember the birth of Jesus that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds and the wisdom of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings and teach us to be merry with clean hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be your children and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus sake. Amen

Christmas Prayer by Robert Louis Stevenson, read in Year 1's Carols round the Crib this morning.

**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.**

