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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019

### Mass in Church (9.30 a.m.) – Spring Term 2019

Class	Date
Year 4	to be rearranged
Year 5	to be rearranged
Year 6	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> February
Reception	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 1	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February
Whole School – Ash Wednesday	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 4 with confession	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 5 with confession	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 6 with confession	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 3 with confession	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April

### Children taking a lead in Mass on a Sunday with the Parish

Date
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March at 6:30pm Mass

### STEM WEEK

As you will now be aware we will be having a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) focused week, the week beginning 11th February 2019. Further details regarding what is taking place are attached to your electronic copy of the newsletter including activities after school on both Thursday and Friday. If you are able to attend the AS Creatives maths after school session on the Friday, please email the school office so that we have an idea of numbers. AS Creatives will also be in school during the day on the Friday carrying out Maths workshops with the children, the cost of the AS Creatives sessions to school is £650. If any parents would like to make a contribution to school funds towards this, they can be made on ParentPay through the 'Voluntary Contribution to STEM Event'. Also, for STEM week, we would like the children to decorate a white t-shirt to wear during their activities. This would be put on over their blue t-shirts, a bit like a scientist might put on a lab coat. They should decorate their shirts with things related to STEM e.g. numbers, shapes, rockets or scientific symbols. Thank you so much for your continued support

*Mrs Ripley*

### PARENTS' EVENINGS – CHANGE OF DATES

Parents' evenings will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March (3:40 p.m. – 6:20 p.m.) and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March (5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.).

The online system will be open for bookings from 7:00 a.m. on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019, until 7:00 p.m. on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Please visit <https://sspp.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/> to book your appointment during this time and enter the requested details to login, if you need a particular time please book early. The email address will be the one school holds on record for the parent who is priority 1 contact on our system. If you have any problems accessing the system or booking appointments, please contact the school office.

### STAY AND PLAY MATHS

Parents are warmly invited stay and play maths in Years 1 and 5 in school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 9:00 a.m. and in Years 2 and 4 on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 9:00 a.m.

Self-Awareness – this is quite a tricky virtue for small children to understand. Please help them to see situations and themselves from others points of view.

Dear God

May I learn to know myself better.  
May I learn how to control myself at home and at school, in the classroom and in the playground.

May I look out for people and be kind to others

May I learn to control my thoughts words and actions – and pray that these are governed by the Holy Spirit.

I ask for your help in Jesus name  
Amen.

## **YEAR 5 STATIONARY & PENCIL CASES**

Due to items from children's own pencil cases being lost, I am afraid we are now asking that all personal items be left at home. Dealing with issues of lost items is taking up a lot of learning time to and also causing a lot of upset to the children this affects. I do thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

*Mrs Filarowski*

## **TEMPEST CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS**

Tempest will be in school on Monday morning to take the class photos in school.

## **YEAR 3 VISIT TO JORVIK**

Year 3 will be visiting the Jorvik Centre on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, the coach departs school at approx. 9 a.m. and will return for the end of the school day. Children will require a packed lunch for this trip.

## **MEDITATION/MINDFULNESS CLUB**

We are now holding a lunchtime meditation/mindfulness club for children in KS2. We do hope that we will be involving children in KS1 before the end of the academic year. The club will run on a Thursday lunchtime.

<b>Term</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Year Group</b>
Remainder of Spring 1 & Spring 2	12:00 – 12:30	Year 3 & 4
Summer 1	12:30 – 1:00	Year 5 & 6

Research has shown that teaching meditation to children can improve their ability to pay attention, to control their emotions, to make considered decisions and improve their well-being. The club will consist of some mindfulness colouring followed by a short time of quiet, reflective meditation. *Mrs Filarowski*

## **YEAR 5 GREEK MUSEUM**

Following the success of last year's Greek Museum, Year 5 will again be holding a Greek Museum for the whole school and parents on Friday March 1st. The museum will showcase some of the creative elements of the topic studied including Greek masks made from papier mache, Greek pottery which has been made in school with help from *Firefly Pottery of Horsforth*, and a home project to make a Greek artefact of the children's choice! Parents are welcome to attend the museum on March 1st between 3:00 – 3:30p.m. *Mrs Filarowski*

## **NHS DENTAL SURVEY**

The NHS will be in school on 5th February to carry out a dental survey of children in Reception and Year 1. They have selected a sample of children from Reception and Year 1. If your child has been selected you will have received a consent form home via the book bag last week.

Please complete the form and return to school as soon as possible, thank you.

## **SCHOOL APP**

Some parents have mentioned that they have not received messages that have been sent via the school app. If you have the app please can you check that you have the relevant notifications turned on. To do this open the app, go to settings and ensure that any year groups/ clubs that your child(ren) are involved in are turned on. If you are unable to access the school app, please ensure that the school office are aware so that messages can still be sent via text message. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

## **LEXIA COMPUTER APPLICATION**

We have been advised that myLexia will no longer be supported by Internet Explorer (IE). This means you will no longer be able to use IE to access myLexia at home. If your child is using myLexia at home you will need to use one of the following browsers; Chrome, Firefox, Safari or Microsoft Edge.

You can also access myLexia on a smart phone or tablet via the app, available on Google Play or the App store.

## **MATHLETICS**

We have decided not to renew our subscription to this online application and are using alternative maths applications such as Timestables Rockstars and a new application we have subscribed to called Symphony Maths. Therefore, from 1<sup>st</sup> February your child will no longer be able to access Mathletics.

## **PARKING**

This week we have received complaints of people parking on the road leading to school. This area is marked with double yellow lines and therefore parking is not allowed in this area. This morning a car parked in this area was bumped by another car that had skidded on the ice and although this was caused by today's weather conditions, cars parking in this area are make driving on the road outside school both difficult and dangerous. Please be considerate with your parking and either use the school

car park or the Church car park. The Leeds Travel team have also shared their blog which features an item on parking near the school gates:

<https://saferroadsleeds.wordpress.com/2019/01/30/schoolgateparking/>



### **Year 6 Football Match – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January v West End Horsforth**

The Year 6 football team put in an outstanding effort in Tuesday night's game, losing 1-0 to West End in an exceptionally tight game. They kept going right to the end, putting the opposition defence under immense pressure and hitting the post moments before the final whistle.

### **WEEKLY AWARDS**

#### ***'John Paul II Foundation for Sport' Virtue of Courtesy***

Rec – Halle H.  
Year 1 – Ivy T-S.  
Year 2 – Freddie G.  
Year 3 – Orlaith McQ.  
Year 4 – Harry H.  
Year 5 – Lizzie D.  
Year 6 – Sean W.

#### ***'Mathletics – Best in Class'***

Rec – Oliver B.  
Year 1 – Arthur B.  
Year 2 – Jessica D.  
Year 3 – Isla McL.  
Year 4 – Christopher K.  
Year 5 – Thomas E.  
Year 6 – Kian F.

### **FRIENDS OF Ss. PETER AND PAUL SCHOOL**

#### **Bangers & Bingo**

Saturday 9th March 2019, Doors open 6pm, eyes down at 6.30pm! [Further details to follow].

#### **Mother's Day Shops – Change of Dates**

Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th March 2019 – please note that all gifts will be £2.50.

Please note that the next FOSPAP meeting will take place on **Tuesday 26th February 2019 at 7pm** in School – all very welcome.