



11th February 2019

'Will you follow?' was the theme of our Worship today. We talked about the story of the fishermen and how we too are called to follow Jesus.



Last Tuesday we took part in **Internet Safety Day 2019**. As a school we are constantly repeating the key messages associated with staying safe online. We all know that the internet and social media present a world of opportunities for learning and interaction and these should be fostered and celebrated.

Diary Dates –

Monday 11th February

However, it was disturbing to hear a number of the children talk about the freedom they are given at home to access online games which often include unsupervised 'chats' with people they do not know. We have also noticed there has been an increasing number of issues caused by children interacting with each other using apps such as WhastApp when outside of school. The children, some as young as 8, simply do not have the maturity to use these methods of communication and this is leading to upset and falling out which then spills over into school life - this is simply unfair. The minimum age for WhatsApp is 16 years old! It is this age for a reason!! Our children are young for such a short time and as the parents and adults in their lives we must do everything in our power to shield them and protect them. If you do feel it really necessary for your young child to have a phone and access to these methods of communication, then it is vital that you take the responsibility to police this and have a very transparent approach to ensure that your child is behaving and interacting appropriately.

Year 3 and 4 Helmshore trip.

Tuesday 12th February

Let's ensure that we embrace all the opportunities the internet provides whilst being forever mindful of protecting our very young children.

Governors Committee Meetings 5.30pm & 7pm.

Thursday 14th February



Rossendale Dance Competition at Burnley Mechanics Theatre.

Friday 15th February

School closes for half term at the usual time.

Monday 25th February

School re-opens.

Thursday 28th February

FOSP KS2 PJ Party Film Night

Friday 1st March

£100 Robinwood balance due by today at the latest

Wednesday 6th March

Ash Wednesday service at Church at 10am.

Rossendale Dance Competition We are all really looking forward to this event on Thursday at Burnley Mechanics! The Dance Squad have been working very hard with Miss Bateman and I know they will present a superb performance. As usual, please can the girls have their hair damp and plaited the night before.

The squad will have lunch as normal at school on Thursday and then travel by coach to the venue. They will need with them a disposable packed tea including 2 still drinks. The show starts at 6pm and is due to end at approximately 7.30pm. The show will be filmed, and DVDs will be available to buy for just £3. The organiser will be asking me for orders later in the week so if you wish to purchase one please send £3 in a labelled envelope to school by Thursday morning.

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March 2019

This year we have decided to do something a little different for Book Day. Instead of asking children to dress up as a book character, we are going to have a 'Bedtime Story' themed day. Therefore, children are asked to come to school in their PJs, Onesies, Dressing Gowns, Slippers etc! They will still be playing out so will need to bring some trainers for play times and a coat, so they don't get cold outdoors. Children can also bring in their bedtime teddy if they wish plus their favourite story book. Each class will be decorating their classroom doors in the theme of a book and we are inviting parents, carers and grandparents to come in to school from 2.30pm to see the doors, vote for their favourite and share a story with their children. It should be a lovely day and yet another chance to celebrate the joy of reading!

Silver Superstars!!

What a fabulous achievement for our Year 3/4 athletics team who were runners up in the Rossendale finals last Monday! Miss Lynch was bursting with pride and rightfully so as our superstars competed against schools twice our size. Not only were they the silver medal winners, they also demonstrated resilience, teamwork and humility which are all the qualities we strive to instil when our children are going out and representing our school in the wider area. Well done team – you were brilliant!!



Helmshore Museum

The Year 5/6 children and staff had a fabulous visit to Helmshore Textile Museum last week. The day was jam-packed with learning and hands-on activities which linked brilliantly to our local history topic. Thank you for the financial contributions which make trips such as these possible for the children, as they really bring the learning to life! I am sure the Year 3/4 trip today has been just as successful!

FOSP Updates

There will be a KS2 PJ Party Film night on **Thursday 28th Feb** from 6pm – 8pm. The chosen film is 'Goosebumps 2' and the flyer is coming home this week!

A date for your diaries – St Patrick's Day Disco is on **Friday 15th March** 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Tickets will be available from Thursday 7th March – again keep your eye out for the flyer!

Attendance –

Class 1 – 99.3%

Class 2 – 100%

Class 3 – 99.4%

Class 4 – 99.3%

Class 5 – 98.4%

Whole School...99.3%!

Team Points...MARK & JOHN!

Happy Birthday...

Dominic, Chloe, Joseph, Daisy, Max, Tory and Mr Webster!

Bee Lucky Winner – Mr Sagar!

Well done to our Stars of the Week...

Noah, Isaac, Evie, William, Sam, William and Luke!



Chaplaincy Award Winners... *The weekly award for this term is for showing the Christian Value of Truth, Forgiveness or Friendship!*

Bella, Oscar, Gabriella and Rosalie!

There will be NO assembly this week, best wishes for the week and the half term break! *Helen Sullivan.*