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NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st March 2019

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

Class	Date
Whole School – Ash Wednesday	Wednesday 6 th March
Year 6 with confession	Monday 25 th March
Year 5 with confession – change of date	Tuesday 26 th March
Year 4 with confession – change of date	Wednesday 27 th March
Year 3 with confession	Monday 1 st April

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

Date
Sunday 17 th March at 6:30pm Mass

Generosity

As we enter the season of Lent, our virtue that we are working on is one of Generosity. As last week's Gospel told us, it is easy to be kind to those, we love. We must work on showing love and kindness to those we do not have as much in common with. Throughout Lent, the children will be collecting for the Good Shepherd. This is our diocesan charity that looks to help those in need.

WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 7TH MARCH

Please be reminded that the deadline for children to return their story in a jar is Monday 4th March and the jars will be available for viewing between 3:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Thursday 7th March and between 2:30 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. on Friday 8th March. The viewing on Friday will be followed by an assembly and parents/carers are welcome to attend at 2:45pm. This year we have decided that the children will not come into school dressed up, but we are having a special World Book day lunch on the 7th March.

Also, as part of our World Book Day activities, we will be sharing and swapping books:

Big Book Share - Years 3 to 6

Following the purchase of new books, with help from funds that FOSPAP have raised, for the 100 book challenge, we have a number of preloved books from classroom libraries that we would like the children to make good use of. We will therefore be holding a Big Book Share, where the children can choose and take a 'new' book home.

Big Book Swap - Years Reception to Year 2

We would like the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to bring in a book they have finished reading at home and are happy to swap with someone else. They can then choose a 'new' book to take home.

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.

Term	Time	Year Group
Remainder of Spring 1 & Spring 2	12:00– 12:30	Year 4 & 5
Summer 1	12:30 – 1:00	Year 3 & 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*

SCHOOL MEALS

Next week the meals in school will change due to Ash Wednesday and World Book Day. Monday and Tuesday will be meals as usual, Wednesday and Friday menus will swap so that fish will be served on Wednesday (any children who usually have a jacket on Fridays will have a jacket on Wednesday) with minced beef chilli being served on Friday. Thursday is World Book Day and the themed menu will be served. If your child is having a school meal on World Book Day please note that the shredded lettuce and mayo will be served separately.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 25TH FEBRUARY TO 8TH MARCH

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the Fairtrade cafes this week. Please see below for the dates of the remaining cafes:

Reception	5 th March
Year 2	7 th March
Year 3	4 th March
Year 6	5 th March

CLASS PHOTOS

Children should have brought home their order form for class photos this week. If you would like to order a class photo please return the order form to school by Friday 8th March. Samples of the photos are on each classroom door for you to view.

YEAR 5 AMPLEFORTH WORSHIP AND GREEK MUSEUM

Thank you to all the parents/carers who have been able to join Year 5 for these events this week. We have enjoyed sharing our experiences and learning with you and thank you very much for sharing in your child's learning. For those of you who have been unable to attend, I have made it clear that I am very proud of the children for the way they have conducted themselves on residential and worked hard in class. *Mrs Filarowski*

YEAR 6 WORLD WAR II WORKSHOP

Mrs Thompson from the Leeds Museum Service will be in school all day on Thursday 7th March to talk to the children about World War II and life in the 1940s. Parents are warmly invited at 2:45pm to see what the children have been learning. *Mrs Ripley*

ARTS AND CRAFTS CLUB

The first session of the arts and craft club starts on Tuesday 5th March after school. Letters have been sent out to those children who have a place at this club. *Mrs Munro*

LEXIA

We do not have Lexia licences for all the children as it is too expensive – however some children who have been allocated Lexia do not take up this opportunity. If you get a letter home saying your child can use Lexia can you **please let school know if you do not want to use this facility** so that we can allocate that licence to another child in school. 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.

ONLINE SAFETY

You may have heard about the Momo Challenge, which has been in the news recently where an online character appears and asks the user to carry out dangerous challenges. We have received some advice from the Leeds Safeguarding team regarding this and general online safety:

Parents are encouraged to:

- Ensure they know what their children can access online
- Ensure children understand the importance of not giving personal information to anyone they do not know
- Tell their children no-one has the right to make them do anything they do not want to do
- Use parental controls to keep children safe

Among the most common signs to watch out for include children who:

- Become very secretive, especially about what they are doing online
- Are spending a lot of time on the internet and social media
- Are switching screens on their device when approached
- Are withdrawn or angry after using the internet or sending text messages
- Have lots of new phone numbers or email addresses on their devices

Also, attached to your electronic version of the newsletter is a parental guide to the Momo challenge. Age restrictions for most social media platforms are 13+ and Whatsapp is 16+.

FRIENDS OF Ss. PETER AND PAUL SCHOOL

Bangers & Bingo

Anyone wishing to attend the FAMILY Bangers & Bingo Event on Saturday 9th March 2019 at 6pm, MUST complete and return the slip (sent home in book bags) along with money in a named sealed envelope no later than Wednesday 6th March 2019. Many thanks

Mother's Day Shops – Change of Dates

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

NOTICES FROM THE PARISH

Due to the lighter nights, we have decided to run the youth club sessions once a fortnight starting Sunday 3rd March. Please note that we are extending the time so we have time for our activities - our new time will be 4pm until 6.20pm.

The sessions will take place on 3rd, 17th, 31st March onwards. The sessions run term time only. We will be going on cook-outs, playing sports in Nunroyd Park and walking up to Yeadon Tarn. New members and parent volunteers are always welcome.

For more information please contact Angie (Hermione Thompson's Mum in year 6) Call or text: 07733 219735.