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

Ethos statement for next week: "I try to keep going when things are difficult and not give up hope."

15th March 2019

Dear Parents,

The good news for those of you who read last weeks newsletter is that Lent is only for 40 days not 40 years!!

The weather this week has delayed the finishing of the Astroturf. We are hoping that today some of the sand can be laid and that if all goes well the Astroturf should be available for us to use on Friday. The one advantage of the heavy rain this week is that we know the drainage works as it was wonderful to see no puddles on our new astroturf! Our sponsored run was due to take place on Tuesday 19th March but will now take place on Monday 1st April. Children may come in wearing their sports clothes. Sponsor sheets will be given out next week so there is plenty of time to get sponsors! Please return money after the Easter holidays. This money is for our Lenten charities not for school. Last week the Year 6 children raised £277.79 – well done Year 6!

4DK Assembly – This morning 4DK brought great joy to the school and to their families with their assembly on St Patrick. The children told the story of St Patrick in a very entertaining manner and reminded us all of the debt we owe him. The whole class were superb, a real credit to their families and Mr Kane.

Can I remind all parents that, no matter what the weather, the St Patrick's Day parade will take place. We are fortunate enough to have a float. Please arrive at Millenium Square for 10.30am. Space on the float for adults and children will be given on a first come, first served basis. Anyone not on the float can walk along behind.

Year 4 First Holy Communion Classes – A reminder that the classes begin on Monday from 3.25-4.45pm. Please collect your child from the main entrance.

EASTER ACTIVITIES ADVANCE NOTICE

As we are returning to school on Easter Tuesday we thought we could celebrate Easter by the children doing various Easter activities at home in the holidays! Your child can choose between the following options – they can make their own Easter bonnet, or an Easter Garden (in an old shoebox or item of similar size) or decorate a hard boiled egg. These items to be brought into school on Tuesday 23rd April when we return to school. If you really want you can do all three! Nearer the time there will be examples on the website.

Year 3 More Than Dance Easter Celebration – For all parents but especially our Year 3 parents, Thursday 25th April at 6pm in IHOM church. Children will need their white PE t-shirts and blue shorts for this performance.

Sports News – Unfortunately our boys team lost 1-0 after extra time in the Bishop’s Cup last Friday. The team gave everything they could but luck has not been with them this year.

IHOMSA 100 Club – Congratulations to Marie O’Keefe who has won the £100 this week. Remember you can still enter! Please contact Mark Butler on ihomsa13@gmail.com

HCPT Cake Sale – Will take place on Sunday 17th March after 9.30am mass at IHOM. To find out more about the group or to get involved speak to one of the group on the day or visit www.hcpt.org.uk

Sally and the Spaceman Panto - The Queen’s Hall, Sun 24th March, 3pm. The Queen’s Hall are pleased to present a panto for the whole family. Come along for an afternoon of fun entertainment with a bar, tea and coffee and snacks available. This is a ticket only event with tickets priced at £3.50 a person. You can purchase yours from the school office, the lounge bar in the Queen’s Hall or by email to parishhalls@gmail.co.uk. Don’t miss out, get your tickets before they sell out!



St Patrick’s Night Ceilidh – On Saturday 16th March 7-11pm there will be a ceilidh at the Queen’s Hall. Tickets are available from the Parish Office Monday-Thursday 9.45am-12.30pm or email parishhalls@gmail.com or phone 07516 705 428. Tickets cost £10 per family, £5 per adult and includes Irish Stew!

Recommended Reading – This week’s recommendations are:

- Year R – There was an old lady who swallowed a fly by Pam Adams
- Year 1 – Avocado Baby by John Burningham
- Year 2 – The Magic Finger by Roald Dahl
- Year 3 – The Naughtiest Girl in the School by Enid Blyton
- Year 4 – The Crazy Shoe Shuffle by Gillian Cross
- Year 5 – Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson
- Year 6 – His Dark Materials Trilogy by Philip Pullman

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 99% attendance. Special congratulations to 1LG, 1LR, 5HS & 6CK who achieved 100%.

Year Group	Attendance Wk. Comm 4 th Mar	
YR	RAG – 99%	RCD – 98%
Y1	1LG – 100%	1LR – 100%
	1SC – 99%	
Y2	2JM – 99%	2HC – 99%
Y3	3GG – 99%	3AW – 99%
Y4	4GB – 99%	4DK – 99%
Y5	5HS – 100%	5JR – 99%
Y6	6FE – 98%	6CK – 100%

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded Star of the Week in their class!

- RAG – Alby
- RCD – George
- 1LR – Anna
- 3AW – Amelia
- 3GG – Alex
- 4GB – Travis



1LG – Shonagh
 1SC – Joshua
 2JM – Gabriella
 2HC – John-Paul

4DK – Seth
 5JR – Autumn
 5HS – Rian
 6CK – Louie
 6FE - Zack

Happy Birthday to –

Year R – Isabella
 Year 1 – Ellie, Dexter & Calvin
 Year 3 - Lewis
 Year 4 – Olly
 Year 5 – Lois



Forthcoming Events – new dates in bold		
Date	Time	Event
Sun 17 th Mar	10.30am	St Patrick's Day Parade Cookridge Street
Mon 18th Mar	3.25-4.45pm	Y4 First Holy Communion class
Tues 19th Mar	All Day	Y3 Ancient Greek Museum
Weds 20 th Mar	7.15pm	IHOMSA Barrelates
Fri 22 nd Mar	9.15am	1SC Class Assembly
Fri 22 nd Mar	During school	Y4 Grand Theatre & Rothwell Music Festival
Mon 25th Mar	3.25-4.45pm	Y4 First Holy Communion class
Weds 27 th & Thurs 28 th Mar	3.45-6.45pm	Parent's Consultation Evening
Thurs 28 th & Fri 29 th Mar	During school	IHOMSA Mother's Day stalls
Fri 29 th Mar	9.15am	RCD Class Assembly
Fri 29th Mar	During school	Year 5 Planetarium visit
Mon 1st Apr	All Day	Sponsored Run – children to wear sports clothes
Mon 1st Apr	3.25-4.45pm	Y4 First Holy Communion class
Fri 5th Apr	All Day	KS2 St George's Merit House Non Uniform Day – Brownies/Cubs etc may wear those uniforms
Fri 5 th Apr	3.25pm	School closes for Easter
Tues 23 rd Apr	8.45am	School reopens
Tues 23 rd Apr	8.45am	Easter crafts to be brought into school
Thurs 25 th Apr	6pm	Y3 More Than Dance Performance
Fri 26 th Apr	All Day	Class Photos
Fri 26 th Apr	5.30-6.30pm	YR & Y1 Spring Disco
Fri 26 th Apr	6.45-7.45pm	Yrs 2, 3 & 4 Spring Disco
Mon 29th Apr	3.25-4.45pm	Y4 First Holy Communion class
Sat 15th June	10am	4GB First Holy Communion
Sat 22nd June	10am	4DK First Holy Communion

Mrs. A. M. Phillips
 Headteacher

Prayer

God of all nations, you are faithful to your people; hear the prayers we bring on the feast of St Patrick and grant them, we implore you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

