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Weekly Newsletter
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Following in Jesus' footsteps...

We pray together

We play together

We learn together



Come and See



This Week

As part of our Lenten journey the children from Y3/4 went across to church on Monday to reflect on the stations of the cross. As we get closer towards Easter the whole school will come together during our final week. The whole school will take part in a service of Reconciliation and Stations of the Cross.

Our School Prayer

Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless my family at home,
Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless my family at school,
Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless all the families
of the world.



Book Tree

Please remember to visit our Book Tree at the front entrance. You are more than welcome to borrow a book from the basket, however, we would be grateful if you would remember to bring it back when it has been read.

We are also looking for donations of books, in good condition, to add to our book tree.

Thank you to all those children who have already kindly donated so far.

Attendance for week ending 10th March 2017

Year	Attendance	Weeks Won
R	93%	6
1	96.1%	5
2**	98.1%	3
3	94.7%	5
4	94.2%	3
5	97%	4
6	97.7%	1

Whole School: 96.8%

National average is 96.3%

Well done Y3 & Y5, you were our classes of the week.



We had four classes again this week
whose attendance was below the
National Average.

We hope for an improvement next week.



Year Group	Star of the Week	Golden Table
Reception	Sienna	Dylan Harry Joseph Annabelle
Year 1	Frankie	Jacob Thomas Nathaniel Blake
Year 2	Scarlett	Lucas Anthony Olivia Amelia
Year 3	Annabella	Charlie Boa Phoebe Charlie D Grace
Year 4	Grace	Frankie Halle Isla Neve
Year 5	Olivia	Zak George Phoebe Evie
Year 6	Harry	None awarded due to Kingswood trip
Mathematician of the Week Rosabella - Y1, Matthew - Y2, James - Y3, Alexander - Y4, Summer - Y5, Alice - Y6	Reader of the Week Carolina - Reception, Eve - Y1, Anthony - Y2, Nathan - Y3, Finn - Y4, Eva - Y5, Jorge - Y6	Writer of the Week Oscar - Y1, Oscar - Y2, Lauren - Y3, Sophie - Y4, Evie - Y5, Emily - Y6

Well done to all the children involved.

What's happened this week



Many thanks for the very generous donations towards Cafod. We have raised £311.34 so far. We are still accepting donations until Easter. If you has misplaced your Cafod envelope please send your donation in another envelope. The emergency in Sudan is the current appeal and I'm sure as you have seen from the television this is a very critical situation and your contributions are very much appreciated.

Spring Concert

Our school choir took part in the Spring Concert at Sts Peter & Paul College on Tuesday this week. They were absolutely fantastic and we were so proud of you ☺. A lovely certificate was given to us on the evening and is now in the school foyer.

Kingswood

We welcome the Y6 children back today and we look forward to hearing all about the trip in next weeks newsletter. The weather was lovely on their departure day on Wednesday and we hope it continued to be kind to them for the rest of the week.

What's coming up soon

Mrs Mitchell

As I am sure you are all aware, Mrs Mitchell will be starting her maternity leave soon. We only hope she has enough time to rest before the big arrival! ☺ During her leave, Mrs Fay has been appointed to cover Mrs Mitchell's leave. Mrs Fay will be starting with us next Monday 20th March to aid transition. Both teachers will be working together and Mrs Mitchell will be helping Mrs Fay to get to know the children and the classroom procedures. I am sure you would like to join us in wishing Mr and Mrs Mitchell every happiness as they look forward to welcoming a wonderful addition to their family.

Y4 Mass

As our Y4 class begin their preparations for Holy Communion the class will be going to Mass each Tuesday throughout Lent. We would be grateful if children could be in school prompt please as Mass begins at 9.15am.

Widnes Vikings Initiative

The Game Changer initiative will continue until half term for children in Y2, Y3 & Y4. Children and their siblings are welcome to come into school at 8am. The fun starts with a healthy breakfast! ☺ As this is an extra-curricular activity there will be a charge of £1.00.

Widnes Poetry Festival

We have been invited to take part in the Widnes Poetry Festival by Mr Delaney a local poet. Last year we were delighted when Daisy Shaw won the competition. Mr Delaney will be coming into school on Monday 20th March to work with children from Y4 & Y5 to help to compose the poems. He will then choose children to recite their poems at the completion the following week which will be held at Ormiston Bollington Academy School. If your child is selected to take part you will be notified by letter on Tuesday.

Y2 EFC Tournament

The second round of this tournament will be held at Everton Academy, Finch Farm on Wednesday 22nd March in the morning. Unfortunately Everton have stipulated that parents are not allowed to attend this event. We have arranged for a minibus to transport the children and staff on this occasion. A letter giving full details has already been sent home. We are aware that this is also the date for the parent meetings. If your child is involved in the competition we would ask you to liaise with class teachers for an alternative date and time

Y5 & Y6 Football League

The next fixtures will be held on Wednesday 22nd March at 3.30pm. A separate letter giving full details has already been sent home.

Parent Meetings

We will be holding Parent Meetings on Wednesday 22nd March. We apologise for any inconvenience due to the new booking system. Hopefully this has now been addressed. Please contact the class teachers if you are unsure of your meeting times.

Comic Relief

The children will be fundraising for Red Nose Day on Friday 24th March. Each class will be fundraising in their own way and children will be able to have their noses face painted for donations of 50p. Please let the class teachers know if you do not want your child to take part in this activity.

Mothers Day Tea Party

The children in the Reception Class will be holding a Mothers Day Tea Party on Friday 24th March. The afternoon will begin at 1.45pm and all Reception mums and grans are welcome.

Childrens University

We would be grateful if parents could please send all hours from external clubs into school by Friday 24th March. Mrs Quigley needs to submit the information before we finish for Easter and needs to collate school information as well as external information.

Y4 Swimming

The children in the Y4 class will be going to Halewood Baths on Tuesday 18th April until Friday 21st April and again the following week from Tuesday until Friday. A separate letter will be sent home next week.

DEAR



We will be continuing with our DEAR (drop everything and read) on Friday mornings from 8.30am. Please do come along with the children and their favourite book to read in the classrooms. All are welcome.

RE-SPORT

Holy Family school has been asked to support a local initiative Re-sport, sponsored by the Cathie Stankavitch Foundation. Cathie's son John, has asked for donations of sports equipment that you no longer use, or sports clothing that is no longer worn and is still in good condition, to be handed into school on Friday 31st March. John will be outside the school gate at 8.45 am to accept the donations.

Leaflets informing you about this project have already been sent home. For more information click on <http://www.cathiestankevitchfoundation.co.uk/projects-and-initiatives/resport-project/>.

Additional Information

We have been asked to let you know that Sts Peter & Paul Catholic College in Widnes will be holding Open Mornings for prospective parents of children in Y4, Y5 and Y6 on Tuesday 28th March.

The mornings will run from 9.30am - 11am and are for parents only.

PTFA

We will be holding an Easter Bingo on Thursday 30th March in Holy Family Club from 6.30pm - 8pm. All are welcome to attend and tickets will cost £3.00 per adult and £2.00 per child each. Letters giving full details have now been sent home and also raffle tickets.

Extra bingo tickets will be on sale during the night for £2.50 a strip for those of you who are competent bingo players! Tickets for this event are limited and will be given out on a first come first served basis. So please do not delay as we would hate to disappoint.

We would be grateful for donations for the prizes and look forward to seeing you all for this enjoyable event. Children are welcome to come into school in their own clothes on Thursday 30th March for donations of Easter Eggs.

Widnes Vikings

Thank you to all who attended the game last week.

The next Widnes Vikings fixture will be :

Widnes Vikings V Salford on Friday 24th March - 8pm kick off.

Yr5/6 will be playing their second fixture before this game.

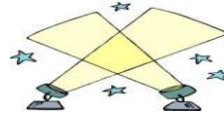
Ticket deadline Monday 20th March

Ticket Prices are as follows: Juniors £7.50, Concessions £15, Adults £22,

Junior and Adult £25

If you would like to purchase tickets please send your request into school in a sealed, named envelope.

Spotlight on Y1



This week we put treasure in a bag and hid it. We all made maps and we all agreed that my map was the one to be chosen and used as the place to hide the treasure. All the other maps were hidden somewhere and mine because it had been chosen as the map of where to hide the treasure was put in the bird house. The next day all the treasure had been taken.

We think Captain Hook had watched us as he has a magic ball and can see things and he took the treasure. We found sand on the floor and police tape in the playground near the mud kitchen. When we were hiding the treasure Miss asked us to be quiet so Captain Hook wouldn't be able to hear but I think he must have heard us after all.

We all wrote reports for the Police as they had asked us for our help to try to find the treasure. PC Plum and PC Paul said they needed our help. The treasure was six golden cups and golden balloons but there was one silver one and that was the specialist one.

Some people think Miss Cook or Miss Langton took it but I think it was Captain Hook.

Many thanks to Indie and Howie

Diary Dates



March

Monday 20 th	Poet Mr Delaney to work with Yr4 and Yr5
Wednesday 22 nd	Y2 Football
Wednesday 22 nd	Parent Meetings
Wednesday 22 nd	Y5/Y6 Football League @ 3.00pm
Friday 24 th	Reception Class Mothers Day Tea Party @ 1.45pm
Friday 24 th	Red Nose Day - Details to follow
Thursday 30 th	PTFA Bingo 6.30pm - 8pm
Thursday 30 th	Own clothes for donations of Easter Eggs
Friday 31 st	Easter raffle
Friday 31 st	Break Up at 2pm

April

Tuesday 18 th	Return to School - Bell at 8.55am
Tuesday 18 th - Friday 21 st	Y4 Swimming
Monday 24 th	Sacramental Meeting in Holy Family Club at 6.30pm Parents Only
Tuesday 25 th - Friday 28 th	Y4 Swimming

May

Monday 1 st	Bank Holiday Monday - School Closed
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After School Clubs



Day	Activity/Club	Year	Time
Monday	Vikings Rugby	Years 5 & 6	3.20-4.15
	Tween Yoga	Years 3, 4 & 5	3.20-4.15
	Guitar	Years 5 & 6	3.20-4.00
	Football	Years 1 & 2	3.15-4.15
Tuesday	Gardening Club	Years 3 - Y6	3.20- 4.00
	Netball	Years 5 & 6	3.20-4.00
	Football	Years 3 & 4	3.20-4.15
	Football	Years 5 & 6	3.15-4.15
	Tween Yoga	Years 1 & 2	3.15-4.15
Wednesday	Rise and Shine Dance	Years 1 - Year 6	8.30-9.00
	Cookery	Year 2	3.20-4.15
	Multisports	Years 5 & 6	3.15-4.15
Thursday	Choir	Years 2 - Year 6	3.15-4.00
	Multi-sports	Years 1 & 2	3.20-4.15
Friday	Rugby	Years 1 & 2	3.15-4.00
	Film club	Years 3 & 4	3.15-4.15

And finally.....

The school value we will be focusing on next week will be

Forgiveness

Please speak to your children about the importance
of forgiving one another.



Kind regards

Mrs Hannah