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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



Next Wednesday (Ash Wednesday) marks the start of Lent. Over the coming weeks the children will be preparing for and learning about Lent and Easter through the topic of 'Giving'.

As a family, you can talk about how you can practice self-control and self-giving during the season of Lent and decide on actions you could share together. Ask your child how, in school, we are focusing on Lent and self-giving.

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 February 2017

Year	Attendance	Weeks Won
R	97%	5
1	93.3%	5
2	94.5%	2
3	96.3%	4
4	97.7%	3
5**	98% - Well Done	3
6	94.8%	1

Whole School: 97%
National average is 96.3%
Well done Y5, you were our class of the week.



Three classes had attendance below the National Average.



Year Group	Star of the Week	Golden Table
Reception	Dylan	No Winners were selected this week due to the availability of the school hall.
Year 1	Charlie	
Year 2	Scarlett F	
Year 3	Grace	
Year 4	Jack	
Year 5	Isabel	
Year 6	Mya	
Mathematician of the Week Leo - Reception, Howie - Y1, Katie - Y2, Tilly - Y3, George - Y4, Eva - Y5. Oliver - Y6	Reader of the Week Thomas - Reception, Indie - Y1, Scarlett - Y2, Ciara - Y3, Cole - Y4, Eva - Y5, Angus - Y6	Writer of the Week Sam - Reception, Matthew - Y1, Louie - Y2, Ava - Y3, Matilda - Y4, Joe - Y5, Christopher - Y6

Well done to all the children involved.

What's happened this week

Swimming Gala

Selected children took part in a gala on Tuesday afternoon at Huyton Leisure Centre. The children were fabulous and we would like to thank them all for their efforts. Many thanks too, to parents who helped with transport and gave so much support to the children during the races. Some of our children who did exceptionally well may be invited to participate in a swimming gala final so we will let you know as soon as results are given.

Junior Chefs

The Junior Chefs Academy arrived on Thursday and Friday this week. Many thanks to everyone who came along. The children thoroughly enjoyed this activity sharing the fun with family members and staff alike. Many thanks to Mrs Quigley for organising the event.

Storytelling Week

Many thanks to all the children who stayed for the bedtime story event on Wednesday evening. The children looked so cosy in their pjs and 'onesies' and really enjoyed listening to the stories while drinking hot chocolate and eating warm toast! ☺ Many thanks to Mrs Bird who organised the event and to all the staff who helped out on the evening.

Y6 Meeting

Many thanks to everyone who came to the meeting on Thursday after school regarding SATs and Kingswood. We hope you found the meeting informative at this important stage of your childrens' lives.

What's coming up soon

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.

Reconciliation

The next meeting for the parents/carers and children in Y4 will be on Monday 27th February in Holy Family Club at 6.30pm. We look forward to seeing you all.

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 promptly please as Mass begins at 9.15am.

Ash Wednesday

Next Wednesday 1st March is Ash Wednesday and Key Stage 2 children will be going to Church at 9.15am to receive ashes. We would be grateful if children could be in school promptly please in order to be in Church in good time for Mass. Key Stage 1 and Reception children will have an assembly with Mrs Evans in school.

Football League

Selected children in Y5 & Y6 will be taking part in a football league game on Wednesday 8th March. A letter giving full details has already been sent home.

Widnes Vikings Initiative

The Game Changer initiative will continue next week 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.

Y5 Football

Selected children from Y5 will be taking part in a football competition on Thursday 2nd March. A separate letter has already been sent home for the children involved.

World Book Day

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 2nd March is World Book Day and, in order to promote the day, the children will be able to enjoy a special meal from the kitchen for £1.00. A letter giving full details has been sent home. A message has already been sent home via ParentApp regarding dressing up for the day as some classes have chosen a particular topic/theme. Please note that football kits are not allowed and we appreciate your support with this.

Spring Concert

Our school choir will be taking part in a Spring Concert at Sts Peter & Paul College on Tuesday 14th March. Tickets are on sale and Mrs Mitchell has sent a letter home to the children involved.

Parent Meetings

We will be holding Parent Meetings on Wednesday 22nd March from 1.30pm. A letter giving full details will be sent home shortly.

Y2 Football

Selected children from Y2 will be taking part in a football competition on Wednesday 22nd March. 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.

Kingswood

The children in Y6 will be visiting Kingswood Colomendy on Wednesday 15th March until Friday 17th March. I'm sure that they will have a wonderful time and we look forward to hearing all about it upon their return.



Fairtrade

Monday 27th February is the start of Fairtrade fortnight. All children in the school will be finding out about what Fairtrade is and what it means to farmers throughout the world. This is also part of our Global link project. Y4 will be leading the school and the theme for this year is 'Take a Break'. On Friday 3rd March the children in Y4 will be selling Fairtrade drinks and snacks for £1.00. All proceeds will go to this worthwhile cause. We will let you know how much was made in due course.

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.

Comic Relief

The children will be fundraising for Red Nose Day on Friday 24th March. Further details will be sent home nearer to the time.

Reception Hearing

Unfortunately the date for the audiologist has now changed. The new date they will be coming into school is on Wednesday 8th March.

CAFOD Just one world

We will be having a special assembly from Justine Silcock on Monday 6th March to introduce the Lenten Appeal for Cafod, 'Turn Little Fish into Big Fish'. Further information can be found on the website <http://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-CAFOD/Lent>. Please do have a look with your child(ren) and read about Florence. On Friday 10th March the children can attend school wearing their own clothes for donations of £1.00. All monies collected on this day will be given to this worthwhile cause. Cafod envelopes to collect donations will be sent home after half term. Each class will also be organising their own class events to raise money throughout Lent.

My First Game / Select Stadium

On Sunday 12th March some of our children have been chosen to represent our school as mascots at the Select Stadium before the Castleford game. A separate letter giving full details will be sent home.

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

The PTFA held a meeting on Wednesday. Thank you to those who attended or sent apologies. We will notify you of future events that have been organised in next week's newsletter.

Spotlight on Student Council



This week we met to discuss a new idea about working hard and getting money for it. At the beginning of a lesson Miss/Sir will say for this lesson you can earn £5.00 for example. When Miss/Sir marks the books they will put the money inside that you have worked for so you will know if you have worked hard enough. If you get a special stamp from Mrs Quigley or Mrs Evans with their names on it, straight away you will know that you have earned the full £5.00 (the amount is still to be decided).

Next week is the trial week as we don't know how much everyone will be earning. It may be about £5.00 to have a go on the Ipad and then you will have to decide whether to spend the money in one go or save up for something big like a special trip.

It is your own responsibility to look after your own money. You can bring in a purse or wallet or just keep it in your tray with an elastic band around it. I think I'm going to use an elastic band. A sheet will be kept in class which will show how much money everyone has earned.

After the first week we will see how much money has been earned and will hold another meeting to discuss how much things will be and what the highest prize will be.

Many thanks to Sean and Evie

They will be in the Spotlight again after the meeting to let you all know what the rewards will be and how much they will cost 😊.

Diary Dates



February

Monday 27 th	Sacramental Preparation @ 6.30pm in H/F Club for parents and children
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March

Wednesday 1 st	Mass in Church @ 9.15am for Ash Wednesday
Thursday 2 nd	World Book Day - Lunch £1.00
Monday 6 th	CAFOD Assembly with Justine Silcock
Tuesday 7 th	Group 1 First Confession in Church with Parents @ 2.30pm
Wednesday 8 th	Audiology tests for children in Reception Class
Wednesday 8 th	Y5/Y6 Football league game
Thursday 9 th	Group 2 First Confession in Church with Parents @ 2.30pm
Friday 10 th	Own Clothes Day for £1.00 donations to Cafod
Sunday 12 th	My First Game - Select Stadium
Tuesday 14 th	Spring Concert @ Sts P&P for School Choir
Wednesday 15 th - Friday 17 th	Y6 Residential to Kingswood
Wednesday 22 nd	Y2 Football
Wednesday 22 nd	Parent Meetings
Friday 24 th	Reception Class Mothers Day Tea Party @ 1.45pm
Friday 24 th	Red Nose Day - Details to follow
Friday 31 st	Break Up at 2pm

April

Tuesday 18 th	Return to School - Bell at 8.55am
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After School Clubs



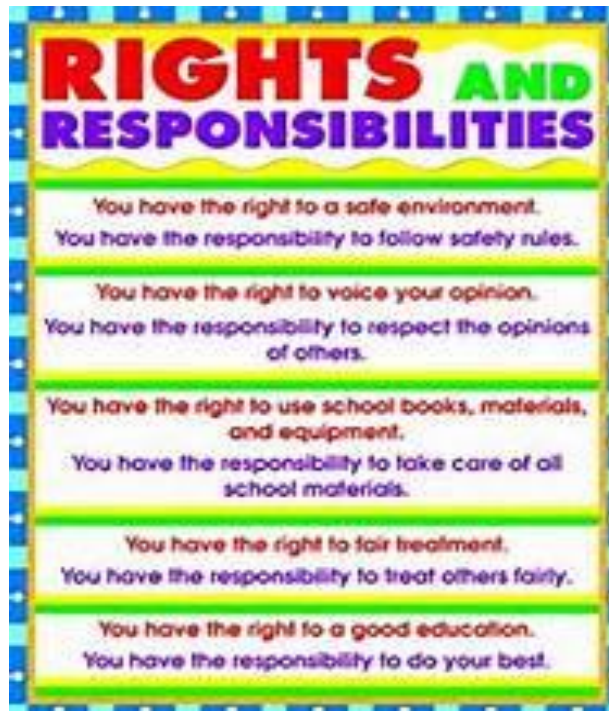
Day	Activity/Club	Year	Time
Monday	Vikings Rugby	Years 5 & 6	3.20-4.15
	Tween Yoga	Years 3, 4 & 5	3.20-4.15
	Guitar	Years 5 & 6	3.20-4.00
	Football	Years 1 & 2	3.15-4.15
Tuesday	Gardening Club	Years 3 - Y6	3.20- 4.00
	Netball	Years 5 & 6	3.20-4.00
	Football	Years 3 & 4	3.20-4.15
	Football	Years 5 & 6	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 after half term will be

Responsibility

Please speak to your children about the importance of taking responsibility for their belongings and actions.



Kind regards

Mrs Hannah