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**Weekly Newsletter**

**Friday 23rd March 2018**

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**Following in Jesus’ footsteps…**

**We pray together**

**We play together**

**We learn together**







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| http://www.educationcommission.org.uk/SiteImages/107.jpgCome and See |
| **CAFOD**  Throughout Lent, the children have been thinking about how they can make a difference to people’s lives by participating in Cafod’s ‘Give it up challenge’ and Sport Relief. We would like to thank you all for your generous donations and we will announce the total raised for Cafod and Sports Relief in next weeks newsletter.  Please return any green Cafod Envelopes to school by next Wednesday.  Every £1.00 donated to CAFOD’s Family Fast Day Appeal will be doubled by the UK Government.  Next week is Holy Week, as a school we will be reflecting on this by gathering together each day to reflect on the events of the week leading up to Good Friday. On Wednesday we will all come together to pray the Stations of the Cross. |
| Our Value next week is Patience  patience 3.jpg  Please speak to your child/ren about the importance of this value. |

**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.

Amen

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| **[Image result for time to shine](http://www.bing.com/images/search?q=time+to+shine+pictures&id=5617E7635E9C7DAE9ACC0A860BBEA206FD876DCF&FORM=IQFRBA)** | |
| **Class** | **Star of the Week** |
| Reception | Lottie |
| Year 1 | Sophia |
| Year 2 | Indie |
| Year 3 | Amelia |
| Year 4 | Adam |
| Year 5 | Maisy |
| Year 6 | Evie |
| **The Star has been awarded to our children who have shown the value of the week.**  **Well done to the children who were chosen last week.**  star of the week proud.jpg | |

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| **attendance 1.png**  **Attendance for week ending 16th March 2018** | | | |
| **Year** | **Attendance** | **Rating** | **Weeks Won** |
| R | 94.6 | AMBER | 5 |
| 1 | 98.1 | GREEN | 2 |
| 2 | 98.1 | GREEN | 4 |
| 3 | 97.3 | GREEN | 5 |
| 4\*\* | 98.6 | GREEN | 5 |
| 5 | 96.1 | AMBER | 4 |
| 6 | 95.3 | AMBER | 1 |
| **Whole School: 96.6%**  **National average is 96.3%**  **Well done to our Y4 Class you are our class of the week.**  **Well done**  **Three classes were below the national average.**  **Please note – Holidays during school time cannot be authorised unless under exceptional circumstances. Holidays will therefore be marked as unauthorised unless permission has been granted under ‘exceptional circumstances’. This is a government drive to ensure children’s learning is not interrupted due to absence.**  **Many thanks** | | | |
| **We have noticed that a lot of children are leaving school early, particularly on a Friday afternoon for appointments. In future in order for us to authorise absences we will require a copy of the appointment cards please.** | | | |

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| **What’s happening soon** |
| **Children’s University**  In order to collate all the information for the Children’s University awards we would be grateful if all passports could be brought into school no later than **Monday 26th March**.  **First Confession**  The next meeting for parents only will take place on Monday 23rd April at 6.30pm in Holy Family Club. The following meeting on Monday 30th April will be for parents and children and this will take place in Holy Family Club at 6.30pm.  We have now taken delivery of the Communion ties and they are available from the school office at £4.00 each.  **Spring Concert**  A Spring Concert will be held in school on Tuesday 27th March at 3.45pm. The children in the choir, dance, rise and shine and yoga will all be performing for you. A separate letter has been sent home.  **Film Club**  Children from the Film Club are invited to the Reel Cinema in Widnes on Monday 26th March to watch Coco.  **Vision Screening**  The school nurse will be coming into school on Tuesday 17th April to review the eyesight of children in the Reception Class. Letters have been sent home tonight.  **Y4 Swimming**  Children in the Y4 class will be going to Halewood Swimming Baths again next week on Tuesday 27th March until Thursday 29th March.  **NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe**  We will be working with the NSPCC this year to help children have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse. Representatives from NSPCC will be coming into school on 21st May and will hold an assembly for the children and will then hold workshops for Y5 & Y6 children.  **Break up for Easter**  We break up next Thursday 29th March at 2pm and return on Monday 16th April.  **Swimming Gala**  The finals of the swimming gala will be held on Tuesday 17th April at Halewood Swimming Baths. A separate letter will be sent home next week to the children involved.  **School Menu**  As we enter the summer term the school menu will change with effect from Monday 16th April. Copies of the new menu are on the school website. Menus for the children in the Reception Class will continue to be sent home on a weekly basis.  **Art – Y5**  Children in Y5 will be preparing for the Dot-Art schools exhibition. Dot-Art is an interactive, online, inter-school art exhibition, culminating in an end of year exhibition in Liverpool for the top students in each school. Year 5 have each submitted one piece of art work based on the theme of flora. Their work can be viewed at <http://liverpool.schools.dot-art.com/schools>. Public voting commences on 4th April until 28th April. We would like to wish Y5 the best of luck.  **Y5 Trip**  The children in Y5 have been invited to visit the Jaguar Plant in Halewood on Friday 27th April. The children will be leaving school at 9am and will leave the plant at lunchtime. The children will have lunch in school as normal. Children should wear full school uniform please and arms and legs must be fully covered so girls are to wear thick tights. A separate letter will be sent home shortly.  **Bully Busters**  We have arranged for Bully Busters to come into school on Wednesday 18th April to work with the children. They will hold a parental meeting at 9am to which you are all invited.  **Infant Lunch**  We have noticed that quite a few of the children are swapping from school lunch to packed lunch on a daily basis. Unfortunately this is not allowed as the kitchen need to order food two weeks before to ensure there is enough food for everyone.  **Childcare Vouchers**  Are you a member of a Childcare Voucher Scheme? Childcare vouchers can be used for all forms of registered childcare including nurseries, child minders, before and after school clubs. If you would like to use your vouchers to pay towards before/after school clubs etc. please let the office know who you are registered with so we can register as a school. Payments for additional activities can then be paid through the Childcare Voucher Scheme.  **After School Clubs**  Please note the after school clubs for this term finish on Friday 23rd March. A letter regarding next terms clubs has now been sent home. Please ensure you have returned the slips back to school as clubs will be allocated to the children before we finish for the holidays.  **Please do not send any money into school until all clubs have been allocated.**  **Booster Clubs**  All booster clubs for this term will finish on Friday 23rd March and resume on Monday 16th April until Friday 11th May. |

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| **PTFA** |
| Tickets for the Family Easter Bingo on Monday 26th March at 4.30pm have now all been sold. Thank you for your support.  The Easter raffle will take place on Wednesday 28th March.  Please ensure you have returned all tickets to school by Tuesday morning.  Thank you for your kind donations of Easter Eggs/Chocolate and Prizes for the raffle and bingo.  Your support is much appreciated. |

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| **Diary Dates** | |
| **March** | |
| Monday 26th | Last day for Children’s University passports |
| Monday 26th | Film Club visit to Reel Cinema |
| Monday 26th | Easter Bingo @ 4.30pm in Holy Family Club |
| Tuesday 27th | Spring Concert @ 3.45pm in School |
| Tuesday 27th – Thursday 29th | Y4 Swimming @ Halewood Baths |
| Wednesday 28th | Easter Raffle |
| Thursday 29th | Break up @ 2pm |
| **April** | |
| Monday 16th | Return to school – bell at 8.55am |
| Monday 16th | Booster classes resume for Y6 |
| Tuesday 17th | Swimming Gala finals |
| Tuesday 17th | Vision Screening for Reception Class |
| Wednesday 18th | Bully Busters – Parental Meeting @ 9am. |
| Monday 23rd | Sacramental Preparation for parents only in Holy Family Club @ 6.30pm |
| Monday 23rd | Science workshops with Mr Berney Rec/Y1/Y2 |
| Tuesday 24th | Science workshops with Mr Berney Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 |
| Friday 27th | Y5 trip to Jaguar |
| Monday 30th | Sacramental Preparation for parents and children in Holy Family Club @ 6.30pm |

