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Dear Parents & Carers,

6th January 2020

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a very happy, holy and relaxing Christmas break. Its lovely to see all our children back in school and looking so smart in full school uniform - thank you!

Thank you to everyone who came to our Expert Ending at the end of term, it was fantastic to see so many of you and we really appreciated the positive feedback about your child's learning in the topic. This half term the children are working towards an Expert Ending in the form of a Museum Afternoon and Historical Catwalk - more information to follow. Each classes Intriguing Introduction will take place this week including trips to Creswell Crags, the National Justice Museum and visits from Partake Theatre Group. Thank you for supporting these exciting and beneficial events.

Thank you for your continuing support as always, we are looking forward to another successful half term.

Tracy Lane
Headteacher



Trips and Events

Your child's class teacher has planned trips and exciting providers in school again this term to enhance your child's learning and to make learning fun and exciting. Please support us with this by completing OV4 forms as soon as possible and making the contributions needed to ensure the event can go ahead as planned. We try to keep costs to a minimum and the PFA make a contribution of £10 per child in school for a trip each year and school also contribute another £10 per child to try to keep costs down for you. We want our children to enjoy their learning and for it to be a memorable for them. Thank You.

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

If your child needs to take medication in school e.g antibiotics we can oversee them taking it. The medication must be prescribed by a doctor, be in date, have the child's name and dosage printed on the bottle. If you need our support with medication, please take it to the school office and complete a medication consent form. Do not give medication directly to your child to bring in or the class teaching team.

Acts of worship

Please join us for Acts of Worship as much as possible. The children love to worship with you, you get to see what our school is all about and you are a very important part of our school family. Friday Acts of Worship start at 9am to support parents. See the timetable below for dates. Mass for the start of term will be on Friday 24th January at 2pm in school.

PFA FILM NIGHT POKEMON

Wednesday 15th January is film night run by the PFA after school. Children are invited to stay for a movie, hot dog, crisps and a drink. Please book your child in by Tuesday 14th January.

School library Books

Please look at home for lost library books and return to school. Staff will inform you by letter of books not returned and ask that you either return the book or replace at the cost on Amazon. Together with you we raised a lot of money for the library and want your child to have choice in their reading.

WEEK	SCHOOL EVENT	ASSEMBLIES/LITURGIES	AFTER SCHOOL 3.20-5pm
6 th Jan	<p>Thursday Partake Theatre Group- Year 5 Egyptians</p> <p>Friday- Yr 6 Trip to the National Justice Museum</p> <p>Friday- Yr 3 Trip to Creswell Crags- Stone Age Day</p>	<p>PLEASE NOTE ALL ACTS OF WORSHIP AND ASSEMBLIES ON FRIDAYS WILL TAKE PLACE AT 9AM.</p> <p>MASSES WILL START AT 2PM</p>	<p>Monday cricket Yrs 3,4,5 & 6</p> <p>Tuesday Multi Skills Sports Yr 1-6</p> <p>Wednesday Basketball Yrs 3,4,5 & 6</p> <p>Thursday Art FS2-Yr 6</p> <p>Friday Gymnastics Yrs FS2,1,2,3 & 4</p> <p>Sunday First Communion mass & preparation session 9.30am</p>
13 th Jan	<p>Thursday Yr 5 Swimming</p>	<p>Wednesday 16th Jan- Chaplaincy Team & volunteers from Reception- FRIENDSHIP 2.40pm school hall</p> <p>Friday 17th Jan- HOUSE Assembly Theme: Celebrating Achievement Please join us in the school hall 9am</p>	<p>Monday cricket Yrs 3,4,5 & 6</p> <p>Tuesday Multi Skills yrs 1-6</p> <p>Wednesday Basketball Yrs 3,4,5 & 6</p> <p>Thursday Art FS2-Yr 6</p> <p>Friday Gymnastics Yrs FS2,1,2,3 & 4</p> <p>Wed PFA Film Night POKEMON</p>
20 th Jan	<p>Tuesday morning Fire Fighters Visiting EYFS</p> <p>Thursday Yr 5 Swimming</p>	<p>Wednesday 22ND Jan- Chaplaincy Team & volunteers from Yr1- INSPIRE 2.40pm school hall</p> <p>Friday 24th January- MASS Theme: START OF TERM Please join us in the school hall 2pm</p>	<p>Monday cricket Yrs 3,4,5 & 6</p> <p>Tuesday Multi Skills yrs 1-6</p> <p>Wednesday Basketball Yrs 3,4,5 & 6</p> <p>Thursday Art FS2-Yr 6</p> <p>Friday Gymnastics Yrs FS2,1,2,3 & 4</p>
27 th Jan	<p>Thursday Yr 5 Swimming</p>	<p>Wednesday 29th Jan- Chaplaincy Team & volunteers from Yr2- CHALLENGE 2.40pm school hall</p>	<p>Monday cricket Yrs 3,4,5 & 6</p> <p>Tuesday Multi Skills yrs 1-6</p> <p>Wednesday Basketball Yrs 3,4,5 & 6</p> <p>Thursday Art FS2-Yr 6</p> <p>Friday Gymnastics Yrs FS2,1,2,3 & 4</p>
3 rd Feb	<p>Tuesday Parents and Teachers Consultation Afternoon 1-6PM</p> <p>Thursday Yr 5 Swimming</p>	<p>Wednesday 5th Feb- Chaplaincy Team & volunteers from Yr3- CARE 2.40pm school hall</p> <p>Friday 7th February- HOUSE Assembly Theme: Celebrating Achievement Please join us in the school hall 9am</p>	<p>Monday cricket Yrs 3,4,5 & 6</p> <p>Tuesday Multi Skills yrs 1-6</p> <p>Wednesday Basketball Yrs 3,4,5 & 6</p> <p>Thursday Art FS2-Yr 6</p> <p>Friday Gymnastics Yrs FS2,1,2,3 & 4</p> <p>Wed PFA Film Night Aladdin Live Action</p>
10 th Feb INSET Friday	<p>Wednesday 9am E Safety Assembly & Parents workshop. Please join us.</p> <p>Thursday Yr 5 Swimming</p> <p>Thursday Museum Day & Historical Catwalk Join us at 1pm</p>	<p>Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day Tuesday</p> <p>Wednesday 12th Feb- Chaplaincy Team & volunteers from Yr4- HEALING 2.40pm school hall</p> <p>Friday 14th- INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED</p>	<p>Monday cricket Yrs 3,4,5 & 6</p> <p>Tuesday Multi Skills yrs 1-6</p> <p>Wednesday Basketball Yrs 3,4,5 & 6</p> <p>Thursday Art FS2-Yr 6</p> <p>WEDNESDAY-MUSICAL EVENING AT THE BECKET SCHOOL CHOIR TO PERFORM</p>

HALF TERM HOLIDAY FRIDAY 14th FEBRUARY– SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

Statements to Live By
I try to love others as I love myself.

THIS WEEK'S MISSION IS... Chosen by Yr 1
Think of and do one thing each day to show your love for someone else.

Times Tables Rock Stars

Thank you for supporting our times tables Rock Stars initiative we started last year. We have seen an incredible improvement in the speed and recall of times tables in the children who have been accessing the app at home. It really makes a huge impact on the children's maths as a whole.

Partake Living History Group

This week Year 5 will be working with Partake Living History Group to begin their learning about the Ancient Egyptian Civilisation. The children always learn so much from Partake sessions and have opportunity to handle Egyptian artefacts and bring their learning to life. We really appreciate your contributions to be able to make this happen. Please send all contributions in by Tuesday so this can go ahead. Many thanks.



PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

The school governing body is made up of a dedicated group of individuals who give their time and support to the school daily. They are committed and extremely hardworking taking their responsibilities very seriously. I am personally and on behalf of you as parents and the whole school, very grateful for all their hard work, support and challenge.

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor on our local governing body. The role of a parent governor is voluntary and requires the individual to show commitment, ability to remain impartial from your own personal interests and to be able to maintain confidentiality. You must be willing to take part in training opportunities. You must be a parent of a pupil currently attending the school and be willing to have a full (enhanced) Child Workforce check, barred list and S128 check carried out for you. It is a very worthwhile and important role where you work with the Headteacher and other governors to ensure quality Catholic education for the children. Parent governors are voted in by the other parents. Parent Governor Nomination Forms will be sent out this week. If this is a role you see yourself being able to fulfil please nominate yourself. The form must be returned to school by 10am on Friday 17th January if you wished to be considered for the role.

Year 3 Trip to Creswell Crags

On Friday 10th January Year 3 will be going to Creswell Crags to support their learning about the Stone Age to the Iron Age.

Please ensure they have returned their OV4 form, contribution and have a packed lunch for the day. Children who receive free school meals will have a packed lunch prepared for them by the school kitchen. The coach will depart at 8am so please be at school by 7.45am!

Warm clothes, gloves and hats will definitely be needed, it's an outdoor day!

Year 6 Trip to the National Justice Museum

On Friday 10th January Year 6 will be going to the National Justice Museum to support their learning about Crime and Punishment across time.

Please ensure they have returned their OV4 form, contribution and have a packed lunch for the day. Children who receive free school meals will have a packed lunch prepared for them by the school kitchen.

WEDNESDAY ACTS OF WORSHIP

Each week our Trust chaplains, Ruth & Joe, come to school to work with our school chaplaincy team and a few children from different classes to prepare our Wednesday Act of Worship at 2.40pm. This is entirely planned and prepared by the children based on our Word of the Week. Please join us for any or of these liturgies, let's worship together.



WORD OF THE WEEK

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What does it mean to you?

STAFF CAR PARK

Please don't drive into or walk across the staff car park at any time as staff arrive in cars throughout the day and we don't want any accidents. Please use the footpath at all times.

