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**“Treat others the way you would like to be treated yourself.”**

### Class Attendance

This year any class that gets 100% attendance will have an extra playtime the following Friday afternoon.

The class with the highest attendance this week of **99%** is 3EJ, Miss Jones. Well done!



### Weekly Reflection

#### **Ethos Statement – I know I belong to a community that includes my school**



A community is a group of people who have something in common. Some communities have so much in common they decide to live together – like a community of monks or nuns. Your family is a community; your class is your class community; the parish is a parish community and we all belong to our school community. In the Acts of the Apostles it tells us all about how the first followers of Jesus lived. They lived every day as they were taught. They lived like members of one big family. They ate together, sharing bread and wine as Jesus had done at the last supper. They prayed together often. The community of friends shared everything with one another and even sold everything they owned and shared out the money so that each person had what they needed. This is a true inspiration of how we need to work together in our communities to help and support each other. Together we can achieve so much more. Help us always to love one another just as Jesus taught.

The following children have shown they understanding of how to live in a community.

FCB – Ellee Griffiths

FCB – David Nye

FEM – Verity Bull

FEM – Grace Murphy

1DM – Alex Lockwood

1DM – Ben Burton

1SH – Millie Walker

1SH – Isaac Shevlin

2HW – Ava Wilson

2HW – Monty Cairney

2AD – Lennon Balmer

2AD – Philip Kawka

3HB – Mia Loughran

3HB – Daniel Carter

3EJ – Erin Cottrell

3EJ – Thomas Sweeney

4AY – Grace Marriott

4AY – McKinley Dawson

4RM – Sumari Nag

4RM – Ethan Moore-Williams

5RL – Lewis Beacall

5RL – Ava Graves

5HK – Flossie Huxley-Moran

5HK – Olivia Murphy

6GA – Daisy Greve

6GA – Ben Walker

6KH – Tessa Walker

6KH – Joshua Page

## Enrolment Mass 2020

The Enrolment Mass will take place during the parish Mass at **10am** on **Sunday 19th January**. Those children who are reading at the Mass will need to come to the front of church on arrival and will be given a copy of their reading. Please be at Mass by 9:50 at the latest or your child's part may be given to someone else. All children are asked to attend this Mass. We look forward to seeing you there. Thank You.



## The Year of the Word 2020



Pope Francis has designated this year as: **The God Who Speaks - The Year of the Word**. He wants us to look with fresh eyes on the words of Scripture. 'Scripture is at the centre of everything the Church does. The word of God shapes our prayer and worship. The Bible shows us how to understand the world, how we are called to live and relate to each other.' The aim of The God Who Speaks - The Year of the Word is celebrating, living and sharing God's Word.' There will also be a specific focus on St Matthew's Gospel and we will be looking at this closely in school.

During our launch assembly this week, we discussed lots of facts about the Bible. If you can think of any others, pass them to Miss Jones and we can add them to our display. If anyone has any ideas about things that they would like to do during the Year of the Word then speak to the KS2 Faith Leaders and let them know.

## Nurse Drop-In Session

The School Nurse will be holding a drop-in session on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January between 9-10am in the junior hall. She is available to talk about any concerns you may have regarding your child including sleep problems, food issues, behavior and friendships.

## NSPCC Number Day

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February, the NSPCC are inviting schools to celebrate maths as a way of fundraising for their work. Children are invited to come to school on that day wearing their own clothes that link with maths. This could be a top with a date, a football kit with a number or you could be creative and design your own t-shirt. Funds raised from the day will help support vital work such as Speak Out Stay Safe, which visits primary schools across the UK to teach children about what to do if they need help. We had a visit from them 2 years ago and will hopefully be able to book them again for the upcoming year. Of course we plan on having lots of fun and stretch our brains with some maths activities throughout the day. A donation of £1 or more would help us support this worthwhile charity whilst having some mathematical fun. Thank you for your support.



## UNICEF Shoe Appeal



UNICEF steering group will be launching their shoe appeal from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January. We are collecting old shoes that the children may have grown out of. Shoes are to be paired with an elastic band to make it easier to sort and pack. Shoes must be in relatively good condition- no holes or broken soles. All you need to do is gather any unwanted pairs of shoes and bring them into school and we will do the rest. UNICEF will then send them to children in other countries who do not have any shoes. This is a great chance to sort out those cupboards!!

## RE Curriculum Afternoon

Parents are invited to attend an RE Curriculum afternoon on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 2.45pm, the children are looking forward to sharing their work with you.

## Old Newspapers

If you have any old newspapers please could you send them into school for Y6 to use as part of a project.

## Choir News

I have received very few reply slips in response to us defending our winning performance at the Wirral Music Festival. Numbers need to be confirmed ASAP, therefore **reply slips need to be returned to the office by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January** so that I can determine if we have enough choir members to be able to compete. If your child is available to attend on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm please could you fill in the reply slip and return to the office. If you go onto the Wirral Festival website and look at the schedule file there are many other individual categories your child may be interested in . Many thanks, Mrs Hunter.



## Cross Country Race Dates

We are hoping to start cross country training sessions again soon, however the field is still too wet at the moment. The dates and venues for 2020 events are as follows:

27 <sup>th</sup> February	Arrowe Park
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Birkenhead Park
26 <sup>th</sup> March	The Arno (relay race)

Races begin at 4.15pm and are completed with a presentation by approximately 5.20pm. Miss Hassan.

## Parking – Church Car Park



Phase 2 of the Church renovations will be starting on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January. This means that, for health and safety reasons, the carp park will be out of use both before and after school for approximately 2 months. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

## Pebbles to Paint!

Last year, as part of our transition activities, the children each painted a pebble to represent them being part of our school community. The response to bringing in pebbles was fantastic. You may have noticed them looking beautiful and bright laid down by the front entrance, however we feel it would be nice to create another collection this year so that the path can be finished and run all the way up alongside the entrance path. Please could you send in a pebble for your child which is roughly the size of a fist. Thank you as always for your support, Mrs Hughes.

## Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons with Mr Carroll will start on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January. Each lesson will last 30 minutes, with 3 children in each group, costing £6 per student per lesson and open to children from Year 3 to Year 6. This is a great opportunity and if your child is interested, please can you complete the slip at the end of the newsletter and return to the office asap. Mrs Hunter.



## Upton Hall School Activities Camp

Upton Hall School are providing an Activities Camp during the February Half Term break from Monday 17 - Friday 21 February 2020. The cost of the Activities Camp is £20 per day or £80 for a whole week booking and will take place between 8.30am and 4.00pm. The camp is open to all children aged 7 and over. For more information please visit their website, [www.uptonhallschool.co.uk/news](http://www.uptonhallschool.co.uk/news).

## FS1 and FS2

Children in FS1 and FS2 are invited to dress in red/Chinese style costume for Chinese New Year on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January.

## Year 1 Trip to Greenacres Animal Park

Year 1 will be visiting Greenacres Animal Park on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. We will travel by coach and arrive back at school in time for normal 3.15pm pick up. Each child will be provided with a packed lunch by school. The cost of the trip is £12 which should be paid via ParentPay from today. We will also be looking for parent helpers so if you are able to help out on the day please speak to your child's class teacher.

## Year 2 – Barnstondale Residential Information Meeting

There will be a meeting for all Year 2 parents on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 6pm in the Junior Hall to discuss the forthcoming Barnstondale residential trip.

## Year 3 Trip to the Liverpool World Museum



Year 3 will be going on a trip to the Liverpool World Museum on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**. During this day they will take part in different workshops, including Meet the Mummy and Discover Ancient Egypt. This will really support the work that they are covering on Ancient Egypt in class. The cost of the trip will be £10 and can be paid on Parent Pay from today. Please give your consent when you pay as soon as possible.

## Year 3 Ancient Egypt Day

To celebrate the end of our work on Ancient Egypt, Year 3 would like to end this topic with a celebration and so are holding an Egyptian Day on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**. Children are invited to dress up for this day but please don't feel that you have to spend lots on costumes. We are sure that you have things in your homes that you could use. You could even attach bandages to a white T-shirt for a mummy, a tunic with sandals or make an Egyptian headdress.



## Year 3 Swimming



Well done to all the children in Year 3 who have been swimming over the last two weeks. Their behaviour was exemplary and everyone tried their best.

Remember that we have lots of fantastic facilities locally where you can take your children to swim regularly. Swimming is lots of fun for people of all ages. It keeps your child's heart and lungs healthy, improves strength and flexibility, increases stamina and even improves balance and posture. Most importantly of all, it is such an important life skill that can help to keep them safe when in the water. So, if you don't do so already, why not take them along as often as you can to help build up the skills that they have learnt?

### **Year 4 Visit to The Catalyst**

As part of our digestive system topic next half term and in line with British Science week this year, we will be going on a trip to the Catalyst in Widnes. The children will take part in science-based activities throughout the day and complete a 'Tasty Toothpaste' workshop. The trip will be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and we will be leaving school by coach at 9am. We should be back to school by 3:15. The cost of the trip is £10.00 per child, please pay this via ParentPay. All children will need a packed lunch in a labelled plastic bag. If your child is entitled to a free school meal school will provide their packed lunch. Miss Yates and Mr Mackenzie are looking for parental helpers to accompany their classes on the trip. Please let them know if you are available. Many thanks as always for all your kind help and support, Miss Yates and Mr Mackenzie.

### **Year 6 Oaklands Residential**

The final payment for the Oaklands Residential is due no later than Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January via ParentPay. To ensure that your child does not lose their place please ensure that the payment is made before this date. Please ensure all completed medical forms are returned to the school office as soon as possible.

### **Year 6 Leaver's Party – Message from Y6 Parents**

If you would like to get involved in helping to organise this year's leavers party - please come along to the Merebrook in Bromborough on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 1.00pm for a planning meeting! Please note that this event is organised by parents only.

## Reply Slips

### Choir – Wirral Music Festival

My child \_\_\_\_\_ class \_\_\_\_\_ will attend the Wirral Music Festival on Saturday 28th March at 2pm.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/carer)

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### Guitar Lessons with Mr Carroll

My child \_\_\_\_\_ class \_\_\_\_\_ is interested in guitar lessons.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/carer)

## Dates for your Diary - 2020

Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Meeting for Y2 Parents re Barnstondale Residential, 6pm
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	RE Curriculum Afternoon, 2.45pm
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	6KH Oaklands Residential (return Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> )
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	6GA Oaklands Residential (return Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> )
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Mass for Y3 Parents and Prayer Sponsors, 9.30am
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	School Re-Opens
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Ash Wednesday School Mass
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Class Photographs
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Trip to World Museum, Liverpool
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Trip to The Catalyst
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Meeting for Y4 Parents re Burwardsley Residential, 6pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1 Trip to Greenacres Animal Park
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Sacramental Preparation Session 1, 6pm in Church
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Barnstondale Residential Trip, Y2
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Sacramental Preparation Session 2, 6pm in Junior Hall
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Egyptian Day
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	First Reconciliation, 6pm in Church
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Clarinet Concert for Y4 parents
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	School Closes 2pm

