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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 **99.67%** is 5HK, Mrs Kane's class. Well done!



Weekly Reflection

Ethos Statement – I know we are happiest when we are united



It isn't easy to always live peacefully with one another but we know that we are happiest when we all get along well and we feel united. After Jesus died, many people joined the community of the friends of Jesus. 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. Everyone who saw them was amazed at how happy there were. We are encouraged by this and try to get along with others at home and at school. If everyone tries their best to co-operate and work together we can be much more successful.

The following children have shown they understand how we are happiest when we are united:

FCB – Ciaran Patten

FCB – Hannah Pannell

FEM – Sienna Nag

FEM – Harry Gibson

3HB – Tessa Ashton-Martin

3HB – Seb Webster

3EJ – Max Jones

3EJ – Seth Jones

6GA – Josh Hatton

6GA – Adam Braimo

6KH – Eila Webster

6KH – Ellis Nevitt

1DM – Jensen Jagger-Tippey

1DM – Rosie Henckens

1SH – Darcy Williams

1SH – Leo Wu

4AY – Josie-May McIntyre

4AY – Leon Doherty

4RM – Noah Shevlin

4RM – Marley O'Neill

2HW – Lily Trzybinska

2HW – Thomas Roberts

2AD – Freddie Thomas

2AD – Kimora Hughes

5RL – Amelie Sherry

5RL – Thomas Moynihan

5RL – Alfie Granton

5RL – Chloe Dixon

5RL – Charlie Speirs

A HUGE Thank You!

Today, we were joined by John Bear and his friends from St John's Hospice. They wanted to come in and say a special thank you for the generosity you showed during Advent when raising money through our sponsored Rudolph Run. As a school we raised an **AMAZING £2,518!** We were the school who raised the most money on the Wirral so well done Christ the King! This money will go a long way and help many families who need help and support at a difficult time. Once again, our Christ the King family has really shown that they care for others and show love and compassion as Jesus wants us to. We want to say a huge thank you to every single child and their parents/guardians. We appreciate that Christmas is a very busy and expensive time of year and to raise this amount of money is fantastic. There were some individuals who raised a significant amount and, although too many to mention, we just wanted to say an extra thank you to them. Well done Christ the King! We are very impressed with your kindness.



Enrolment Mass 2020



A huge thank you to all of those who attended the Enrolment Mass at the weekend. We had lots of positive comments from parishioners and we were very proud of all the children. Remember to wear your cross each weekend when you go to Mass so that the parishioners know who you are. The next date for you to remember is the special Mass we are having for prayer sponsors on **Thursday 13th February** at 9:15. Parents are more than welcome to join us but do not worry if you are working, it is not essential for you to attend. Sessions will start after the half term break on **Wednesday 11th March** at 6pm. Many thanks.

Appeal From School Eco Council

The School Eco Council are raising money to buy new litter pickers. We make sure we keep our school grounds and buildings tidy by collecting litter in at the end of each lunch break and, unfortunately, all but one of our litter pickers has broken. We are aiming to raise £100 and have decided to do this by running a Tombola stall (based in Mrs Kane's classroom for the duration of February) and we need your help.



Please could you donate prizes for our stall, no matter how big or small? You may have unwanted gifts left over from Christmas, tins of biscuits, boxes of sweets, small toys or trinkets, toiletries, children's books etc. We have already had a "big prize" donation of a £20 gift card for Harvester, so it's well worth having a go! All donations will be gratefully accepted and we will remind you nearer the time to send your child in with money (50p a go), should you wish them to take part in the Tombola. Thank you in advance for your continued, generous support.

Nurse Drop-In Session

The School Nurse will be holding a drop-in session on Tuesday 28th 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.

Choir News

Unfortunately due to poor uptake we will not be entering the Wirral Festival this year. Thank you to everybody who returned their reply slips, Mrs Hunter.

NSPCC Number Day



On Friday 7th 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.

World Thinking Day

World Thinking Day is celebrated by Guides and Girl Scouts across the world when they think of each other and of their commitment to friendship. This year World Thinking Day is on Saturday 22nd February but as we are on half term that week we have decided that any of our children who are Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts will be able to wear their relevant uniforms to school on Friday 14th February.



UNICEF Shoe Appeal



UNICEF steering group will be launching their shoe appeal on Monday 20th 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 7th 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.

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 th February	Arrowe Park
12 th March	Birkenhead Park
26 th 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 27th 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.



Guitar Lessons



Guitar lessons with Mr Carroll will start on Monday 27th January. Every child who has returned a reply form will be able to have a lesson – don't forget your guitars! 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. Lessons will be charged in a block of 10 so a total of £60. Mr Carroll will give each participating child a letter with more details on Monday.

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.

Gung Hay Fat Choy from FS1 and FS2

During our Chinese New Year Celebrations, FS1 and FS2 had a fabulous time celebrating the Year of the Rat. FS1 made a Chinese Lion to dance with - see our Lion dance and Prance. FS2 made fantastic models to share with the group. Gung Hay Fat Choy.



Year 1 Trip to Greenacres Animal Park

Year 1 will be visiting Greenacres Animal Park on Friday 6th 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 3 Trip to the Liverpool World Museum

Year 3 will be going on a trip to the Liverpool World Museum on **Thursday 5th 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 24th 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 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 5th 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 4 Information Meeting for Parents

Please join us on Thursday 5th March at 6pm in the Junior Hall for information about the Y4 residential trip to Burwardsley. We will also be sharing information about the new Year 4 Multiplication Test Check which will be introduced this June.

Year 6 SATS Meeting

Please join us at 9 am on Friday 13th March in the Junior Hall for an informational meeting about SATs. We will explain the timetable, how you can support your child and show you some example questions.

Year 6 Oaklands Residential

If you have not already done so please make the final payment for the Oaklands residential trip via ParentPay. Please ensure all completed medical forms are returned to the school office by Monday next week. Thank you.

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 9th February at 1.00pm for a planning meeting! Please note that this event is organised by parents only.

Dates for your Diary - 2020

Friday 31 st January	RE Curriculum Afternoon, 2.45pm
Monday 3 rd February	6KH Oaklands Residential (return Wednesday 5 th)
Wednesday 5 th February	6GA Oaklands Residential (return Friday 7 th)
Friday 7 th February	NSPCC Number Day – wear clothes that link with maths
Tuesday 11 th February	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 12 th February	Parents' Evening
Thursday 13 th February	Mass for Y3 Parents and Prayer Sponsors, 9.30am
Friday 14 th February	World Thinking Day for Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts – wear your club uniform
Friday 14 th February	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 24 th February	School Re-Opens
Wednesday 26 th February	Ash Wednesday School Mass
Friday 28 th February	Class Photographs
Thursday 5 th March	Y3 Trip to World Museum, Liverpool
Thursday 5 th March	Y4 Trip to The Catalyst
Thursday 5 th March	Meeting for Y4 Parents re Burwardsley Residential, 6pm
Friday 6 th March	Y1 Trip to Greenacres Animal Park
Wednesday 11 th March	Sacramental Preparation Session 1, 6pm in Church
Friday 13 th March	Y6 Parents Meeting about SATS, 9am
Monday 16 th March	Barnstondale Residential Trip, Y2
Wednesday 18 th March	Sacramental Preparation Session 2, 6pm in Junior Hall
Friday 20 th March	Y5 Trip to Wirral Country Park, Thurstaston
Tuesday 24 th March	Y3 Egyptian Day
Tuesday 24 th March	First Reconciliation, 6pm in Church
Thursday 26 th March	Clarinet Concert for Y4 parents
Friday 3 rd April	School Closes 2pm