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NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th January 2018

WELCOME BACK

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome children, parents and staff back for this new term. The skipping day that we had to start this term was an excellent success. It was a brilliant opportunity for the children to display some of the attributes that we promote in school, such as: practice makes perfect, perseverance and working alongside our friends. I cannot wait to see the children skipping constantly throughout their playtimes and building upon everything they learnt. I would like to take this opportunity thank you all for your support in 2017 and wish you and your loved ones the best for 2018.

Mass in Church (9.30 a.m.) – Spring Term 2018

Class	Date
Whole School – Start of Term Mass	Monday 8th January
Year 2	Monday 15th January
Year 1	Wednesday 17th January
Reception	Monday 22nd January
Year 3	Wednesday 24th January
Year 4	Monday 29th January
Year 5	Wednesday 31st January
Year 6	Monday 5th February
Whole School – Start of Lent Mass	Tuesday 20th February

Mass in Church followed by Confession – Lent 2018

Class	Date
Year 4	Monday 26th February
Year 5	Monday 5th March
Year 6	Monday 12th March

Mass in the Classroom

Class	Date
Year 5	Tuesday 23rd January – 2:30pm

Children taking a lead in Mass on a Sunday with the Parish

	Date
Mothering Sunday	Sunday 11th March

WRITING

Although we have always promoted the editing of writing as the children write, we have now devised a more formal and customised approach for the children which, should be easily remembered. Your child may now talk about editing their writing using **SSPP**.

In its most basic form it is S – stop and read your writing and make sure it makes **sense**. The children will be encouraged to put their finger under each word and say it aloud and make corrections if it does not make sense. The second S – they will check their **spellings**. Some words are non-negotiable and must be spelt correctly, children will have these on word mats in school so that they can independently correct any misspelt words. P – **Punctuation** – expectations for punctuation will increase as the children progress through school. In Reception, they will be expected to include capital letters and full stops. In Year 6 - semi-colon, colon and dash to mark the boundary between independent clauses, bullet points, hyphens etc. The final P is **presentation**. At Ss. Peter and Paul, we teach a cursive script

from the earliest point. Children are expected to start all letters on the line with a lead in flick – so again the children will be expected to look ‘critically’ at their work and decide if it is legible. By the end of next week each class teacher will have this terms knowledge organiser on their class page and their own version of SSPP for writing. Do take a look so you can support your child with any writing they do at home.

YEAR 3 REMINDER FOR PRESENTATION OF RECONCILIATION BOOKS

Year 3 children will be presented with their books for reconciliation during any Mass on Sunday. It is fine for families to attend their usual Mass. Fr John will invite any Year 3 children up at all the Masses on Sunday 7th January. There will be a simple presentation of the books and perhaps a round of applause so nothing to worry about.

CAFOD ADVENT FUNDRAISING

Throughout Advent we have been collecting and raising money for CAFOD through the Christmas baubles, donations from parents with your pantomime payment, donations after the Advent services and Reception/ Key Stage 1 productions and our very successful beetle drive, which we held in school for the first time at the end of term. Thank you to all who contributed as we raised a fantastic **£698.80**.

ADMISSION FOR RECEPTION CLASS – SEPTEMBER 2018

The application process closes on **15th January**. If your child is due to start school in September 2018 you **must** complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) and return it to school by this date. Forms are available on the school website and from the school office.

MEETINGS FOR PARENTS/ CARERS OF CHILDREN ON THE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS REGISTER – SPRING TERM

We are offering parents the opportunity to meet with the class teacher and SENCo to discuss your child’s progress. 10 minute appointments are available between 8.20 a.m. and 9 a.m. on Tuesday 9th January, Wednesday 10th January and Wednesday 17th January. To book an appointment please contact the school office. If these times are not convenient please contact the school office to arrange a mutually convenient time.

MUSIC TUITION

Music tuition recommences next week. Please see ParentPay as this term’s payments are now due

SPORT AT LUNCHTIME

Unfortunately, my plans for lunchtime have had to alter following Mrs Roberts leaving us due to getting more hours nearer home. I have therefore decided to increase the hours provided by Inspiration Tree. On Mondays the sports coach will have **Year 5 and Year 3 girls** from 11.55 to 12:25 initially doing ‘football’ but in poor weather they will do dance in the small hall. From 12:30 to 12:55 she will have **Year 4 and Year 6 girls** doing football or dance depending upon the weather. The girls will need their outdoor PE wear and their indoor PE clothes on Mondays.

On Wednesday the sports coach will have **all Year 1** from 11:55 to 12:25 doing multi-skills outside or dance inside if the weather is bad and then **all Year 2** from 12:30 to 12:55. Therefore, on Wednesdays it will be important that all Year 1 and Year 2 have outdoor and indoor PE kits depending upon the weather. This provision will be reviewed before the end of the half-term and may be changed depending upon our evaluations.

Mrs Todd

YEAR 5 POTTERY

On Monday, 8th January, as part of the topic ‘Ancient Greece’ Year 5 will be making Greek pots in school with a company called Firefly. We are asking parents to contribute £10 to the cost of this activity. Please make your payment on ParentPay. Thank you *Mrs Filarowski*

YEAR 5 AMPLEFORTH ABBEY

Any outstanding balances for the residential trip to Ampleforth Abbey must be paid on ParentPay by the 26th January 2018. Thank you *Mrs Filarowski*

JUNK WANTED!

Reception class would like junk materials for DT work this term. We need cardboard/plastic boxes, tubes, cartons, lids, egg boxes etc. We would also be grateful for any textured packaging eg bubble wrap, polystyrene shapes etc. Please send into school with your child or bring to the Reception classroom after school. Thank you

ACADEMIC YEAR CALENDAR 2018 – 2019

The school calendar for the academic year 2018 to 2019 is available on the school website.

YEAR 2 VISIT TO THACKRAY MEDICAL MUSEUM – WEDNESDAY 10TH JANUARY

The coach departs 9 a.m. and returns for the end of the school day. School uniform is to be worn, a packed lunch will be provided and children may bring a maximum of £5, in a clearly labelled envelope to spend in the shop if time permits.

YEAR 5 AND 6 FOOTBALL COACHING WITH GUISELEY FOOTBALL

The training sessions start again on Thursday 11th January 2018 after school until 4.30 p.m. on the school pitch, weather permitting. In the event of bad weather training will take place in the hall. Letters have been sent home today via book bags to confirm children's places at the sessions.

CROSS COUNTRY EVENT – SATURDAY 13TH JANUARY

The next cross country event will be held at Corpus Christi High School at 10 a.m. Saturday 13th January. Letters have been sent home today via the book bags to Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, if your child is able to participate please complete the consent slip and return by Monday 8th January.

FRIENDS OF Ss. PETER & PAUL

Next Meeting

The next FOSPAPS' meeting will be in school on Thursday 11th January at 7pm