



**We learn together, we play together, we pray together,  
we grow together in the love of God**

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**SPRING TERM 2022**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

## Dear Parents and Carers,

As we continue to approach Easter, the children are learning about praying the Stations of the Cross. As part of this topic, the children in Years 1 and 2 visited St. Phillip's Church to see the pictures of the stations in the church, and pray them. In Reception, they have been learning about the Jewish faith, and this week they visited Akiva School to learn about the festival of Purim. Thank you to all the parent/carer volunteers who accompanied the children on these visits.

The second of our parents' evenings takes place on Thursday (24<sup>th</sup> March). If you did not make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher on Tuesday, please ensure you speak to them next week on Thursday. You should have received a link to book your appointment; if you have not been able to access the online booking system, please do contact the school office, and we will make an appointment for you. You will meet and talk to your child's class teacher in the hall, but you will also be able to look at your child's books in your child's classroom.

At the time this newsletter is being written, the Year 5 pupils, Mrs Dias, Miss O'Brien and Mr Troy are all at Hindleap Warren for their 3 day residential trip. Judging by the photos on the Y5 Seesaw page and the texts from Mr Troy, the children are having a wonderful time! We look forward to welcoming them back tomorrow.

Next week is Science Week and Miss Georgious (our Science Leader) has organised some great activities for the children. As part of the excitement, we are asking the children (if they wish to) to dress up on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March as something related to science. Topics can include; plants, animals (including humans), the weather, materials, space, rocks, magnets etc.

Thank you to everybody for supporting Red Nose Day today; we will let you know in next week's newsletter how much money was raised.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Barbara Costa*

## School Attendance

### **Term Time Holiday Requests**

We have received some requests for leave of absence during school time. Please can we remind you that term time holiday requests will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances.

Please ensure your child is present the last day of the term and the first day of a new term.

### **Education Welfare Officer (EWO)**

Please note that children are expected to attend school for at least 96% of the year. Attendance is regularly checked by the EWO who may fine parents for any unauthorised absence.

## The Wednesday Word

**"To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often."**

*Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman*

Ask your child what the word 'change' means to them. As a family, share any positive changes which have recently taken place at home, at school or within the community. Let your child know about at least one way in which they have changed for the better and grown in goodness over the past months (e.g. in behaviour, in attitude, in helpfulness). How does your child think that changing in that way has helped them? How has it helped the family or their friends?

**"Our friendship with God changes our life – filling us with passion, with joy."** *Pope Francis*

Each of you say something about yourself that you would like to change this Lent – and say why. Perhaps it is: trying to listen better at school; trying to follow Jesus more closely; being more patient; helping out more at home; always remembering to say your daily prayers. How can you make that change? Do you need anyone's help? Are there any other ways to make a change for the better this Lent? You may also like to choose something new to do together that will make life better for the family

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/change?pid=MTA101634&p=2&v=55.13>

Forgive us for war, O Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners!  
Lord Jesus, born in the shadows of bombs falling on Kyiv,  
have mercy on us!

Lord Jesus, who died in a mother's arms in a bunker in Kharkiv, have mercy on us!  
Lord Jesus, a 20-year-old sent to the frontlines, have mercy on us!

Lord Jesus, who still behold armed hands in the shadow of your Cross, have mercy on us!  
Forgive us, O Lord.

Forgive us, if we are not satisfied with the nails with which we crucified Your hands, as we continue to slate our thirst with the blood of those mauled by weapons.

Forgive us, if these hands which You created to tend have been transformed into instruments of death.

Forgive us, O Lord, if we continue to kill our brother;  
Forgive us, if we continue like Cain to pick up the stones of our fields to kill Abel.

Forgive us, if we continue to justify our cruelty with our labors, if we legitimize the brutality of our actions with our pain.

Forgive us for war, O Lord. Forgive us for War, O Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we implore You! Hold fast the hand of Cain!

Illumine our consciences; may our will not be done;  
Abandon us not to our own actions! Stop us, O Lord, stop us!  
And when you have held back the hand of Cain, care also for him. He is our brother.

O Lord, put a halt to the violence! Stop us, O Lord!

**Pope Francis #PrayTogether #Ukraine**

## Living with COVID-19 – updated February 2022

### Testing

The guidance for education staff and secondary school pupils to undertake twice weekly asymptomatic testing has been removed.

### Self-Isolation

The legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test has been removed. Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.

### Contact tracing

From 24th February, routine contact tracing ended. Contacts are no longer required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests.

### Individuals who test positive for COVID-19

Pupils who test positive for COVID should not attend school. Parents will be advised to keep their child at home for 5 full days; the school reserves the right to refuse the pupil until they have had 5 full days at home.

### Individuals with COVID-19 Symptoms

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell

If you have any of these symptoms you should order a PCR test. You are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people while you are waiting for the test result.

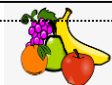
Other symptoms linked with COVID-19 include shortness of breath, fatigue, loss of appetite, muscle ache, sore throat, headache, stuffy or runny nose, diarrhoea, nausea and vomiting. Any of these symptoms may also have another cause.

### Safer Behaviours

Individuals can still reduce the risk of catching and passing on COVID-19 by:

- Getting vaccinated;
- Letting fresh air in if meeting indoors, or meeting outside;
- Wearing a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces, especially where you come into contact with people you do not usually meet, when rates of transmission are high;
- Trying to stay at home if you are unwell;
- Taking a test if you have COVID-19 symptoms, and staying at home and avoiding contact with other people if you test positive; and
- Washing your hands and following advice to 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'.

### Mid Morning Snacks



A reminder to parents that children may only have fruit as a mid-morning snack. No other snack will be permitted.



<b>Reception</b>	Vanessa for her great care when handling the chicks. Vladi for making some really nice books to read to our chicks.
<b>Year 1</b>	Faith for working really hard in her literacy lessons last week. Well done! Arel for participating in class discussions. Keep up the good work!
<b>Year 2</b>	Bruna for enjoying her learning and taking more pride in her work. Max for being a "Have a Go Mo!".
<b>Year 3</b>	Rachel for outstanding contributions during whole class discussions. Karo for excellent progress in reading.
<b>Year 4</b>	Shirley and Mya B for producing a fantastic application for becoming a Mini Vinnie and being successful.
<b>Year 5</b>	Elizabeth and Sofia for being such amazing members of Year 5.
<b>Year 6</b>	Alexia for the excellent effort she is making in all lessons – well done! Jago for the great confidence and ability you showed when calculating the area of a range of shapes.
<p><i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i>  <b>Lena Y6</b>  <b>Lily Y4</b></p>	

### Dates for your diary

<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> – Fri 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Science Week</b>
<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Y5 and Y6 going to Christ College for Science Workshop</b>
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Class Photos
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Dress Up Day
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> March	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 non-school uniform day (Y5 pupils only)
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 trip to the Tower of London
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> March	7pm Year 3 and Year 4 Easter play
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> April	CCS Lenten Box Appeal ends
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Last day of Spring term 1pm finish
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of summer term
<b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Infant Movie Night (organised by the Friends – more details to follow)</b>
<b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Junior Movie Night (organised by the Friends – more details to follow)</b>
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 at Kingswood (residential trip)
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> May - Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> June Inclusive	Half Term
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Staff Inset – School Closed for children
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of Summer Term – 1.30pm finish
*New dates in bold	