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*Following the example of Jesus, together we learn, love and respect one another
to be the best we can be.*

Dear Parents/Carers

COVID-19/CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

As you will all be aware, there is an ever-changing landscape with regards advice and information relating to the current Coronavirus outbreak. Information shared following the Government's Cobra meeting on Thursday 12th March 2020 was that 'schools should not be closed' and until such information becomes available, school will continue to open as normal. I am constantly being updated with information from the Department for Education (DfE) and Public Health England (PHE) and will update parents as and when I know anything different. COVID-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It's caused by a virus called coronavirus. Advice from the DfE and PHE is that you should stay at home for 7 days if you have coronavirus symptoms. These symptoms could be either a high temperature and/or a new, continuous cough. It is important that you do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital if you display these symptoms. You also do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home. 111 should only be used if:

- You feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home
- Your condition gets worse
- Your symptoms do not get better after 7 days.

We are putting measures in place to prevent the spread of potential infections by encouraging the children to 'Catch it, Bin it and Kill it' if they do cough or sneeze and to wash their hands regularly with soap and water and applying hand sanitiser at regular times during the school day. Please can you encourage the children to continue these habits when they are at home as well.

With this situation, new information is coming to light all the time and advice given now might be outdated in a few hours' time so it is important that you keep checking the PHE and NHS websites (see below) at regular intervals.



<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Mr Smith, Mrs Wilkinson and I are working behind the scenes to make sure we have all bases covered if, in the future, the situation changes and so we can react appropriately as and when needed. If you have any questions regarding this or any other topic, please don't hesitate to contact me at school or speak to me on the yards before or after school.

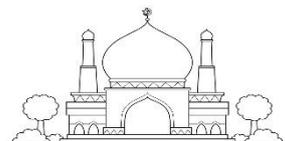
Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Our Year 3 pupils Laici from Year 5 and Edie from Year 6 made their first reconciliation on Tuesday evening. They had all prepared well supported by Mr Smith, Father Paul and the catechists and were respectful and reverent. Thank you to the catechists, parish, parents, family members and staff who came to sing and support them. Thank you to Father Paul for his support and such a lovely service.



On Wednesday the whole school celebrated History day. Each class had the opportunity to take part in historical activities including an artefact dig, looking at historical items and guessing the staff baby pictures!

It was lovely to see the effort the children had gone to in dressing up and we appreciate the time and effort that goes in to this. Thank you to Mrs Booth who arranged and coordinated this day. I hope the children told you about their exciting day and everything they had learned. Following on from this, Year 3 held their assembly about the Romans. It was very informative.



Year 5 Mosque visit

On Thursday year 5 visit the local mosque. They learned about Islam. They discussed different elements of Muslim beliefs and were shown how they wash before praying, different prayer positions. Thank you to the Imam Amar and Imam Ashraf for their hospitality and to Mrs Jackson, Mrs Pennock, Miss Hutchinson and Mrs Ali for taking them.

Assembly - to be confirmed

On Friday 20th March we have planned for some of our children to proudly show off their t-shirts that they designed with the I pads when we visited Pendle School. Mrs Wilkinson has worked hard transferring all the designs to the t shirts. We will confirm this as soon as possible.

Dates for Your Diary



January	
Monday 16 th March	Year 3 trip to The Tate Gallery
Wednesday 18 th March	Football at Ribblesdale -4pm - to be confirmed
Friday 20 th March	Reception class vision screening
Monday 23 rd	Last week for clubs except Running/Football and dance
Tuesday 24 th March	Father Tierney to visit school
Wednesday 25 th March	Year 2 assembly
Tuesday 31 st March	Whole school Mass 9.15am
Monday 6 th April	Holy Week
Tuesday 7 th April	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 8 th April	Reception Height & weight Parents' Evening
Thursday 9 th April	Junior read around for Lent School Closes for Easter

Class assemblies

Year 2 - 25th March 3.00pm
Year 4 - 29th April 3.00pm
EYFS 13th May 3.00pm

Important Future dates

First Holy Communion Saturday 20th June 11.00am

Secondary Intake days

St Augustine's 24th June

Intake Mass 6.00pm

Intake evening 7th July 6.00pm

Grammar- Intake day Friday 26th June

Bowland-

Induction Evening - 24th June

29th/30th June- Intake days

Ribblesdale - 29th June & 30th June

6th & 7th July Transition evening

Year 6 leaver's Mass Tuesday 14th July 9.15am

Year 6 leaver's assembly Friday 17th July 1.00pm

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Zoe Mabbott

Headteacher