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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

This week we have celebrated Faith Week in school where each class has been learning all about a different religion.

Reception, Y1, Y2 - Sikhism
Year 3- Hinduism
Year 4- Judaism
Year 5- Islamism
Year 6- Buddhism

Teaching about other religions is important for several reasons:

1. Learning about the religion and cultures of those who do not share the Catholic faith is one of the ways in which Catholic schools embody the call to love one's neighbour. Catholic schools are, by their very vocation, intercultural.
2. Our school entails "a willingness... to try to understand better the religion of one's neighbours, and to experience something of their religious life and culture."
3. Some children in Catholic schools are practicing members of other faiths and our school needs to be a place of hospitality for these children. It is an act of respect and courtesy that our curriculum helps them to reflect on the nature of their own religious identity.
4. It prepares the pupils in our Catholic schools for life in modern Britain, giving them an understanding of the beliefs of others. This in turn will improve social cohesion and contribute to the common good by increasing mutual respect between those of different religions.

This morning in assembly a couple of children from each class shared some learning from their class. Please look on the RE area of the website for pictures and further information.

Andy and the Odd Socks

Next Tuesday we are welcoming Andy and the Odd socks from CBeebies to our school having won the Anti-Bullying competition. We are all looking forward to this as I'm sure the children are. Keep your eye out for pictures.

Staffing



We welcome Mrs Hitchen to our staff this week. She will be working in reception every other Tuesday. She is an experience early years teacher and will be working alongside Miss Harkin.

Parent letters and requests

It has been noted that Mrs Wilkinson is repeatedly sending out requests for reply slips, payments or consent forms. This is taking Mrs Wilkinson a great deal of time, keeping her from other important tasks which need to be done. Please ensure that you read text and e mails and also ask your child regularly to bring home letters from their desks otherwise, the children are at risk of missing out on activities or events.

If a letter is given to your child as a hard copy and is misplaced, to save costs, copies will not be made but will be emailed.

Information is sent out via email so if you are not receiving this you must inform Mrs Wilkinson. If information is handed to your child, when possible you will receive a text to inform you that this has been passed to your child. Please make it your child's responsibility to ensure this gets to you and the information is then acted on to reduce the amount of time spent chasing replies up.

All children and parents should know what club they have signed up to so please ensure that they are prepared for this.



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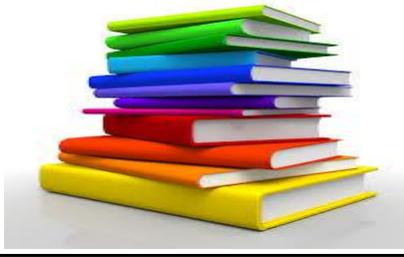
Egg/ Peanut allergy- can we please remind parents that we are a nut and egg free school due to children with severe allergies. Should your child have food containing nuts/eggs they must inform the teacher.



Sunflowers

Please can we ask that parents inform the class teacher if their child is to go to Sunflowers and this is not part of their usual routine. On quite a few occasions we have children who have not been collected and the child is unaware that they are to go to sunflowers and Mrs Gudgeon does not have them booked in. This causes distress to the children particularly the younger ones.

Parents must book sunflowers through Mrs Gudgeon (07960532965) and inform the class teacher which days they are to go.



Clitheroe Library

The fantastic Trailblazers group have been successfully running at the library for over 10 years, and this year it will have a revamped reading/activity group aimed at children aged 7-9. These one hour sessions will take place on Saturdays during term time in the Children's Library - there will be a different book to take home each month followed by a tie-in activity.

They are also offering a new 'Secret Reading Society' for older pupils aged 9-12! This will be on a Tuesday evening between 5.30pm and 6.30pm, and will be a little more like a grown up book group.

Athletics

Well done to some of our Year 5 & 6 children who yesterday competed in a Sports hall athletics competition at Roefield They were fantastic and came 3rd out of 9 schools.
Thank you to Mr Smith for taking them.

Book Bus

Unfortunately the Book Bus company have post phoned our visit which was scheduled for 31st January. We are uncertain at this time as to whether this will be re-booked.

Half term club

Pro Sport will be running a holiday club in school during half term. Please see the attached flyer.

Uniform

Please find below the uniform requirements. There has been a decline in the correct uniform being worn. Boots and trainers are not permitted and ties, jumpers/cardigans must be worn. As previously requested, all uniform must be labelled as we currently have a number of unidentified items in lost property.

Class photographs are on Thursday 23rd January so please ensure full uniform is worn.

White long/short sleeved collared shirt

Tie

Dark Grey trousers /shorts

Dark grey pleated skirt or pinafore

Wool piped jumper/cardigan with school badge

Grey socks for boys & White ankle socks for girls/or grey tights

Plain black shoes /no fashion motifs

Summer dress remains the same - green gingham only.

No dojo bows, or fashion hair items, excess hair gel or shaved hair.

If the weather deteriorates and snows, the children are allowed to come to school in boots/wellies but they must change in to their school shoes. They can use the boots at playtime.



Dates for Your Diary

January	
Tuesday 21 st	Andy and the Odd Sock visit to school Year 6 additional learning session 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd	Yr 6 Assembly 3.00pm
Thursday 23 rd	Class photographs Year 6 additional learning session 3.30-4.30pm
Monday 27 th	Reception trip to Sealife, Manchester
Wednesday 29 th	Yr 6 health questionnaires
Friday 31 st	PTA infant film Night
Wednesday 5 th Feb	Year 5 assembly 3.00pm

Class assemblies

Year 3 - 11th March 3.00pm
 Year 2 - 25th March 3.00pm
 Year 4 - 29th April 3.00pm
 EYFS 13th May 3.00pm

Important Future dates

Reconciliation for year 3 on the Sacramental Programme - Tuesday 10th March 2020 6.30pm.
 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