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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

I think Spring has finally arrived and the children have enjoyed playing on the field. There has been lots of activity again, this week, inside and out of school. Our Year 4 children enjoyed their trip to Blackpool Zoo on Wednesday - thank you to Mrs Acklam, for arranging this. I was fortunate in that I took Year 6 to visit the Mayor's Parlour on Tuesday with Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Makepeace. Their behaviour was excellent and the Mayor commented on how well behaved they were and the wonderful questions the children asked. It makes me very proud of our children so well done.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Some of Year 3 made their first reconciliation on Wednesday evening. They had all prepared well supported by Miss Smith and the catechists and were respectful and reverent. Thank you to the catechists, parish choir members, parents, family members and staff who came to sing and support them, and to our singers, some as young as 6 who sang beautifully during this special occasion. Also to Father Kevin and Father John.

Mary Coar

Don't forget that it is Mrs Coar's leaving assembly on Friday, 24th March at 2.15 pm. This will be a special assembly marking her 20 years as the school cook. There will be refreshments served after and we hope that you can join us for this special occasion.

(We will not be having a 'normal' certificates assembly).

As this will be Mrs Coar's last day, she is doing a special lunch. If your child currently has a packed lunch on a Friday and wishes to change to a school lunch, please send in £2.20 by Wednesday 22nd.

There will be no toast on Thursday.





British Values Day

As you may be aware on Tuesday, 21st March Prince Charles will be visiting Clitheroe. We can only take a small number of children and these will be selected "out of a hat" from the Junior classes. To celebrate this day and to ensure all the children are involved there will be a non-uniform day where the children can wear red, white and blue and they will undertake different activities during the day. You will have received a letter regarding this.

There will be road closures in place from 6.00 am that morning. Please refer to Clitheroe Council Website for further details.

Lost property

The lost property box will be out on display at parents' evening, please come and take a look as there are quite a few "homeless" items. Please remember to label your child's clothes as we cannot return them otherwise. Unclaimed items will be disposed of.

Parents' Evening

If you have not received your appointment time for parents' evening, please contact the office.



Sports Clubs

You will have received a letter regarding next terms morning and after school Sports Clubs. Please ensure you complete these and return to school as soon as possible so that the Clubs can be arranged. You will only be informed if your child is on the reserve list, therefore, if you do not hear anything assume your child has a place. Payment must be received, as soon as you are given the amount, in order to keep the place. Late or non-payments will result in your child losing the place.



Dinner Money

You will be receiving a text, on Monday, if your child's dinner money is in debt. Please could you please ensure that the advised amount is paid by **Tuesday, 21st March** in order that monies may be banked pre half term. Unfortunately, debt carried over may result in school dinners not being available. Please remember to keep up to date with these payments. Thank you



Purple Thursday

On Thursday, 23rd March, it is Epilepsy day. We are asking children to wear purple for a voluntary contribution of £1. There will also be a cake sale so we are looking for donations of the beautiful cakes that are sent in. This is always a very popular event and the money raised is going to a great charity. If there are any left, they will also be on sale at the Thursday parents' evening

Class Lent Masses

All classes have this week attended Class Masses with Father Kevin once again commenting on their reverence and excellent behaviour. Thank you to our Pupil Chaplains for performing the post communion reflection 'Were You There' so beautifully to remind us what is important during this season of Lent.

Easter Productions

There will be two Easter productions. KS2 (Juniors) will be Thursday, 13th April and KS1 (Infants) will be Wednesday, 19th April. Times to follow.

This week in attendance

Well done to Reception and Year 4 for 100% attendance.

There were 203 minutes in late arrivals.

REMEMBER - EVERY MINUTE COUNTS! Even 5 minutes late can impact on the working day. Please be in school by 8.55 am

Forest Schools

Mrs Collinge has been working hard to qualify to deliver Forest Schools in school. This will begin after the Easter break and will take place with a selection of children on a Friday afternoon (more details to follow).

Celebration Assembly

After Easter, Celebration assembly will temporarily move to 9.10am as of Friday, 21st April



Next Week

Student Council Sponsored Week

Monday, 20th March - Parents evening- Crèche available 3.30-5.30pm

Tuesday, 21st March - British Values Day- Non uniform- red/white and blue

Thursday, 23rd March - EYFS Coffee morning

Purple Day for Epilepsy- £1 donation and cake sale, in school

Parents Evening- Crèche available 3.30-5.30 pm

Friday, 24th March- Red nose day

9.00 am Gymnastic display for afterschool group

Mary Coar's leaving assembly 2.15 pm

School closes for Easter 3.30 pm return to school Monday, 10th April

Thank you for your continued support