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Dear Parents

MESSAGE FROM MRS SEXTON

We have had another busy week across all of our 3 schools in the cluster. Each school has held their parent evenings this week. It has been lovely to see parents and children back in school for face to face consultations. Thank you for attending these sessions as they are very helpful for us and hopefully for you as well! It feels like a little bit of normality coming back, though we still need to be vigilant and test regularly, especially if we or our children experience symptoms.

It's CAFOD Family Fast Day today, a time to eat a bit more sparsely and make a small donation of money saved to the charity. As referred to in my previous communication, the schools have or will be having events throughout Lent to raise funds for CAFOD but also for their Ukrainian appeal- we have cake sales, non-uniform days, a "frugal lunch" and other events planned. We don't want to be too specific about the crisis in Ukraine with the children as it is very upsetting but we will definitely ensure that we donate and support the Ukrainian people at this time.

Next week is science week across the Trust and again events are planned across the schools. I know that in some cases parents are volunteering their time to talk about science in their careers which is so important for our children to raise the profile of science, raise aspirations and hopefully encourage our future scientists and engineers. Thank you to those volunteers that are giving of their time so willingly. Check out our twitter pages and school websites for more information on this as the next week unfolds. Have a good weekend.

Mrs Katharine Sexton
Executive Principal

THIS WEEK

We started off the week with a musical assembly by Music for Schools Foundation. The children enjoyed listening to the various different instruments on offer and were fascinated by the science behind the various instruments and their sounds. If your child would like to learn a new instrument, please contact Music for Schools for more details. www.mfsf.org.uk

Our Friday assembly took its theme from Luke 3: Make straight the way of the Lord. We discussed what things stand between us and doing what God wants. The children are really getting back into the swing of whole-school assembly and contributed most thoughtfully. Someone mentioned that when we talk of making the road even, perhaps we should think of equality for others. This led beautifully into discussion of our Lenten lunch and fund-raising activities.

CONSULTATIONS

We would like to thank the many parents who attended consultation meetings with their children's class teachers this week. As always it is a great way to discuss all aspects of your child's progress. We value our partnership with parents highly.

Today children from 5TC walked to Corpus Christi and attended Mass with Father Saju, as before, our children represented the school beautifully and enjoyed the walk! They were full of very pertinent questions - most impressive. Well done.

GENERAL INFORMATION

LENTEN LUNCH

Further to the Parentpay email sent out earlier in the week, we will be holding a Lenten Lunch on Friday 18 March. On this day the kitchen will only be cooking rice, vegetable/tomato sauce and bread. If your child would like to join in with this, please book via Parentpay, you can choose any meal on that day as only the above frugal lunch will be served. All payments received on that day will go to CAFOD to help the Ukraine appeal.

If your child would rather bring a frugal packed lunch (or are in Reception/KS1 and therefore entitled to free school meals) and you would like to make a donation to this appeal, you can do so through Parentpay. Many thanks.

If your child would also like to wear one item of clothing that is blue or yellow, on Friday 18 March, they may do so together with their school uniform (a blue or yellow scarf, T-shirt, headband, socks etc). We ask for donations of £1 to go with this.

LKS2 EASTER PRODUCTION: THIS MAN CALLED JESUS

Tuesday 29 March and Wednesday 30 March at 6pm

Parents of pupils in Years 3 and 4 are welcome to come and see our Easter production. To ensure that all families have an equal opportunity for seats at these performances we have allocated a **total of 4 tickets over the two performances (maximum of 2 seats per performance per family)**. Due to fire regulations, numbers in the hall are limited and accompanying children will **not** be able to "sit on laps"; they will need a ticket. Children at school will have already seen a performance during the school day. Please let the office know if you would like to request an additional ticket and we will do our best to allocate them fairly if there is availability.

You will need to use the online system to book your tickets, details of which will be sent out via parentpay email on Monday. Please contact the school office if you require assistance with this.

Parents can take photographs and record the production for their personal use only. Please do not upload any images onto the internet including social media eg Facebook.

For the evening performance children will need to return to school at 5.15pm via the main office entrance. As you are aware, there is very limited parking on site and the lower part of the driveway does not allow two cars to pass each other. If you are dropping your child and leaving please park off site and walk your child down to the office. If you are bringing your child and remaining for the production you are welcome to drop your child and park on site bearing in mind that you will not be able to move your car until the end of the production when everybody is leaving. We will monitor the playground and close the gates when the playground is full. Please be considerate at all times. You may want to park off site, remembering not to block driveways or access, as this will probably make your arrival and leaving easier. If you are not staying for the production, children will be ready for collection at about 7.15pm.

ADVANCE NOTICE

We would like to share with you that Mrs Sarah Dalton, who many of you already know, will be joining us after Easter in Mrs Tyrie's class. I am sure you will offer her a warm welcome.

TEAM EVENTS

We have various team activities taking place over the next couple of weeks:

Some of our Year 6 children will be taking part in a Football Tournament at Hayesbrook Academy on Wednesday 16 March. Letters have been sent out to those taking part, please return the permission slips as soon as possible. Spectators are welcome. Please note that there is no parking on site at Hayesbrook.

Yr2 will take part in a 'Healthy Me' workshop at school on Thursday 17 March. A group of children from Year 5 will be taking part in a Team Building Event at the Angel Centre on Friday 18 March.

A team from KS1 will attend a Hockey Tournament at Hawkenbury Recreational Park on Thursday 24 March. Letters to those invited to take part will go out nearer to each event taking place. We are so delighted to be enriching the school's offer in this way again.

GLOBE THEATRE

Our Year 5/6 children will be having the amazing experience of visiting the Globe Theatre on 30 March. Details were sent out this week. Please complete the consent form online through Parentpay, as soon as possible. Many thanks.

RECEPTION - Mother's Day Assembly

Parents of children in the Reception classes are invited to a special Mother's Day assembly on Friday 25 March at 2.30pm in the hall. Please can parents park off site and sign in at the front office at 2.20pm when the doors will open.

PTA KS2 DISCO

The PTA will be running the KS2 disco on Friday 25 March - LSK2 from 4.30pm - 6pm and UKS2 from 6.30pm - 8pm. Further details to follow.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY WEEK

Msporti will be holding an activity club at SMC over the Easter holidays, please see their website for further details and how to book - www.Msporti.co.uk.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Yours sincerely

Caroline Ryan
Academy Principal

'The whole human race will see God's salvation'
Luke 3:6