



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back from the half term break and I hope you had an enjoyable week with your children.

Wintershall

This week the children are fortunate enough to watch a special assembly, delivered by Wintershall. Wintershall was started by Peter Hutley (OBE) and Ann Hutley who have transformed their stunning estate into the home of epic open-air performances about the life of Jesus. Their very first Nativity started in a barn in 1989. Now their professional productions, with casts of hundreds, are seen by tens of thousands. Their vision is to tell the story.

Later on this year our Faith Ambassadors will be visiting Wintershall to see the magnificent performance 'The Life of Christ'.

Ash Wednesday

We joined the Parish community for Mass On Wednesday 26th February and were part of a beautiful service with our children from Years Reception to 6 and many parents and community joining us.

Staffing – Year Reception

I am writing to let you know that Mrs Matusz will be stepping into the role of Reception class teacher. Mrs Matusz already works in our school, previously supporting our Nursery children in the mornings and Reception children in the afternoons. Mrs Matusz brings good knowledge and already knows our EYFS children very well. A parent's evening will be held on 30th March and 1st April, to book please call the school office.

Parentmail

Please can I remind **all** parents/ carers that **Parentmail must be used to book all school dinners**, this needs to be completed in advance, even if your child is in receipt of free school meals (including all Reception and KS1 children) otherwise the kitchen will not be able to provide your child with a school dinner as the food quantities needed will not be available.

Also, **all bookings for a place in our EBLOs** (Early Birds and Late Owls) **must also be booked via Parentmail at least 24 hours in advance** of session needed. Sessions will be charged in advance when booked and cannot be refunded. We cannot accept your child if they do not have a place booked in advance.

Coronavirus

I will endeavour to keep yourselves up to date with any latest guidance, I am kept fully informed daily through the DFE and PHE (Public Health England). We have recently had some parents/ carers enquiring about whether we are offering children access to hand-sanitiser. The advice which we are following, states that washing hands with warm water and soap is the best action and also reduces the risk of any of our children reacting to hand-sanitisers. **Can I please insist that parents do not provide their child with any hand sanitisers from home** as all products in schools need to be passed by COSHH and also removes the risk of some children having any reactions to such products.

We are also continuing to remind our children to use tissues when sneezing and coughing and washing hands after toileting and before eating or drinking, following the teaching we always give to our children. If you do have any concerns, please speak to school office staff.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

All pupils to dress up as a book character for the day. Throughout the day the children will be taking part in various book themed activities and enjoying a world book day lunch. If your child does not normally have a school dinner and would like to, please book this in advance through Parentmail.

Scholastic Book Fair

We have booked Scholastic book fair to be here from Wednesday 25th March, there will be the opportunity to purchase books at the end of the day on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. It is not only a great opportunity to purchase a book for your child/ren but also any money collected earns the school rewards which we can then spend on more books for the school.

Year 6 PGL Residential Trip

We wish all of Year 6 best wishes for an exciting time on their upcoming residential trip to Caythorpe. We look forward to hearing about their adventures on their return. For parents of children in Year 6 they will be telling all about their experiences at the parent assembly on Friday 20th March.

School Uniform

Can I please remind parents of parts of the School Uniform Policy that are not being followed by some children at the moment. The full policy is available on the website.

- **Boots are not permitted.** Footwear should be flat black shoes.
- There should not be any patterns shaved into children's hair and long hair (past their shoulders) should be tied back. Anything used to tie hair back should be in line with school colours.
- **Earrings must be a small plain ball stud and must be removed by the child for PE/ swimming lessons.**
- As part of the PE kit navy blue shorts and a coloured T-shirt should be worn, depending on which house your child is in. These are:
 - St Matthew – Blue
 - St Mark – Red
 - St Luke – Yellow
 - St John – Green

Parents' Evenings for Years N and 1 to 6

Please take this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher so you can discuss his/her progress at this point in the year. Appointments can be made via the school office. The times are:

- Monday 16th March, 4.00pm – 6.30pm
- Wednesday 18th March, 4.00pm – 6.30pm

On Thursday 2nd April your child will be coming home with their Lent term attainment and attendance reports.

I look forward to seeing you all at one of the Parents' Evenings or at any of the events taking place this term.

Kind regards

Mrs K Armstrong
Head Teacher

Friday 28th February 2020