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A Voluntary Academy

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Newsletter: Spring Term

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week two of our classes have visited the church as part of their RE topics. Both classes enjoyed their visits, and are now more familiar with the names of some of the objects in church and their uses. Fr Mark was very impressed with how the children were eager to find out more about his work too.

Today members of our Academy Council have spent the day in school visiting classes and spending some time with the children finding out about their views of our school.

Governors give of their own time to serve as a member of the Academy Council and we thank them for their dedicated service to our school in this role.

Mrs Warters

E Safety Week

During this week we have been sharing with the children ways of keeping safe online. Many of our children have access to the internet through laptops, tablets and phones. Some of our children also get involved with messaging and chat room apps. It is really important that you check what your child is viewing online and the kind of messages that are being posted.

Useful information is also available via the ESafety tab on the school website. Here you will find links to useful websites giving guidance on keeping your child safe online. The monthly Online newsletter which is sent out via Groupcall is also an excellent resource for parents to support them in the ever changing digital world.

Year 2 SAT's Information evening

Mrs Tonks will be holding a meeting for parents of children in Y2 on Monday 11th February at 3.30pm. This is an opportunity to hear about the expectations of the Year 2 SAT's which will take place during the month of May.

Contact Details

If you have changed your mobile phone number or email address recently, please give your new details to Mrs Edginton in the school office so that our contacts list can be updated. Many Thanks.

500 Words Competition

Calling all enthusiastic writers. BBC Radio 2 has launched their annual 500 Words writing competition. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to get creative and write a story. Please see the BBC 500 Words website for further information.

We will be hosting our own 500 Words competition to link in with Book week. Further information on this will follow soon.

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March, we will be celebrating World Book day in school. Children are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite book character. Prizes will be awarded to the most creative outfits and we will have special reading-themed events on the day. On this day, children will bring home their World Book Day £1 token which can be used in participating book shops.

Wakefield Junior Park Run

Miss James would like to remind all families that the 'Wakefield Junior Park Run' is now up and running each Sunday from 8.50am at either Wakefield Thornes Park or Pontefract Park. Many congratulations to Aoife in Y6 who came 3rd last Sunday at this event. If you would like your child to take part in the park Run, please collect a letter from the School Office.

Normanton Council Easter Egg Colouring Competition

Tomorrow your child will bring home an entry form for this year's Normanton Town Council Easter Egg colouring competition. All entries need to be returned to Normanton Council at the Town Hall by Monday 4th March.

Parents Association

Our PA will be holding a meeting on Thursday 14th February at 3.30pm in school. Do come along and find out about the wonderful work of the PA and how they support our school. If you can help in any way or just want to find out a little more do come along to the meeting. All are welcome.

Dolce information

Parents are encouraged to order meals online following a discussion with their child in relation to their food choices. As meals are cooked to order and our cook is unable to offer an alternative choice if your child states they do not like the meal that has been ordered at home. Some children are getting upset over the choices that have been made at home.

Please note that there is no longer a meat option for sandwiches on a Friday. If you have pre – ordered a sandwich for your child for this term please log back in to your Live Kitchen account and amend your order. Many thanks

100 Club

If you wish to purchase a 100 Club number for £10 for this academic year there are still some numbers available. Please contact the school office.

The winning number for the draw last week was number 40, Joseph & Lexie G.

Masses at St John the Baptist Church

Saturday at **6.00pm**

Sunday at **10.00am** – Children's Liturgy for children from LF to Y2 takes place during the 10.00am Mass during term time.
All welcome.

Parish News

First Holy Communion (current Y4)

There will be a meeting for parents of children preparing to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion on 10th February following the 10.00am Mass.

Sessions for the children are as follows:

Saturday 9th March – 10.00am – 3.00pm

Saturday 11th May – 10.00am – 3.00pm

Saturday 18th May – 4.30pm – 5.45pm

Dress Rehearsal – Saturday 15th June 4.30pm – 5.45pm

All of the above sessions will take place in the Parish Hall

Celebration of First Holy Communion – Sunday 22nd June

Confirmation 2020 (current Y5)

There will be an initial meeting for parents of children in current Y5 on 12th May following the 10.00am Mass with information regarding the sacrament of Confirmation in 2020.

Gold Book Assembly

Gold book assembly will take place tomorrow Friday 8th February at 2.30pm. The following children have made it into the Gold Book this week. We are very proud of them, and their achievements:

Lunchtime Awards – Seth H Y1 & Bartosz Y5

Late Foundation – Zuzanna & Devon

Year 1 – Hari & Harry

Year 2 – Brea & Charlie H

Year 3 – Matthew & Ava P

Year 4 – Esther-Mae & Jessica

Year 5 – Lacey O & Madison

Year 6 – Archie & Ronan

Diary Dates

Monday 11th February – Y4 Skipping – St Wilfrid's

Friday 15th February – Half Term holiday

Monday 25th February – Y2 Multiskills event – St Wilfrid's

Monday 4th March – Book Week

Wednesday 6th March – Ash Wednesday

Thursday 7th March – World book Day

Monday 18th March – Class Photographs

Friday 22nd March – Y4 Rothwell Music Festival

Friday 29th March – Y6 Tag Rugby Tournament – (Team)

Monday 1st April – Y2 Skipping Tournament – St Wilfrid's

Wednesday 3rd April – Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Thursday 4th April – Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Tuesday 9th April – LF/KS1 Palm Sunday Assembly 9.15am

Wednesday 10th April – Y3/4 Last Supper Assembly 9.15am

Thursday 11th April – Y6/6 Good Friday Assembly 9.15am

Friday 12th April – Break up for Easter

Attendance



Our school attendance target for each class is **96%**. Classes are rewarded for achieving the highest attendance for the week. This is acknowledged in the weekly Gold Book Assembly

Congratulations to Year 3 who had the winning attendance for the week.

Late Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.00%	93.00%	94.84%	98.67%	97.81%	88.52%	94.00%

Our Statement of Belief for this week was:

I try to use words that make the world a better place

Safeguarding: Should you have any concerns regarding the safety of children please contact the Safeguarding Team. **DSL:** Mrs L Wartors (Head of School) **Deputy DSL:** Mrs S Spittle **Deputy DSL:** Mrs D Ferguson **Deputy DSL:** Miss B Noone **Mr K Flood (Executive Headteacher)**