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We Grow and Learn with Jesus

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JANUARY 2016 – NEWSLETTER

Thank you

The staff would like to thank you for the many messages, cards and gifts they received from the children at the end of last term. Your kindness and good wishes are much appreciated.

KS2 Disco

On *Thursday 21st January* we shall be holding a KS2 disco. Tickets costing £4.00 will be on sale in the dining room from *Tuesday 19th January*. If there are any parents who would be able to help with refreshments during the disco, please can they let Elaine know.

PFA

We are very grateful to the PFA for their work so far this year. £630.26 was raised for Santa's fund raising Christmas tree and £1,089.00 on the Christmas Fayre. Well done everyone and 'thank you'.

Staffing

We are pleased to welcome Caroline Munday to the staff as an EYFS Classroom Assistant. She will be working with Reception Lisbon this year.

INSET Day

The school will be closed on **Thursday 17th March 2016** due to an INSET day for all staff and governors. I hope you all received the slip correcting the day to Thursday.

Father Paul

As our parents from Holy Rood Parish will know, Fr Paul has been appointed as an Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster. He will have responsibility for Hertfordshire and his ordination will take place at Westminster Cathedral on 25th January, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. A small group of children and staff will represent the school at his ordination. As a thank you for all he has done for us we will be making a memory book with the children and collecting for a mass to be said for him. We will give any money left over to Fr Paul as a farewell gift. We know Fr Paul would like all at our school community to keep him in their prayers at this time. Please send your donations into school by Friday 22nd January 2016.

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of the following benefits, your child may be eligible for free school meals and other entitlements.

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit element)
- (Income Related) Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit

In order to register, please see Angela in the office for more information. In this way the school will be funded with £1,330.00 to support your child.

Safeguarding for Y5 and Y6

We will be running a programme with the NSPCC for our Y5 and Y6 children. It will cover different types of abuse and how the children can protect themselves. There will be an initial session, for parents of Year 5 and 6 children only, on 13th January at 9.15am which we highly recommend so that you are aware of the information your child will be given and enabled to discuss it with them. This will be followed by an assembly and two individual class workshops.

E-safety

Staff are concerned that many children, even in KS1, have knowledge of the 'Call of Duty, Black Ops' programme which is intended for over 18 year olds. The content is of a very violent nature. Please be aware of this.

Healthy Schools Status

I am very pleased to inform you that we have recently renewed our 'Healthy School Status'. The assessors said they were very impressed, particularly with the new playground equipment available at lunch times, the extra-curricular activities on offer and the school environment at lunch time. We now look forward to the next programme in order to work towards further enhanced accreditation.

Meeting for parents of Y6 Children

On Wednesday 27th January there will be a meeting at 7.30pm when Martin will explain the new tests that your children will be sitting in May. He will give ideas for you to support their learning at home.

Meeting for parents of all Y2 children

On Thursday 28th January there will be a meeting when Melanie will explain the new KS1 assessments that will take place next year. Our expectations of the children will be explained and ideas given for you to use at home.

Congratulations

Our congratulations go to the following children:

Reception Lisbon

Ruaraidh M who achieved Award 2 of the ASA Duckling Award Scheme.

Reception Padua

Samuel B who achieved Grade 1 of the ASA Duckling Award.

Year 1 Lisbon

Marcus A W who passed the ASA Pre School Stage 1 Award for swimming.

Taylor W who received a football medal for 'Man of the Match'.

Gean Lorraine L and Sumayyah L, who achieved Grade 1 of the ASA Duckling Award for swimming.

Esme B A who achieved Grade 3 of the ASA Duckling Award for swimming.

Ethan K who received a certificate for participating in a musical concert.

Year 1 Padua

Hannah J who achieved the ASA Puffin Award for swimming.

Deborah D who achieved Grade 1 of the ASA Duckling Award Scheme.

Olivier R and Ellie P who achieved Grade 2 of the ASA Duckling Award for swimming.

Andres S B who achieved the ASA 10m Distance Award for swimming.

Year 2 Lisbon

Dougie F who achieved the ASA 5m Distance Award for swimming.

Victor R who achieved the ASA 15m Distance Award for swimming.

Adam W who received a medal and trophy from Chess Valley Rugby Club for 'Player of the week'.

Maylene M who received a certificate for good attendance and participation at the children's Biblical Centre throughout 2015.

Year 2 Padua

Gabriella A who achieved the ASA 5m Distance Award for swimming.

Year 3 Lisbon

Jasmine A who completed the 5k London run in aid of the Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity.

Mariella C who won a trophy and ten medals at an Irish Dancing Feis.

Katie W who achieved Level 8 of the British Gymnastics Proficiency Awards.

Angel B who achieved Award 2 of the ASA Duckling Award Scheme.

Iona E who was part of a Ceilidh team winning a trophy in an Irish Dancing Feis.

Year 3 Padua

Eva S who achieved the Level 5 Award in Ice Skating.

Nina K who achieved white/yellow belt in Ju-Jitsu.

Samuel D who achieved Grade 1 of the ASA Duckling Award.

Libby H who won a trophy and eight medals at an Irish Dancing Feis.

Amber B who won two trophies and six medals at an Irish Dancing Feis. She also achieved Grade 3 of the ASA Duckling Award Scheme.

Year 4

Quinlan C who won a trophy for 'Best Attendance' at Karate Club.
Silvia S B who achieved the ASA 20m Distance Award for swimming.
Gabriel L who achieved the ASA 10m Distance Award for swimming.
Lucia F who achieved Level 4 of the ASA National Swim Awards.
Alannah R who was part of the Ceilidh team winning a trophy at an Irish Dancing Feis.

Year 5

Adam R who achieved Stage 8 of the ASA Aquatic Skills Award. He also received a 'Man of the Match' medal from Chess Valley Rugby Club.
Jamie C who received his St Stephen's altar serving medal

Year 6

Mae B who achieved the ASA 1500m Distance Award for Swimming and Stage 10 of the ASA Aquatic Skills Award.
Gellian L who achieved the ASA 15m Distance Award for Swimming.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tue 5 th Jan	School resumes
Wed 13 th Jan	Safeguarding session for parents of Y5 and Y6 children at 9.15am
Tue 19 th Jan	Safeguarding assembly for Y5 and Y6 children Nursery parents' information session 2 at 7.30pm
Wed 20 th Jan	Y1 & Y2 talks from the school nurse on 'Handwashing'
Thu 21 st Jan	KS2 Disco 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Wed 27 th Jan	Y3 & Y4 talks from the school nurse on 'healthy eating' Y6 parents information session at 7.30pm on the new end of KS2 tests
Thu 28 th Jan	Meeting at 7.30pm for parents of all Y2 children regarding their end of Key Stage assessments
Fri 29 th Jan	Maths master class for Y6 children in conjunction with the University of Hertfordshire
Fri 5 th Feb	Science master class for Y6 children in conjunction with the University of Hertfordshire
Wed 10 th Feb	Ash Wednesday- time of mass to be confirmed
Fri 12th Feb	School closes at 2.30pm for Half Term
Mon 15th Feb - Fri 19th Feb	Half term
Mon 22 nd Feb	Term resumes