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We Grow and Learn with Jesus

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World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March. The children will be doing a variety of related activities in their classes. All children will be receiving a £1.00 Book Token.

Parents' Evening

There will be two parents' evenings for parents of Foundation Stage and KS1 children.

Sheets will be available in the main reception after school, for Reception, Y1 and Y2 classes from *Wednesday 24th February*. Please sign for an appointment to meet with your child's teacher either on *Tuesday 1st March between 6.00 and 9.00pm* or *Wednesday 2nd March between 3.40pm and 6.30pm*.

Nursery parents can sign for an appointment to meet with Christina either on *Tuesday 1st March between 6.00pm – 7.20pm*, *Wednesday 2nd March between 2.30pm – 3.10pm or 3.40pm – 5.00pm*, *Thursday 3rd March between 1.30 – 2.40pm* and *Friday 4th March between 1.30pm – 2.30pm*. Sheets will be available to sign in the Nursery cloakroom *from Wednesday 24th February*.

Parents can sign for an appointment to meet with Jennie on *Tuesday 1st March* between 6.00pm – 7.30pm or *Thursday 3rd March* between 3.40pm – 5.00pm. Please note that Jennie will not now be available on *Wednesday 2nd March* due to an important meeting.

Parents of KS2 children will be receiving their annual written reports as usual before Easter. If you would like to discuss this report, please arrange a mutually agreeable time with your child's class teacher. Please bring your copy of the report with you.

Catholic Children's Society

A day of fundraising will take place for our Lenten Charity on *Wednesday 16th March*. The children will be asked to bring in a donation of £1.00 and to wear something purple, as this is the Lenten colour. All our children attended an assembly this week when a speaker from the Catholic Children's Society talked about the work they do.

Door of Mercy

In January all the children took part in a special assembly for the start of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. We will be working with the children to help them celebrate their faith and understand how they can show mercy in their lives. Each class decorated a 'key word' linked to the theme of mercy. These words have been placed

around the door frame of our chapel to create our own 'Door of Mercy'. Each time the children go through the chapel door these words will be a reminder of how we can follow Jesus' example by acting with love, kindness and mercy. Class worship time will be used to share stories of Jesus' life and examine where He helped those in need and showed forgiveness.

Electronic Gates

In order to improve school site security we have installed electronic gates. Once these are wired in, the pedestrian gate will be on a timer. Parents bringing children to all before and after school clubs will need to park outside school and walk in through the pedestrian gate which will be open from 7.15am to 9.00am and 15.15 to 18.00.

For parents collecting children from Nursery the gates will be open from 11.50am to 12.00 noon. Please do not buzz the office for entry, but wait at the gate until 11.50am or 15.15 when they will be released automatically.

Thank you all for your cooperation whilst we continue to improve safety for the children.

Earrings

This is a reminder to all parents that for reasons of safety, children are not allowed to wear earrings of any kind to school.

Fashion Show

The PFA is organising a fashion show on the evening of *Thursday 21st April*. This will be for ladies clothes and is run by a company called 'All Figures'. Please look out for flyers with more information which will be sent home shortly. Please put the date in your diary now. We hope this will be a fun night out for our mums.

Mothers Day

The PFA will be holding a 'mothers day' secret room where children can purchase a gift for £1.50. If you would like your child to take part in this please send the correct money, in a named envelope, with your child on the morning of *Thursday 3rd March*.

If you are able to volunteer to help on this morning, please let the school office know.

Congratulations

Our congratulations go to the following children:

Year 1 Lisbon

Anthony M who achieved Stage 2 of the ASA Learn to Swim Award.

Year 2 Lisbon

Mia I who won two medals in a Kick Boxing Competition.

Zofia T and Veronica K who both achieved their red belt in Wingtsun.

Alexander B who achieved Stage 2 of the ASA learn to Swim Award

Year 2 Padua

Ethan B who received two football medals for winning matches.

Year 3 Lisbon

Mariella C who won three medals at an Irish Dancing Feis.

Iona E who won two trophies and seven medals in an Irish Dancing Feis.

Year 3 Padua

Angela C who received a certificate for completing Grade 1 in ice skating.

Year 4

Silvia SB who received a certificate for completing Level A2.2 at Spanish School.

Year 5

Erin L who won two trophies and five medals in an Irish Dancing Feis.

Year 6

Enzo L who won three bronze, two silver and three gold medals in the County Swimming Championships. He also received a silver plate for coming third overall in his age group.

Mae B who received a certificate of distinction for her piano solo at the Chesham Arts Festival.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 27 th Feb	Y6 Booster day - Maths and Literacy class
Mon 29 th Feb	Y6 visit to the Houses of Parliament
Tue 1 st Mar	Y6 Maths Booster class after school Late parents' evening for EYFS and KS1 classes 6.00pm – 9.00pm
Wed 2 nd Mar	Early parents' evening for EYFS and KS1 classes 3.40pm – 6.30pm Football match v Highwood School - away
Thu 3 rd Mar	Y4 to visit the Celtic Harmony Camp World Book Day – class activities Mothers Day secret room - PFA
Fri 4 th Mar	Y1 Mothers Day assembly – all parents welcome 9.15am
Mon 7 th Mar	Football match v Orchard School - away
Tue 8 th Mar	Y5 trip to Batchworth Lock - a Geography field trip KS1 and KS2 gym competition at Watford Girls Grammar School Y6 Literacy Booster class after school
Fri 11 th Mar	Class photographs
Sat 12 th Mar	Y6 Booster day – Maths and Literacy
Sun 13 th Mar	Y5 choir to perform at the Royal Albert Hall
Tue 15 th Mar	The Toy Museum will visit the Y1 classes Y6 Maths Booster Class after school
Wed 16 th Mar	Purple fund raising day for our Lenten Charity
Thu 17th Mar	INSET day. School closed
Fri 18 th Mar	Y5 Retreat day at St. Michael and All Angels Church
Mon 21 st Mar	French Day – French activities for all classes
Tue 22 nd Mar	Y6 Literacy Booster Class after school
Thu 24 th Mar	Y5 Stations of the Cross assembly at 9.15am all parents welcome School closes for Easter at 2.30pm
Fri 25th Mar - Fri 8th April	Easter holiday
Mon 11 th Apr	School resumes
Tue 12 th Apr	Y6 Maths Booster Class after school
Fri 15 th Apr	Reception classes visit to the Radlett Theatre
Tue 19 th Apr	Y6 Literacy Booster Class after school
Thur 21 st Apr	Fashion Show - PFA – details to follow
Fri 22 nd Apr	Reception Lisbon visit to Boxmoor Trust
Sat 23 rd Apr	Y6 Booster Day – Maths and Literacy
Fri 22 nd Apr	Reception Lisbon visit to Boxmoor Trust
Fri 29 th Apr	Reception Padua visit to Boxmoor Trust Y6 Science Master Class with the University of Hertfordshire