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“Educating for Life In All Its Fullness”

25th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This afternoon I would like to say a very well done to the following children for making the extra effort to impress this week.

<u>Class 1</u>
Excellent Early Learners Florence H Rory B
<u>Class 2</u>
Wonderful Work: Alex M Brilliant Behaviour: Maryam I
<u>Class 3</u>
Wonderful Work: Tristan B Brilliant Behaviour: Mila M
<u>Class 4</u>
Wonderful Work: Neena K Brilliant Behaviour: Heidi B

Friendship Bench

On Monday we held a short ceremony to formally open our new Friendship Bench. This bench, on the edge of the field has been donated and installed by the Adcock family in memory of their son Matthew, who attended our school. Matthew worked with Mrs Wraight, the previous Headteacher, to put together the design for the bench. It takes the form of a hug and the idea behind the bench is that it is a place to sit, chat, make friends and also a place to be when you are feeling a little lonely. If someone is on their own on the bench, we are encouraging others to go see them, ask how they are and sit for a while.



Wear a Hat Day – Friday 25th March

Today was 'Wear A Hat Day' in school. We had a fabulous array of hats on show in all sorts of shapes, sizes and styles. Whilst this was a bit of fun, the purpose of the day was to raise awareness of brain cancer, its impact on lives and families and to raise a bit of money to support the charity in its work. With us opening our Friendship Bench this week in Memory of Matthew, it was a fitting way to end the week. Thank you to all the families who supported with this. Donations today totalled £131. Thank you.



Class 3 Football

Class 3 played a second football match against a side from Kicks Soccer at Seacroft. The team played very well, especially in the second half but unfortunately lost. It was great to see the team playing and having so many volunteers from class 3 that we had to make up 2 teams.

School Lunch Payments

Please can I request that families who owe money for school lunches clear any debts by Friday next week. Mrs Flowerdew sends out regular reminders with the amounts owing so you should be aware of what is outstanding. We kindly request that families log onto School Money and pay what is due weekly to avoid a build-up. Some families currently owe significant amounts.

St Gemma's Easter Chick Sale

This week we were selling knitted Easter Chicks to support the work of St Gemma's Hospice. After incredible demand, we had sold out by Wednesday and I know some children had not managed to purchase one. We had a re-stock of chicks today but these too have now all sold. Thank you to everyone who bought a chick and in the process helped the hospice in their work.



PTA Easter Activities Day

The children will have brought home a polystyrene egg to decorate for our school Easter Egg competition, if these could be brought back into school next Friday 1st April that would be great. Next Friday is the last day of term, so to celebrate this and Easter, the PTA will be holding an Easter Activities afternoon at school. There will be Easter Bingo, lots of Easter themed games and an egg hunt for each class. We ask that each family could contribute £5 per child towards covering the cost of the activities and prizes. Please send in your money to school in an envelope clearly marked with 'PTA Easter Bingo', your child/children's name and class by next Wednesday 30th March at the latest. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Next Thursday was originally planned as the next PTA Bun Sale. We have postponed this until after Easter as the following day is the Easter activities day and we felt that this was too much close together.

The PTA would also like to say thank you to everyone again for the generous and lovely gifts that were donated for our Mother's Day sale. The children had a wonderful time choosing their gifts and we hope you will be pleased with what they have selected... Fingers crossed that these will be given after a



nice lie-in and breakfast in bed (most likely wishful thinking!!). We hope you all enjoy a nice Mother's Day together.

Thank you, PTA x

On behalf of the school, I would like to thank the PTA volunteers for running the KS2 film night today, for the other fun activities they arrange for the children, like the Easter fun day, and also for the financial contributions they make to the school. This term the PTA has purchased new instruments for classes to use in music lessons, new tables for Class 2 and new folding chairs for the hall. As a school we are really appreciative of all the families do to help.

PTA 100 Club

We drew the March winners for the PTA 100 Club in school. The lucky winners will receive their cheques shortly.

1 st	Number 59	Henley H
2 nd	Number 31	William K
3 rd	Number 45	Katie B

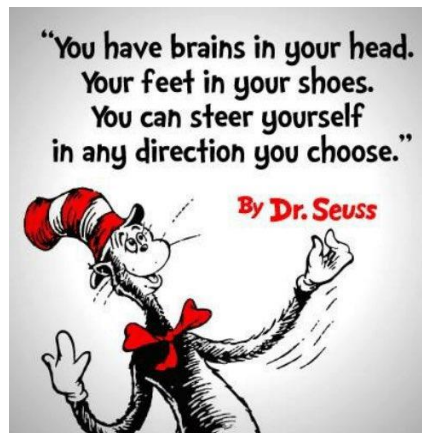
Music In Worship - Sign Your Cross – Nick and Becky Drake

The lyrics for 'Sign Your Cross' remind us how important the cross is to Christians. It is a symbol of Christianity and is at the centre of the Easter story. This song tells us that because of the Easter story, Jesus is with us all the time and the lyrics end with a simple but mind blowing 'thank you'.

Here is the YouTube link for the song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MWiP6jEUl8Y>

'Wellbeing Statement of the Month'

This month our quote to reflect on is from Dr Seuss and is all about the choices we make each day.



Events and Dates for this half term – More details of each will be in future newsletters or by separate communications.

Date	Event
Thursday 31 st March	PTA Bun Sale (Postponed until after Easter)
Thursday 31 st March	Class 4 Boys and Girls Football Games at Crossley Street
Friday 1 st April	PTA Easter Activity Day
Friday 1 st April	Last Day of School before Easter



EASTER HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 19 th April	School reopens after Easter
Wednesday 27 th April	Class 3 Eureka Trip
Thursday 28 th April	PTA Bun Sale
Thursday 28 th April	Class 4 Boys and Girls Football Games
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday
WB 9 th May	Y6 SATs Week
Monday 23 rd May	Skipping Workshops
Friday 27 th May	Jubilee Activities
Friday 27 th May	Last Day of School before Half Term

Have a good weekend.

Mr A. Ratcliffe

