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Lent Term 2019

Dear Parents and carers,

What a fantastic start to our Lenten journey! On 'Red Nose Day' the children raised the amazing sum of £1100.67. Thank you for your generosity and support.



The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Our collective worship will reflect this and we will be encouraging children to take the 'Give It Up Challenge' in support of CAFOD. We will also be holding a Family Bingo Evening on 29th March at 6.00pm (tickets are nearly sold out!) and an Easter Garden Competition at the end of term. In addition to CAFOD, the funds raised will also be given to Macmillan Cancer Support, who have helped many members of our SAW family.

As usual, at the end of term Y3 and Y4 children will be helping us to reflect on the Easter story with performances to parents on 3rd and 4th April. What a fitting way to conclude our Lenten journey.

Best wishes
Mrs Morrisroe



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Diary Dates

- ☺ Mon 18th March Y2 Humber Bridge visit
- ☺ Sat 23rd March Sheffield Pop Quiz (Maths Event)
- ☺ Fri 29th March Family Bingo Evening 6pm
- ☺ Wed 3rd April Easter Concert to parents 2pm
- ☺ Thur 4th April Easter concert to parents 10am
- ☺ Fri 5th April school closes
- ☺ Tues 23rd April school reopens
- ☺ Fri 26th April 4pm Fire-fighter Reading Project Celebration at the Fire Station

Coming and going!

A very warm welcome to all the new pupils and their families who have joined the SAW community this term. I hope you will be very happy with us.

Finally, a very fond farewell to Mrs Richardson who is taking up a new post and a fresh challenge. Mrs Richardson has worked with us as a teaching assistant for many years and will be greatly missed. Good luck!

Achievements

Sport

Children at SAW continue to be an active bunch as they take part in a range of events. The Y3/4 and Y5/6 football teams have had some fantastic results whilst showing great sporting attitudes. Well done! Thanks to Mrs Potter for facilitating these events.



Young Voices

Last term the choir travelled to Sheffield Arena for a most memorable musical experience. The children had been preparing for this for many weeks. Once at the Arena, the children soon got over the shock of being part of a choir of 5000+ and were prepared for a truly amazing performance for friends and families who were blown away by the massed choir, musicians, dancers and special guests. As ever, the children's behaviour was exemplary and it was a privilege to share their joy and enthusiasm. Thank you to Miss Dunkerley and Mrs Cooper for all their time and effort.



Speech and Drama

A huge well done to all the children who took part in the Scunthorpe Speech and Drama Festival. They represented the school fantastically and grew in confidence as a result. A special congratulations to the KS1 choral group and the Y6 Group Mime who came back with trophies! The KS1 'Hakka' caused quite a stir! It was wonderful to see the support and respect children gave to their fellow competitors too. Thank you to Miss Morrisroe for preparing the choral speakers so well.



Rules

Please ensure that children wear correct uniform, especially shoes. This teaches discipline and a sense of belonging. During bad weather, children may come to school wearing boots. However, children must change into shoes once they are in school. They may change back into boots to go home.

Nail polish, tattoos, extreme hairstyles or large hair decorations have never been permitted. Furthermore, children should not wear jewellery, **especially earrings**. In addition to breaching the uniform code, earrings can also pose a health and safety risk. Our children look so smart when they adhere to the uniform code. This raises levels of self esteem and pride for the children.

The wearing of simple, inexpensive watches is permitted. If it becomes a distraction then it ceases to be an aid to learning about time and staff will ask for it to be removed.

Please also remember that toys should not be brought to school as they can easily become lost or broken.

I apologise if I appear to be nagging. Your support really does make a difference to the school's approach to discipline. Many thanks for your understanding.

Reminders

Attendance

Many parents will have had letters about their child's attendance. Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning. However, attendance percentages can be misleading. Please consider the table below.

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed	Excellent
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 Days of Absence 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Unacceptable
75% Attendance	46 Days of Absence 9 Weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed	Unacceptable

For some parents, 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year – that's nearly 4 school weeks. Please consider whether your child really needs to be absent. Please give your child the best start in life and remember that every school day counts.

Packed lunches

Please remember that chocolate bars and sweets are not acceptable items in a packed lunch. Many chocolate spreads contain nuts and therefore sandwiches should not contain chocolate spread in order to minimize the risk to those children with allergies. Nuts or items containing nuts are not permitted at all.



Safeguarding

Home time

Parents of children in Foundation or KS1 must authorise adults to collect their children. Any changes in arrangements must be put in writing. Parents of children in KS2 must inform the school in writing if they wish their child to walk home by himself / herself.

Please make sure that your child is aware of 'Stranger Danger' and knows how to keep safe.

Playground

Under no circumstances should parents approach children on the playground at any time of day. This can be very intimidating for children, even if the intention is a good one. If you have any issues or queries regarding children other than your own please come to the office or approach a member of staff. We will do our best to sort out the problem.

Dropping off children

Under no circumstances should parents drop off their children on the opposite side of the road to the school. There have been several occasions where children have narrowly missed being hit by a car. I cannot emphasise enough how important this is. Child safety is paramount. Please find a safe place to stop. Unsafe behaviour will be reported to the Police if warnings are not heeded.



News



Holocaust Memorial Day

Year 6 pupils who represented the school admirably once again this year and read the poem 'Refugee Blues' by W H Auden, beautifully. This year's theme was 'Torn from Home' and is very relevant today. Thank you to Bruno, Nadia and Devona who represented the school wonderfully.

Deacon Bernard Croft RIP

Last month we received the sad news that Deacon Bernard had passed away. Bernard was dedicated to the Parish community and a friend to the school. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. Here are a few words from Father Neil:



"At this time, it is important that we pray for the Repose of his Soul and for the Lord to strengthen and comfort his family, especially his wife Maureen. Bernard has played a vital role in the life of the Parish at Holy Souls and in the Deanery. For 21 of those years he was a permanent deacon, so has baptised, married, buried and visited so many people during that time. I know many people appreciated his visits when they or a loved one was in hospital. Nearly every family or person I have spoken to, has known Bernard. He was very much at peace in the last few weeks and his calmness and faith was a great inspiration to me. He was someone who helped me when I was here as a student and for the past 18 months as Parish Priest. Bernard will be sorely missed by us all. May he rest in Peace. Amen"

Keep in touch

Please download our app if you haven't already done so. We will be increasing the amount of information we give out via the app, eventually replacing the text service. It is a really quick and easy way to keep up to date. Instructions are on the website and if you need further assistance, please contact school.



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