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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE BOARD

### October, the month of Mary, the Mother of God.



Jesus wanted His mother to be our mother too. Mothers are always there for us, waiting, wanting,

patient and loving. Mary was always there for Jesus when he needed her; full of compassion and understanding, ready to listen, quick to notice the needs of others and generous with her loving help. As our mother, we have complete trust in Mary's loving care and concern for us. We know we can always turn to her and ask her for help. Her closeness to Christ in life and her closeness to Him in heaven, give us enormous confidence in the power of her intercession, as she prays on our behalf. Take time today to pray:

*Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

### Changes to recording Covid-19 for Attendance

The Department for Education has made it statutory for schools to mark pupils with Covid-19 as illness. Last year any pupil absence relating to Coronavirus was marked as 'X' and it was not counted as an absence.

**It is the law for schools to inform parents/carers of their child's attendance and to work with those parents** whose child's attendance falls into 'Persistent Absence' (lower than 90%). We are grateful to those parents/carers who always contact us if their child is unwell and cannot attend school. Missing school means missing important learning but it also impacts negatively on pupils' personal development and EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS! Do not hesitate to contact me directly if you wish to discuss your child's attendance and punctuality with me. Thank you, Miss Parker.



'Wear it Green Day' raised an amazing £81.92.

CAFOD supports those around our world in need of food, clean water and sanitation systems to survive and live their lives.



Final total raised: £281.28 to support those children and adults with Cancer related

illness and life limiting diseases.



A service you can believe in

Pupils raised a staggering £348.58 as part of the Penalty Shoot-Out in the Summer Term. This money will be sent to Catholic Care, a national charity that supports those vulnerable members of our community.

**A grand total of £705.20 has been raised to support these good causes!** Thank you to everyone for taking part in these events and for your kind generosity to help those most in need. I am proud of our school family that lives by the virtue, JUSTICE.

### Reading

Reading is a fundamental and an essential life skill. As a school, we place great emphasis on this and your child, regularly reads with adults in school. Pupils are encouraged to develop a love for reading and all class teachers read aloud to their classes every



day. Children independently choose books from our school library areas and we ask you for your continued support to encourage them to read at home and share their reading experiences with you. You are welcome to write in your child's reading record.

## Ash Class



In Ash Class we have enjoyed exploring the seasons looking for signs of autumn. We collected things and displayed them in the classroom. If

you find any conkers or any lovely brown leaves on your walk to school please bring them into school we'd love to share them with the class.



School Council Poster Competition: "The Eyes of the World"

CAFOD are running a campaign this year called "Eyes of the World." The campaign aims to promote awareness about

environmental issues and climate change.

COP 26 United Nations Climate Change Conference is a global summit between world leaders being hosted in the UK this year in Glasgow from 31st October - 12 November. Important decisions will be made about climate change and hopefully these changes will create a better future for our planet.

The "Eyes of the World" are on the UK this year and school council is launching an "Eyes of the World" poster competition to help bring awareness to the global problems of climate change.

Members of school council will choose the winning entries. These will be displayed around school and each artist chosen will receive a prize. The poster template will be given to class teachers for children to take part.

This video will help explain more about CAFOD's campaign and problems our world faces because of climate change. It would be great if you could discuss this video with your child to help explore this issue.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pv7PRf1fYUM&ab\\_channel=CAFOD](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pv7PRf1fYUM&ab_channel=CAFOD)

The closing date for entries is **Wednesday 20th October.**

## Lime Class – Salts Mill – Trip

On Thursday, Lime Class visited Salts Mill as part of their Geography curriculum. They studied the sketch work of David Hockney, where they were able to see the works of art up close and read the history and techniques behind the art work.



### Free Online Safety Guide

#### What parents need to know about Apple Guided Access

The majority of parents and carers with an iPhone or iPad quite happily let their children borrow the device for some easy entertainment. Most digital devices, however, contain apps that adults would probably prefer that children weren't let loose on. A few accidental presses in the Amazon app, for instance – or in iTunes or the App Store – could add up to a costly shopping disaster.

Those worries can be avoided, though, by setting up Apple's handy Guided Access feature. It effectively keeps the phone or tablet locked on one app – so if you say 'yes' to a quick game of Angry Birds, for example, then *that* is all a child will be able to do on your device. This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide explains how to enable this valuable safeguarding function.

Little fingers can wreak all sorts of unintentional havoc when given access to a parent's iPhone or iPad. The deletion of valued pics or videos that haven't been backed up yet, inadvertent calls or messages to your contacts or exposure to your camera roll after a night on the tiles are just moderate consequences of lending your device to your child. Far worse can – and does – happen.

Guided Access, however, can negate the threat of accidental tinkering. This valuable feature keeps children on a specific app and away from anything they shouldn't see. Many parents and carers, however, either haven't heard of Guided Access or don't know how to use it – but our #WakeUpWednesday guide this week has step-by-step instructions for setting it up!



**National Online Safety** – The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children and it is essential that school staff, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children. **At the parents’ consultations next week parents will receive login details to specific National Online Safety resources for parents** and these will also be available from Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> October on Class Dojo for you to access.

#### Parents’ Consultations

Class teachers are looking forward to meeting with you to share your child’s work from this half term and discuss their achievements and targets for further progress. All adults are politely asked **to arrive on time at the main entrance** and wear face coverings for these meetings, to ensure that risks of transmission of covid-19 are reduced as much as possible. Please maintain social distancing and **where possible**, pupils are not to attend the meeting. Thank you for your co-operation with this. All parents and carers will receive login details for Class Dojo AS THIS IS THE PLATFORM FOR REMOTE LEARNING if your child tests positive with coronavirus.

#### Secondary School Applications.

Secondary School Applications to be completed by 31 October 2021 online. If you require any help, please contact the school office to make an appointment.

#### Warning: No Holidays in Term Time

Please book holidays for when school is closed. We do

not authorise any holidays in term time **and fines will be issued for taking your child/children out of school during term time.**

#### Attendance & Punctuality

**Give your child the best start in life – every school day counts!**

**This week’s Trophy Winners!**

Class	%	Number of Lates per class	Time lost through lateness	Number of pupils on time
Ash	84.6%	1	20mins	25
Oak	99.6%	0	0	26
Beech	92.0%	7	1hr 13mins	18
Lime	96.2%	2	35mins	24
Holly	93.8%	2	18mins	27

**93.3% Overall school attendance**

**93.8% Overall school attendance to date**

**Congratulations...Bravo...Well done!!!**



#### Class teachers’ Achievement Awards:

Congratulations to these fabulous award winners: **Pola, Abdul, Darina, Zoe, Cassify, Eva, Jahziah, Klaudia, Eleanor and Fatima.**

#### Hot Chocolate Friday:

**Kacper, Victoria, Abyan, Amelia, Suzanna, Vania, Kristians, Julie, Adam and Nina.**

#### Virtue Certificates this week:

**Iyaan – Love, Eesah – Faith, Jozsef – Love, Adela – Simplicity and Patryk – Simplicity**

#### Golden Table Monday:

**Raheem, Hakeem, Helena, Julie and Filip**

#### ‘Golden Mention to our lunchtime stars’

**Pola, Enoch, Katrin, Karolina Romana, Elise, Ahmad, Kristians, Eleanor and Filip**





Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you,  
happy birthday dear

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happy birthday to you! Hope you have a special day.

#### Dates for your diary:

18.10.21	Oak Class – Homework Project to be returned
18.10.21	Holly Class – Homework Project to be returned
18.10.21	<b>Parents' Consultation Evening 3.00-6pm</b>
20.10.21	<b>Parents' Consultation Evening 3.30-5.30pm</b>
20.10.21	Beech Class – Homework Project to be returned
22.10.21	<b>School Closes at 3.15pm and re-opens on Tuesday, 2 November 2021</b>
02.11.21	<b>Flu Immunisation</b>

#### After School Clubs

**Monday's** Mindfulness Club 3.15pm – 4.00pm in Beech Class

**Tuesday's** Minecraft Club 3.15pm – 4.00pm in Lime Class

Movie Club 3.15pm – 4.00pm in Ash Class

**Thursday's** Team Games 3.15pm – 4.15pm Outside/Hall

Homework Club 12.25pm – 12.55pm in Lime Class

**Friday's** Choir Club 12.25pm – 12.55pm in the Hall

From next Monday, please check your child's book bag for letters about next half term's After School Clubs!

#### Risk Assessment and Contingency Planning for any Covid-19 outbreak – where we are now?

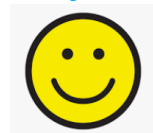
Unfortunately, Covid-19 has not gone away and we must all continue to work together to protect our

children and ourselves as much as possible to reduce the risk of this in our school family. Please visit the school's website to view the current Risk Assessment and the Contingency Plan for any outbreaks of Covid-19. Face coverings/masks are not required to be worn by adults on the playground, however, if you feel safer and more secure wearing one, then please do so. Equally, the rules on social distancing have also relaxed but please be respectful of others and observe the personal space of those around you. There are no longer any staggered starts/finish times for classes – all pupils need to arrive at 8.45am to start at 8.55am and all pupils finish at 3.15pm every day.

It is essential that those pupils who have tested positive or are showing symptoms of Covid-19 DO NOT come into school. Parents must organise a PCR test for their son/daughter with: a high temperature (this means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back), a new & continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual), a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Only when a pupil has tested positive, themselves, must they self-isolate for 10 days. If a member of their household tests positive they do not need to self-isolate unless they start to show symptoms of Covid-19 (and then the parent must arrange a PCR Test for them asap). **When a child is absent because they have Covid-19, teachers will provide remote learning for them, via Class Dojo.**

**Have a lovely weekend and see you all Monday, at 8.45am**



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Use **class dojo** to send home learning work back to your child's class teacher to be checked.

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