

*We grow and learn as a family in the footsteps of Jesus*

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Dear Parents,

This half term has been an incredibly challenging time for all of us, families and children as well as staff, and we have all had to adjust to school being very different and working in different ways.

I want to say how proud I am of our pupils who have adjusted to many new things, settled back into routine so well and continued their learning. The school staff and I are so grateful for the incredible support of our parents and families during the term. We hope you have found the telephone consultations with teachers informative and a good alternative to face to face meetings.

However, what we have done so far will only continue to work effectively if ALL of us respect and respond to the arrangements that we have put in place.

Please do continue to do the following:

- One adult per family to collect children
- Drop off and pick up on time, leaving the school site promptly
- Keep a suitable distance from others
- If you need to speak to the class teacher, email or ring school



### **Secondary school for Year 6**

The deadline for applying for a secondary school closes on **October 31<sup>st</sup>**

To apply to your chosen school, go to;

[www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

## Baby Squires

We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of baby Squires this week. Eliza weighed a healthy 7lbs 1oz and as you can see, she is a bonny baby!



## Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's **Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs de Wet.**

**Mr Atter is our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.**

In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads to seek further advice.



## Trick or treat during coronavirus

### **A Message from Public Health England**



At a time when the coronavirus is still around, the trick or treat Halloween tradition with many children ringing on the same doorbells and rummaging in the same bowl of sweets is an unnecessary risk to take. It is possible to transfer the virus on sweet wrappers etc as these are very difficult to clean and the virus can remain on surfaces such as door knockers and bells for up to three days – potentially longer. Instead of going from door to door, consider one of the fun and safe alternatives such as family pumpkins hunts.

Please consider vulnerable residents who may be particularly anxious at this time and alarmed by repeated knocks on their door.

However you celebrate Halloween, remember you must never be with more than 6 people outside, and only be inside with the people you live with or those in your support bubble.

## Times Table Rockstars



This week, it was a victory for the girls across the school in TT Rock Stars.

Numbots stars this week are;

Lambs: Talitha, Zachary and Luna

Sheep: Jake, Holly and Ellie-Mae

Camels: Mia, Lila and Tommy.

Lunchtime Awards were given to the following children: Filip, Wren and Lucy M.



### Stars of the week



Congratulations to Seth, Jamie, Alex, Evie, Harmony and Leonardo, who have demonstrated they are, **Responsible, Resilient, Resourceful, Risk-Taking** and **Reflective** in their learning!



### Star Writers

This week, the star readers in school are; Holly, Talitha, Mia, Archie, Amira and Peyton.

Well done to all!



### Attendance

The whole school average attendance this week is 97%. The highest attendance this week was only class with 99.5% was Eagles so they will have 5 minutes extra playtime next term; I am sure they will remind Mr Atter!



## **Birthdays**



In the half term holiday.....

Flynn will be 7 on 28<sup>th</sup> October

Freddie will be 9 on 28<sup>th</sup> October

Luke M will be 8 on 30<sup>th</sup> October

Maja will be 7 on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

## **Dates for your diary**

Half Term Holiday	Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
Secondary School application deadline	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2020
Advent Term 2 starts	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November
Anti-bullying week	9-13 <sup>th</sup> November
Children in Need Day	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November
Multi-faith Week: Judaism	Week beginning 16 <sup>th</sup> November
Flu vaccinations in school	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November
St Augustine's 150 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 9:15am Mass with Bishop Patrick
Advent Term 2 ends	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
Teacher Training Day	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Lent Term 3 starts	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
Lent Term 3 ends	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February
Lent Term 4 starts	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February
Lent Term 4 ends	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April
Teacher Training Day	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April
Pentecost Term 5 starts	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April
Pentecost Term 5 ends	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April

Pentecost Term 6 starts	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
Pentecost Term ends	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July

**Have a happy and safe half term holiday everyone!**

**Prayer Leader:**

Let's sit for a few moments and think:  
Is there someone we need to ask forgiveness from?

Do we need to make friends with anyone?

Let's finish with a final prayer about  
our act of love:

**All:**  
**O my God,**  
**I love you with my whole**  
**heart and soul,**  
**because you are good.**  
**I love my neighbour too.**  
**Help me to show it by being forgiving.**  
**Amen**

