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A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



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Dear Parents / Carers,

With Spring Break coming up, the children are enjoying the signs of new life all around us, spurred on to read and learn more of the wonders of our world. Thank you for keeping your children in school each day, with a great sense of every day making such a difference. The children are so proud of their achievements, nourished daily by your steady learning focus.

Year 5 are taking on a weaving art project next week, focusing on the use of natural materials. Donations are most welcome to enrich this experience for the children. If you have any of the following, please send them in, in a labelled box or bag, for the attention of Year 5.

Please donate weaving materials including:

- Wool
- String
- Ribbon
- Beads
- Scraps of material/cloth, e.g. old tea towels
- Shells, pine cones, acorns, pebbles, twigs
- Any other natural-type craft items ...

Thank you!

Website

We are changing our website! We will have an interim website for a short period, from 10th April. This will have a different 'look' but will hold the same content with the same links. The Home page will have our Facebook and Twitter feeds, alongside our calendar, so it will be a great place to view current events and activities. The content and links will then be updated and revised to make the website even more streamlined and intuitive.

Uniform

Thank you for continuing to send the children into school so smartly dressed and ready to focus on their learning. Please remember that bracelets and other accessories/jewellery items are not allowed in school.

KS2 Girls' Running Club

Our new Tuesday lunchtime running club for girls has doubled its numbers in one week - a fabulous response. Please encourage your KS2 daughter to give it a go!

Snacks

Please keep the snacks for juniors limited to fruit. To foster healthy habits for life, we need to keep break time clear of other snacks. Thank you.

Clubs

From now on most clubs will be running for the whole term. Please be aware that, very occasionally, clubs can be cancelled at short notice due to staff sickness. In such cases, the children will need to be dropped off or collected at the usual time as there are no alternative facilities for them in school at that time. Please bear

this in mind in case of last minute changes. It is wonderful to see the school buzzing with activity from the early morning right through to the evening!

Science Talkabout

Have you ever tried creating a tornado in a bottle? Your child will love this! Fill a large, colourless, transparent bottle with water over a sink or large bucket/container. Turn it completely upside down and watch how it drains away. You could time it for interest. Then do the same again, only this time, move the bottle in a tight circle as the water drains out. Watch what happens inside the bottle and measure how fast the water drains out! What does your child think about what is happening? What other experiments might they suggest?

Fundraising

We collected £128 for Comic Relief on Red Nose Day - thank you. Your generous responses are deeply appreciated.

CAFOD Collection

As Lent begins, we think of those in need across the globe. Year 4 have been studying the water cycle and are more aware now than ever of the need to ensure that every person has clean water. 780 million people currently lack access to an improved water source - 1 in 9 human beings on the planet.

The children are determined to do what they can to help. CAFOD gives us the perfect vehicle.

We are focusing on one community where children and families live with the daily threat of violence and disease as they currently have to travel large distances across dangerous territory to find water. Children face lives marred and shortened by water-borne diseases.

We want to donate a **CAFOD Community Water Supply** this Easter. This fantastic gift can help a whole community establish their own supply of clean, safe water by providing the materials and training to build and maintain hand-pumps and water tanks.

This means collecting **£2 per child** across the school. **When we achieve this, a whole community will be transformed.**

Please, please, help us to provide life and hope to a whole community in need.

Thank you.

And so we pray ...

Monday 25th March is a feast day in the church: **The Annunciation**. The children will be focusing attention on this event next week. We will be saying the beautiful Angelus prayer each day in class and each child has been given a prayer card to take home and share as a daily family prayer. The children love this prayer as it is said in parts - the leader saying the lead line and the responder giving reply. Enjoy sharing this prayer through the week.

The Angelus

Leader (L): The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,

Response (R): **And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary...

L. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. **Be it done unto me according to Your Word.**

Hail Mary...

L. And the Word was made flesh,

R. **And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary...

L. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord,

Your grace into our hearts;

that as we have known the incarnation of Christ,

your Son by the message of an angel,

so by His passion and cross

we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.

Through the same Christ, our Lord.

Amen.