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Parent Newsletter – Friday 9th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

School Uniform

I've noticed that observance of correct school uniform is slightly haphazard for some pupils. May I remind you all that correct school uniform should be worn at all times; this includes hairbands and bobbles in school colours whenever hair should be tied back (over collar length) and also correct school coats. I attach a copy of the school uniform policy for your reference. Please also note that the school policy on prohibiting earrings remains. A policy amendment this term, taking account of infection control, has been to ask families to send pupils in to school in their school tracksuits and PE kit on PE days. This will remain until further notice.

As often said in newsletters, in order to return lost uniform to pupils we need it to be labelled. Please check as uniform is expensive.

We have a scooter in school which I think we have had since before the summer. It was stored away to avoid loss, but I'd love to return it to its' owner. Do you recognise it? Please come to the office to claim it. Picture at the bottom of the newsletter.

Covid 19 – information

I have no specific information this week on additional Covid-19 guidance, save to say that the picture remains a dynamic one with regards to measures in society as a general. Recent news in London suggest that cases in Croydon are lower than most other London boroughs, although rising. We will continue to do our bit to ensure that we keep infection rates low, and ask that you observe the restrictions outside school as well.

Flu Vaccination permission forms

Thank you to everyone who has returned their forms. We have passed these on to the vaccination team. If there are any still outstanding we can still pass them on to the team when they next visit.

Times Table Rockstars

Miss Holloway has asked me to promote this site that we subscribe to and ensure that you know of it – you have been given a username, but if you haven't got it your child's teacher will be able to help. A recent audit Miss Holloway carried out showed little use; learning times tables little and often is the best way to make them stick (think about song words to popular songs!) and tables are key to lots of maths fluency. And a special shout out to Edner (AKA 'Jimi Gross') who has achieved 'Rock Legend' status!

Wednesday Word

I attach the Wednesday Word for this Sunday's Gospel. This week, the Gospel continues with the theme of 'Invitation'. Jesus, talking to the teachers of the law is making the point that privilege, wealth and influence are not the true path to God and, in fact, pursuing them can distract us from our faith and what is really important to eternal life. In our family prayer this weekend, let's try to focus on simplicity and avoiding the distractions of daily life; that's where I am focusing my assemblies. With that in mind, you might find the prayer at the bottom of the newsletter useful. Today is CAFOD family fast day. While we will not be holding our usual Harvest celebration, because of the restrictions around liturgy, we can still recognize this as a school by donating to this worthy appeal. Please consider this – the link is <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

Photographer and virtual tour

This week we have had a photographer and videographer in school to help us create a virtual tour of our school for the website. This should be available online soon; I will let you know. The pictures include some pupils as we felt that photographs of our school without pupils in it would feel very sterile. We have ensured that we have sought permission for all photos and video we use.

Stars of the week

In our virtual assembly this morning we said well done to the following stars of the week from each class.

Orange Class – Miles & Taliyah

Yellow Class – Finbarr & Arthur

Green Class – Armaan & Ella

Blue Class – Tom & Ted

Indigo Class – Peter & Kimberlie

Amethyst Class – Inca & Alicia

Violet Class – Emma & Joseph

Have a lovely weekend

Mr. Mooney

Attachments

- Wednesday word
- Uniform policy



Lonely scooter, age uncertain, seeks owner...

Walk lightly

Each leaf, each petal,
each grain, each person,
sings your praises,
Creator God.

Each creature on the earth,
all the mountains and great seas
show your glory,
Spirit of love.

And yet the hand of greed
has patented and plundered
your splendour,
has taken and not shared
your gift,
has lived as owner of the earth,
not guest.

And so
the ice is cracked
the rivers dry,
the valleys flooded
and the snowcaps melt.

God our Father, show us
how to step gently,
how to live simply,
how to walk lightly
with respect and love
for all that you have made.

Amen

Linda Jones/CAFOD



CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

NB – Family Fast Day Mass is being streamed online at 6pm tonight and there is a CAFOD Children's Liturgy at 11am on Sunday. See the CAFOD website (link above) for details.