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### Week beginning Monday April 26th 2021

#### **Thought for the week: "Happiness depends on ourselves"**

Dear Parents,

**Welcome Back.** The children have settled well back into school and have enjoyed their first week. As I wrote earlier school still has to operate with certain restrictions in place. We have to remain in our year group bubbles, reduce social contact, try to socially distance and all staff are continuing to be tested twice a week. I hope that things will ease further before July and if not by then certainly by next September. As I write, we have no positive cases across school and if we all continue to stick to the rules, I am sure this will continue to be the case for the rest of the summer term.

**Sacramental Programme 2021.** School is about to embark on its ambitious programme of First Holy Communion and Confirmation in May, June and July. The primary aim is to make sure all the children that are due to make their First Holy Communion this year actually do so. Organising this alongside the current restrictions has been very challenging, I am very grateful to Father Simon and Mr Barton for their help with these matters. The remaining Y4 children that still haven't made their First Holy Communion will receive the sacrament this half term whilst Y3 will make their First Holy Communion after the half term break. Father Simon and I must insist that only two adults attend the masses to comply with the current restrictions. This will remain the case for all of the masses between now and July. A footnote to this is that if any family wants to take the day away from school for a special meal/celebration after mass then please feel free to do so. All I ask is that you let Mr Barton or I know what your plans are.

Confirmation will be over two masses 5:00pm and 7:00pm on June 9<sup>th</sup>, again Father Simon and I must insist on only two parents attend to ensure we comply with current restrictions.

**PE/Swimming** School hopes to start swimming again during the week beginning Monday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The plan is to begin again with the Y6 bubble in small groups and see how it progresses. The swimming timetable however will only fully return to normal next September. A reminder also to please ensure all PE kits are in school.



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**PSHE Day.** Thanks to Mrs Attwood for overseeing our lovely PSHE day on Monday. It was a lovely way to start the term.

**Music Lessons.** A reminder that Violin lessons take place on Tuesday and Brass lessons on a Friday. Please can those year groups involved make sure their instruments are in school on the relevant day.

**Reception 2021.** Offers of places have now all been sent out; if anyone needs to talk about the school they have been given then please do not hesitate to give me a ring.

**Nursery 2021.** School only has very few places remaining for September. If you have already applied, we will write and let you know next week if school can offer you a place. If however, you have not please contact the school office as a *matter of urgency*.

**Summer Term Teacher Days.** *School will be closed for all pupils on Wednesday April 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday June 25<sup>th</sup>. Please make a note in your diaries.*

**Attendance for the week ending April 23rd 2021**

Year Group	% Attendance
Rec M	99%
Rec R	96%
Y1J	98%
Y1P	99%
Y2H	98%
Y2M	97%
Y3A	97%
Y3P	100%
Y4B	94%
Y4C	98%
Y5M	95%
Y5Y	99%
Y6M	94%
Y6Mc	98%
<b>Weekly Average</b>	<b>97%</b>

**Please Pray For.** Our school as we begin the new term. Please also pray for the governors as they continue with their deliberations.

Finally, I hope this sun continues to shine and that school has no more interruptions for the next eleven weeks at school.

Many thanks for your support and cooperation with all these matters.

M Aldred. Head teacher.



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