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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see below our school reflection, important information and celebrations of work and achievement across the school from this week.

### Follow Me... The Call to Discipleship



On Sunday, we listened to Luke's Gospel recalling Peter feeling overwhelmed and unworthy in the presence of the Lord. After a night of failed fishing Peter witnesses something very special and falls at Jesus' feet proclaiming 'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.' From this he realises his true calling because, regardless of his doubts, he has listened to and followed Jesus' instructions.

From this Gospel teaching we recognise that for us too, it is important that we make the right choices about what we listen to and who we follow in life. We are lovingly called and invited to follow Jesus and make Him our priority. This is not always an easy option, as our emotions and feelings can sometimes influence our thoughts and our actions. Our school Mission is that 'We try to follow Jesus in everything we do...' We remember that whenever we are kind, considerate, helpful, caring, welcoming and loving then we are answering Jesus' call.

### Parents' Evenings

A special thank you for your support of our Parents' Evenings that were held this week. I do hope that they provided a useful opportunity to speak to your child's teacher, see some of the work they have completed this year, as well as finding out about the progress that they are making and how you can support this.

**THANK YOU!**

### Goodbye and Thank you

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, today we say a special thank you and goodbye to Mrs Keenan, who leaves us after six years at St Margaret Mary's to start her new role. Once again, we wish Mrs Keenan the very best of luck for the future and thank her for all of her hard work and support.



### After-School Clubs

Our after-school clubs will be available for parents to book pupils onto from 7am Monday of half-term (17<sup>th</sup> Feb). These will begin on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March excluding LSC clubs which will begin the first week back as per usual. Please see today's After School Club letter that was sent this morning for options and places available.

Many thanks.



### Y6 Parent Meeting

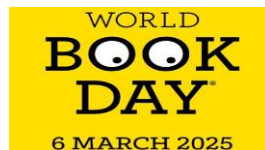
On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February we will be holding a meeting for all Y6 parents at 3:15pm, to share key information regarding the Y6 Residential Visit to the Lake District and SATs Preparations during the next half-term. Please come along to speak to our Y6 staff and receive key information regarding these matters.

Thank you.



### World Book Day

In celebration of World Book Day, which takes place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, we are sharing with you in advance of how we would like pupils to celebrate this event. We are looking at the theme of 'hair' as part of our unique identity, and as such inviting pupils and staff to celebrate this. This is linked to a whole school focus upon 'seeing ourselves' in society and particularly seeing how we are represented in books. We believe this provides pupils with an inclusive option of celebrating their uniqueness and individuality. Pupils are able to wear their hair differently for World Book Day, wear a wig or/and wear hair accessories, as long as this is respectful. We do ask that hair is styled in a manner that is easily reverted, in-line with school policy and guidance. In addition to this we also welcome pupils dressing as a book character, but want to stress that this is optional. We will be sharing further information regarding this and World Book Day after the half-term break.



### Children's Mental Health Week

Following last week's focus, a reminder that if you have any concerns about your child's mental health and well-being, please make an appointment to speak to your class teacher or your GP. Sometimes, children need support to talk about their thoughts, wishes and feelings. As a school, through our relationships, our curriculum and Mission, we recognise the importance of helping one another, but particularly our children. Helping them to feel confident to articulate themselves by using words and recognising feelings & emotions.



### Online Safety

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we continue to highlight the importance of safe internet use with all of our children. On Tuesday we celebrated National Safer Internet Day with this year's theme being 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself from others online.' At age-appropriate levels pupils have and continue to focus upon this very important matter and theme. A reminder below of the really useful resource that you can use to support and protect your child at home.

"Five Tips for Teaching Students How to Research and Filter Information."

<https://www.kathleenamorris.com/2018/02/23/research-filter/>



# Our Amazing Work

EYFS had a lovely morning in Church, Deacon Steven discussed and showed them lots of different areas and items.



2M have combined their knowledge of rhythm, notation and pitch to complete a 2-bar melody.



3/4D have been exploring the rate of evaporation and conducted their own fair test.



4C have been working together to contribute to their shared write. They have written a speech from the point of view of Boudicca leading her army to fight the Romans.



6W have been using the fixed apparatus in their PE lesson.





# Star of the Week

Well done to this week's 'Stars of the Week'



Love & Compassion

This half term we are growing to be **compassionate and loving**. Well done to all of our pupils who showed these virtues over the week.





Congratulations to our Numbots and Times Table Rock Stars this week! Keep up the good work!



are this week's joint 'Class Attendance Winners' with an excellent attendance of %

<b>NurW</b> 89.8%	<b>Nur/RecW</b> 92%	<b>RecK</b> 91.3%	<b>1T</b> 91.4%	<b>1/2M</b> 95.2%	<b>2M</b> 97%
<b>3S</b> 94.6%	<b>3/4D</b> 95.5%	<b>4C</b> 95.3%	<b>5C</b> 99.1%	<b>5J</b> 90.9%	<b>6G</b> 98.5%
<b>6W</b> 92.7%					

### Dates to remember

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – School reopens at 8.45am

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

W/C 10<sup>th</sup> March - Great British Science Week

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – School closes for Easter

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April – School reopens at 8.45am



I hope you all have a lovely, restful weekend and enjoyable half-term break.

Take care and God bless!

Mr. Sutton  
Headteacher

Jesus said to Simon 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.'

