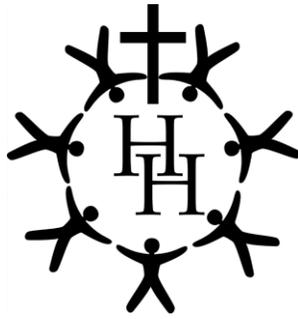


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News sheet

Discussion topic: "Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all." Dale Carnegie

19th January, 2018

Dates for your diary:-

Friday 2nd February, 2018 – 9am – Class 1 assembly. Parents/carers of children in the class are invited to attend
Friday 9th February, 2018 – 9am – Class 5 assembly. Parents/carers of children in the class are invited to attend
Friday 16th February, 2018 – 3pm – school closes for half term break
Monday 26th February, 2018 – School reopens after half term break

Toys and belongings from home

Please note that children are not allowed to bring play things in from home. Unfortunately, we are not in a position to be looking after these and cannot guarantee that they will return home in the same condition that they came. Also, this can cause disputes where children have similar things. In order to avoid conflict or upset, we insist that items from home do not come into school. We have plenty here to keep the children entertained throughout the day!

Reading is fun

Please remember that we are keeping track of children's reading on a weekly basis. I have noticed over the past month or so that this appears to be on the decline. It is very important that children are practising their reading on a regular basis in their own time, to enhance the skills they are learning in school. Research suggests that:

- Reading enjoyment has been reported as more important for children's educational success than their family's socio-economic status
- There is a positive link between positive attitudes towards reading and scoring well on reading assessments
- Regularly reading stories or novels outside of school is associated with higher scores in reading assessments
- International evidence supports these findings; US research reports that independent reading is the best predictor of reading achievement
- Evidence suggests that reading for pleasure is an activity that has emotional and social benefits
- Other benefits to reading for pleasure include: text comprehension and grammar, positive reading attitudes, pleasure in reading in later life, increased general knowledge

There are many and varied reasons for supporting our children in their reading at home. We ask that children read for 15 minutes, 4 times each week and, when we know children are doing this, it has a profound impact on their abilities and confidence.

Let's all keep reading!

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