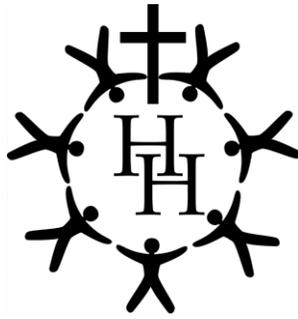


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News Sheet

Discussion topic: "It never gets easier, you just get better" – Sherman Finesilver

8th March, 2024

Egg Decorating Competition

Our "Egg decorating competition" will take place on 21st March, 2024, children should bring their eggs on that morning and we will display them in school for the day.

To add a little extra fun, each egg must have a title containing the word (or a variation of) "egg", for example, a shopping egg (with lots of designer bags) entitled "Eggs-travagant". Encourage the children to think creatively!

There will be a prize for the winner in each class.

New Statutory Attendance Guidance for maintained schools

The Government last week published new school attendance guidance which is due to come into effect during August 2024 for the next academic year starting in September of this year.

Full guidance can be found by [clicking here](#) however, briefly, this puts an increased emphasis on schools to manage and improve attendance. One of the key ways this will impact on families here is through unauthorised leave of absence (formerly term time holidays). Penalty notices will increase in the first instance however, subsequent leave of absence will result in increased fines and then prosecution.

As this guidance is mandatory, schools and headteachers have no choice but to follow it.

As a result of this, our Attendance Policy will shortly be updated from September 2024. Parents should bear this in mind particularly when considering their holidays for next year. The draft Attendance Policy will be sent to parents once it is devised.

Dates for your diary:-

Tuesday 12th March – Jude Lennon, author, to visit – funded by Helping Hands

Wednesday 20th March – KS1 Kirkstall Abbey trip

Thursday 21st March – Helping Hands Easter chocolate tombola and stalls after school

Friday 22nd March – 2pm - Easter service at St Paul's Church for the whole school

Friday 22nd March – 3pm – School closes for Easter break

Easter Service – Friday 22nd March

You may have noticed from our "Dates..." section that our Easter service will take place on the afternoon of Friday 22nd March at St Paul's Church at 2pm. The Easter story will be led and narrated by Class 4 who will narrate a service to help us celebrate this key festival in the Christian calendar. The other children will be taking part in our singing. Children may go home directly after the service if their adult collects them.

"Let all that you do be done in love"