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## Jesus Teaches the People, the Sermon on the Mount

The story in the Gospel this week was about Jesus teaching the people about how living a good life will be rewarded with a place in Heaven where everyone will be happy. This became known as the 'Sermon on the Mount'. Just as Jesus wanted all his followers to be happy, so do we wish all our children and parents to be happy and safe too. Next Tuesday is Safer Internet Day, please read the notice about how to help keep your children safe online.



## School Uniform

After much thought and requests by parents, the Governors of the school agreed to alter the uniform requirements, to allow children to wear black trainers to school, instead of insisting on black school shoes. At the time it was announced that if children 'pushed the boundaries' and wore brightly coloured trainers the Governors would reconsider their decision and revert to insisting on proper formal black shoes. It has become increasingly obvious that some children are wearing garishly coloured trainers! If, after half term children continue to wear these trainers the Governors will have no option but to revoke the decision to allow trainers and insist on **Black Shoes Only**. Please also note that trainers and plimsolls for PE should also be black. As a school we have never



allowed any colour trainers other than black. *If your children would like to wear brightly coloured trainers please make sure it is only at home, not at school!*

On another note, some parents at Miss Khanom's Coffee Morning asked if it would be possible to find stronger bags for the older children's books. We will look into it and report back as soon as possible.

## Brilliant Club



All of our children in the Brilliant Club have submitted their essays and we are delighted to say that they have all passed. On Monday they will be visiting Lady Margaret Hall College in Oxford (where Mr Savin's son is currently studying a PhD course in nuclear and atomic physics) to collect their graduation certificates and mortar board hats! Pictures to follow next week!



## School Photos

*The proofs of the photos are back already! If you would like to purchase the photos, you need to return the envelope and money by Monday 6th February at the latest!*



## Dates for your Diary

Fri 13/1/17 Class 3 Assembly	Fri 20/1/17 Reception Assembly	Monday 23/1/17 School Photographer in
Fri 27/1/17 Class 5 Assembly	Fri 3/2/17 Class 9 Assembly	Fri 10/2/17 INSET DAY Children not in school

### Half Term Break Return to school Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Fri 24/2/17 Class 4 Assembly	Fri 3/3/17 Class 8 Assembly <i>and World Book Day</i>	W/c 6/3/17 Cycle Confident level 1 & 2 Training
Fri 10/3/17 Class 7 Assembly	Fri 17/3/17 Class 6 Assembly	Fri 24/3/17 Class 5 Assembly
Fri 31/3/17 Music Assembly	Fri 7/4/17 Governor's Assembly	

## Safer Internet Day

Next Tuesday is Safer Internet Day. As part of our ongoing efforts to keep all of the children safe, all of the time it is our unfortunate duty to warn you about an app that is being compromised by evil people. Many of you may have downloaded the app 'Musical.ly' from iTunes, the app store or the Playstore. Where this should be a fun app for everyone to enjoy, the fact that users are able to live stream content means that people claiming to be young children, are actually much older predators, who may be asking the children to do totally inappropriate things. Please do not leave your children to use this app or others like it when they are in a separate room

from yourselves. While they may be perfectly innocent games, if there is ANY type of live streaming, ways of sharing content, leaving messages, these are all things predators seek to exploit. *Please check all of the games and apps your children are using to see if they are suitable and age appropriate. Most apps, including Facebook, Whats App, Instagram, Snap Chat are for age 13 and above!*



## Miss Khanom's Coffee Morning



Miss Khanom's Coffee Morning will go ahead as normal next week, with a performance by Class 9. There will be a slight change to the signing in register, if you would like to take photos, please tick the box next to where you sign in, as in line with our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, everyone who would like to take a photo on the school premises should seek and be approved permission to do so before they take a photo. So when you sign in just ask Miss Khanom if you may take a photo and she will approve it on the spot! Also following a request from some parents, we will be inviting Newham Catering in the talk to the Coffee Morning parents about the service they provide and how they ensure that they meet all of the nationally approved nutritional guidelines. As soon as we have a confirmed date we will let you know.



## Candles in Church



We have had a request from Sr Breda concerning the lighting of candles in the Church before school. While Sr Breda is obviously delighted that the children take the time to pray before school she is becoming increasingly concerned about the number of candles being lit and left to burn. Only a few months ago there was a small fire, which was started by there being too many candles alight in close proximity to each other. Luckily Sr Breda caught it in time and was able to put out the flames! Therefore Sr Breda has asked that unaccompanied children DO NOT light candles. If you are able to go into church with your children, please feel free to light a candle and say a prayer, however please reinforce the message with your children that they should not light a candle if they are in the church without an adult present.

## Countess of Wessex String Orchestra

On Wednesday we had the pleasure of the Countess of Wessex's String Orchestra rehearsing in the church with members of the Commonwealth Youth Choir. Yesterday and today the children have been attending a recording session, with the orchestra, at the Wellington Barracks to produce a CD for the Queen. We will let you know when it is available to purchase, who knows it might even get to No.1...



## Communion Classes

The annual Communion classes begin next Tuesday, the first session being in St Stephen's. The session will end at 3:45pm so please remember set an alarm to pick them up.

## Sweeney Todd

Two of our members of staff, Ms Pree and Miss Loretto, are taking part in the Havering Music Makers production of Sweeney Todd, the Demon Barber of Fleet Street, at the Kenneth More Theatre, from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> March. If you like your musicals to be a bit on the more gruesome side please book a seat online at [www.kmtheatre.co.uk](http://www.kmtheatre.co.uk) or by phone on 020 8553 4466. Please be aware that this show is not really suitable for children, so might make a good night out if you are able to get a babysitter!

## A New School in Nigeria

The charitable efforts of our parents and parishioners never cease to amaze us. Tina Amuzie, the chair of the local St Vincent de Paul society is fundraising to start a school in Enugu state in Nigeria. It will be situated near the top of a mountain in coal mining country and will cater mainly for young orphan children. It will be called St Agnes and St Joseph, after Tina's parents. She is looking for donations of furniture, books and toys as well as any money you may be able to spare. Our school will be helping out by holding a cake sale on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, so any donations of cakes etc, will be gratefully received. Please send them in with your children on Monday or Tuesday so that Tina may sell them for this very worthy cause. A Go Fund Me page is being set up and we will supply further details as soon as we have them. There will also be an International Dinner at St Cedd's Hall on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Please contact Tina on 07957 483 552 for more details.



## Super Thursday

Next Thursday 9th February, is a bit of a Super Thursday!

There will be a cake sale for St Agnes and St Joseph school as we have mentioned, there will also be a home work fair so you will be able to see the quality and scope of the homework the children are producing.

Not only that, but there will be the usual after school SATS Maths Boosters for the Year 6 children and not to forget that:

Thursday is the last school day for the children before the Half Term Break. (The staff will be in for an INSET day based around PE and Online Safety on Friday).

So here is the timetable for the extra events:

10:00am – 11:15am – Cake Sale (possibly after school too)

3:15pm – 3:45pm Homework Fair

3:15pm – 4:15pm SATs Boosters

## Assembly and other Event Videos

Mr McAteer has been working very hard to upload lots of videos including the Lego Town Planners event, Reception's Assembly, Class 3's assembly and hopefully by the middle of next week Class 9's Assembly. To view the videos please go to our website and click on the Vimeo button on the home page.

## This Week's Prayer

Please join with your children in saying this prayer;

*Dear Father,*

*We thank you for the teachings of Jesus. Even though life may not always be easy, we know that if we trust in Jesus, we will be blessed.*

*In Jesus' name we pray.*

*Amen.*

*God Bless You,  
Mr Underwood 94*

