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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had a fantastic start to the school year! The children look smart as always in their new school uniforms and were excited to be back at school. I am pleased and grateful for the spirit of cooperation that parents have shown at the start and end of the day; many parents have left their cars at home or parked away from the school which means we are not having lots of difficulties in the morning and at the end of the school day. Thank you.

Gospel Reading Mark 7:31-37

Jesus Heals a Deaf and Mute Man

³¹ Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis.^[a] ³² There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

³³ After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!"). ³⁵ At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

³⁶ Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷ People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Jesus performs another miracle and not only does he command a deaf man to hear but he also with the untying of the man's tongue moves from silence to speech with little effort. Jesus wants to keep some things secret until the right moment, but the news didn't just leak out - it poured out as people simply couldn't stop talking about what they'd seen him do. Jesus knows that he must continue with his mission to bring God's kingdom into power, overthrowing the tyrannous rule to move forward. In our moments of reflection are we able to hear as clearly as the deaf man probably did after Jesus performed a miracle. If we're too deaf to hear what he's saying, the problem is perhaps with us rather than the message.

Curriculum Meetings

Over the next few weeks, we will be holding curriculum meetings for Nursery, Reception and year 6. The Nursery and Reception meetings will provide information about the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum, what your child will be learning throughout the year, how you can help your child at home and applying for full time school for children currently in Nursery.

The year 6 meeting will provide information about secondary transfer so it is vital that someone attends.



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Headteacher: Ms Natasha Scott

The meetings are as follows:

Monday, 10th September 2018 at 5:30 p.m. - Reception

Wednesday, 12th September 2018 at 5:30 p.m. - Year 6

Thursday 4th October 2018 at 5:30 p.m. - Nursery

Unfortunately, crèche facilities are not available for these meetings.

Class and Individual Photos

The class and individual photos for this academic year will be taken on **Friday, 14th September**. Please ensure that your child is dressed in full school uniform.

Years Reception to year six

- navy blue blazer (**Years 1 - 6**)
- white shirt
- school tie
- navy blue trousers, skirt or pinafore
- girls may wear white socks or navy/black tights
- boys may wear navy/black socks
- black school shoes
- grey cardigan/jumper (**optional for winter uniform, but compulsory for Reception**)

For girls:

- hair bands, clips and ribbons should be in white, navy blue or black
- hair styles should be simple and age appropriate (no coloured hair)
- no nail varnish or make up of any form
- small studs earring are allowed but no hoop or dangly earrings

Boys are asked to have their hair trimmed in a sober, age appropriate manner for school so there should be no:

- pony tails, mohawks, coloured hair patches
- no symbols or brand or designs cut into the scalp
- no earrings for school

All children should wear black school shoes no trainers are allowed.

Annual Consent Form

If you have not already done so please return your child's annual consent forms for the 2018-2019 school year; this allows your child to go on visits in the local area. Please sign this form and return it to school as soon as possible.

RE Curriculum Newsletter

Attached are the RE topics that we will teach this term.

N. Scott
Head Teacher

