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Dear Parent/Carer,

Gospel Reading - Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

15 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. 2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

3 Then Jesus told them this parable:

The Parable of the Lost Son

11 Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

13 "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. 14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. 16 He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. 17 "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! 18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' 20 So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. 21 "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate.

24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. 25 "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 27 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' 28 "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. 29 But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him! 31 "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"



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As the children very articulately told me last week in assembly, the message of this parable is "unconditional love", love with no end. This describes the love that God has for us, which means that no matter what we have done, if we repent we will be forgiven.

Stratford Circus Concert

Children from the KS2 choir are performing at 'The Next Big Sing' along with local choirs including with the world-renowned Smithsonian Big Band on Sunday, 7th April at 6:30pm, Stratford Circus - tickets from <http://www.stratford-circus.com> (enter code BIGSING for discount).

Relationship and Sex Education

It has come to our attention that many parents are concerned about recent reports on social media and the news around what schools are teaching within relationship and sex education. As a school we want to reassure you that nothing has changed in terms of what we are teaching children appropriately about sex and relationships education, and nothing will change at this point.

As you know there are plans from government to change the law around what schools must teach around sex and relationships education from September 2020 in schools. A vote has taken place on Wednesday 27th March 2019 about this. When the plans become law we will be in contact, as we will want to consult with all parents around changes that might need to be made to our present provision.

If you have concerns that you want to raise with us as a school then please speak to myself or one of the Assistant Headteachers.

Year 1 Easter Performance

In KS1, the year 1 children will also remind us of the sacrifices made for us during this special time in their KS1 Easter performance on Tuesday 9th April at 9:15 am.

Holy Week Assemblies

In order to focus our minds on the Passions of Christ the children will remind us of the very important moments including his death and resurrection in a series of assemblies as follows:

Friday 5th April 2019 - Year 3 Holy Week assembly

Monday, 8th April 2019 - Year 4 Holy Week assembly

Tuesday, 9th April 2019 - Year 5 Holy Week assembly

Wednesday 10th April 2019 - Year 6 Holy Week assembly

All Holy Week assemblies begin at 9:05 am

Lenten Appeal

This year, we are raising money for our Lent Appeal to benefit our two school charities, Ihogbe College and Royal Initiative Against Poverty and Starvation (RIAPS).

The children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be further developing their academic skills by reading 5 complete books of their choice and completing the corresponding book reports. The children need to get as many sponsors as they can to raise money for our chosen charities. Your child will have to return the 5 book reports the week beginning 1st April 2019 and the sponsorship money will be due in by



Monday 8th April 2019.

Please support your child with their reading and recommendation of the books.

The children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be further developing their academic skills by learning their Times Tables both in order and out of order and recalling these facts with speed and accuracy. Your child will be tested on the given Times Tables the week beginning 1st April 2019 and the sponsorship money will be due in by Monday 8th April 2019.

The children should have come home with sponsorship forms last week. All sponsorship money will be due in by **Monday 8th April 2019**.

Teacher Training Day

Our next teacher training day will be on Tuesday, 23rd April 2019. School will re-open from the Easter holidays on Wednesday, 24th April 2019.

N. Scott
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