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Newsletter

Dear Parents

We have had another busy week in school, despite the atrocious weather which has caused various events to be cancelled, including District Sports! We will keep you updated with any new arrangements when we know them. At least the rain has held off for Year 2's first football tournament this afternoon!

Orange Class have been busy this week preparing for their **Mission Week** and have been very excited about showing their assembly to their parents and grandparents today. It was noticeable how the children have grown in confidence and in reading ability since they started in September – we were very proud of their speaking, singing and poetry recital! In their Mission Week, Orange Class focused on "Our Wonderful World" and Pope Francis's Prayer for the Care of Creation. They shared the message to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle and their mission was to collect items for reuse by Oxfam. Well done Orange Class!

Yesterday we held a "**Healthy Heart Day**" to raise money for an automated external defibrillator (AED) for our school and community. The children enjoyed taking part in activities to raise their pulse and thinking about the link between exercise and heart rate. They raised an amazing £535.31 towards a defibrillator for the school – thank you for all your support with this! The defibrillator will be kept readily accessible if needed by children, staff or parents. We hope we never have to use it, but just in case...



If you're interested in how this works, there is a link to a St John's

ambulance video about the AED here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UFvL7wTFzI0>

Year 1 have been working especially hard on their Phonics this week, while Year 4 are going to be piloting the new Y4 national **Times Tables** Assessment next week! The national expectation from next year is that all Y4 children know all of their times tables up to x12. This will really support their arithmetic work across lots of areas of Maths. Make sure you practice your tables over the weekend, Year 4!

Meanwhile Year 6 have been enjoying lots of exciting activities since finishing their national tests. This week, they took part in **Junior Citizen** and heard important safety messages from a range of local emergency services. One of the key messages was around remaining safe online and to that end, **I would again ask all parents to ensure that all devices, both handheld and at home, are secure and have the necessary parent filters, so that the children do not accidentally access something they shouldn't.** We are hearing from children as young as 6 that they access Facebook, Snapchat, WhatsApp and Fortnite, as well as many games such as Grand Theft Auto which are in no way age appropriate for Primary children. **Safeguarding our children is the responsibility of all of us – let's work together to keep them safe and healthy!**

Year 5 will be stepping up to prefect duties next week as Year 6 will be off on their residential trip to northern France from Monday to Friday. They are looking forward to a wonderful week away, learning all about D-Day and visiting the landing beaches and the cemeteries, as well as some key sights such as Mont Saint Michel. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful trip for our Y6 children to enjoy and our thanks go to Mrs Denmead, Ms Agostini and the Year 6 team for all their hard work in making the preparations for this trip!

I look forward to chatting with some of you on Tuesday at the Parent Forum – Coffee and Conversation morning. Questions raised so far include around supply of hand soap and quality of school uniform. Please raise any questions in advance (before the end of today) via the school office.

Have a wonderful weekend (Let's hope the weather improves!)

Catherine Burnham

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION PARENTS' FORUM - TUESDAY 18 JUNE

We hope you can join us on Tuesday when we will be talking about broader issues affecting our school. We are especially looking at parents' views on our new uniform supplier and the school website.

MY MONEY WEEK

We hope children have enjoyed celebrating 'My Money Week' in school when we have tried to get children excited and interested in money.

Each year group has looked at different tasks involving saving, spending, banking etc. It is important that we ensure all children develop an awareness of money to prepare them for adult life so we hope this has been a good introduction especially for those who are new to financial education. Please continue to discuss this at home.

SCARLET FEVER

We have had a recent case of scarlet fever in school. Public Health England's Frequently Asked Questions (attached) has information about preventative measures (including regular hand washing), symptoms and treatment.

TERM DATES 2019-2020 - NEW DATE FOR MAY 2020 BANK HOLIDAY

There is a small amendment to our term dates for next academic year. Following the government's decision to move the May Day Bank Holiday, this will now fall on Friday 8 May and not Monday 4 May and the school will be closed on that day.

INSET DAY - MONDAY 24 JUNE

A reminder that the school will be closed to children on Monday 24 June.

ST ERCONWALD'S POST FIRST HOLY COMMUNION YOUTH GROUP

St Erconwald's parish is starting a youth group for those children who have just made their First Holy Communion. Starting on Monday 24 June it will run for six weeks until 29 July (4.30pm until 5.30pm) in St Erconwald's Parish Hall. For more information please contact John and Ola Stayne at 07449519701 or johnstayne@rcdow.org.uk

PA SUMMER FAIR - SATURDAY 6 JULY

Please read the attached Summer Fair Newsletter to see how you can help this year including:

Programme Cover Competition (deadline Friday 28 June)

Programme advertising

Stalls

Bottle and Jar Tombolas

Cardinal Newman's Got Talent

Cardinal Cafe

Lego Competition

Thursday 4 July - Bottle Tombola Mufti Day: children may wear their own clothes to school and bring a bottle for the tombola.