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Dear Parents

### Stars of the Week

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Angelina</b> for working so hard during phonics
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Estani</b> for brilliant independent reading with super expression
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Bea</b> for the most amazing weather report about the windy day
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Sali</b> for a spectacular half term poster about Stone Age to Iron Age
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Viktor</b> for good speaking and listening in Science
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Bea</b> for her amazing creative flair
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Felix</b> for super participation in all lessons

### Good Disciples of the Week

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Carlos</b> for always working hard and following the school and class rules
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Tuppence</b> for becoming a fantastic member of Year 1
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Layla</b> for such a fantastic attitude to learning
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Amelia</b> for being such a kind, thoughtful and hard working member of the class
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Bohan</b> for helping other children with their work
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Liza</b> for being a very caring member of our class and always thinking of others
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Shayaan</b> for wonderful responses in our RE lessons about unity

Well done to you all.

### Ash Wednesday

Children in Years 3, 4 and 6 (Year 5 were swimming) joined parishioners at St Peter's for 10.00 am Mass on Ash Wednesday. Thank you to the readers and children who participated in the offertory procession.

### Sunday 6 March 2022

On Sunday 6 March 2022, children will be participating in 11.00 am Mass at St Peter's, singing and reading. Please go along and join them.

Wednesday 9 March 2022 – Year 6 Class Mass  
Wednesday 16 March 2022 – Year 4 Class Mass  
Wednesday 23 March 2022 – Year 3 Class Mass  
Wednesday 30 March 2022 – Year 5 Class Mass

All at 10.00 am in St Peter's old church.

## **Book Week**

The children have been participating in a range of fantastic activities over the week. Thank you to Miss Bingham for her great organisation and creativity. Please look at our Facebook page for the class doors and we await the results of the book cover competition.

Your child will have received a £1 book token which can be swapped for one of the World Book Day books or used to get £1 off any book which costs at least £2.99. The vouchers are valid until 27 March 2022 and the local participating booksellers are:-

W H Smith, Marlow, High Wycombe  
The Little Bookshop, Cookham  
Tesco, High Wycombe, Loudwater  
Waterstones, High Wycombe  
Sainsbury's, High Wycombe

## **Ukraine Appeal**

You will all have seen the terrible news of the situation in the Ukraine. We pray for all those affected and especially for the families in our own community who are directly impacted.

You will have received an email outlining how you can help.

Items that are needed:-

Medical supplies:-

Painkillers  
CeloX-A (blood stopping kits)  
Tourniquets  
Cold flu  
Complete first aid boxes  
Bandages  
Plasters

Supplies for refugees:-

Sleeping mats  
Baby food  
Nappies all sizes  
Personal hygiene items/toiletries  
Blankets  
Wipes and soap bars  
Women pads  
Thermal clothes and underwear – adults/children  
Thermos flasks  
Hot water bottles (microwave body warmers)  
Electric heating pads

Also:-

Antiseptics  
Child painkillers  
Nappy creams  
Batteries  
Power banks  
Torches

Candles  
Tinned and dry food  
Biscuits and chocolates  
Baby formula and food

Any donations can be brought to school and left in the boxes outside Mrs Sandalls' office.

Financial donations can be made to:-

British-Ukrainian Aid  
Account: 90861715  
Sorting Code: 20-27-49  
[justgiving.com/campaign/ukraine-aid-help-now](https://justgiving.com/campaign/ukraine-aid-help-now)

### **Friends of St Peter's**

Please remember to buy your tickets for the circus on Sunday 22 May 2022 – see attached flyer.

### **Pupil absence during term time – reminder**

In line with the Department of Education (Pupil Registration (England) Regulations 2006) '**holiday**' and '**extended leave**' should be removed from all paperwork and replaced with '**leave of absence**'. Headteachers are unable to authorise absence during term time unless they are satisfied that there are 'exceptional circumstances'; the fundamental principles for defining 'exceptional' are rare, unavoidable and short, by 'unavoidable' it implies that an 'event' could not reasonably be scheduled at another time. Ideally parents/carers should request 'leave of absence' 4 weeks prior to the leave being taken, it will then be determined by the Headteacher whether or not it is *authorised leave of absence* or *unauthorised leave of absence*.

### **Lighthouse Needs You!**

For those who are not aware, Lighthouse is a Christian holiday club for primary school age children run by volunteers. The club runs every year in the second week of the summer holidays on the school field at Holy Trinity School, Marlow and this year the dates are Monday 1 to Friday 5 August 2022.

Registration for children will open in early May but registration for helpers is open now. If you helped last year you should already have received an email asking you to register for this year.

If you have never helped before then we would love to have you come and join us. Helping at Lighthouse is great fun and very rewarding, there are lots of jobs that need doing and so something for everyone. Even if you are unable to give up time during Lighthouse week, or the idea of spending a week on a field with over 300 children fills you with horror, there are still jobs you can do behind the scenes over the next few months.

Please check the Lighthouse website <https://lighthousecentral.org/>

For more details and to register, or speak to someone who has helped before. All our previous volunteers are always enthusiastic and happy to recruit new helpers! If you would like more information then please contact [marlow@lighthousecentral.org](mailto:marlow@lighthousecentral.org). We hope to see you in August.

Yours sincerely

Miss A McCluskey  
Headteacher

