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Dear Parents,

As we have now passed the Third Sunday of Lent, our focus in school has moved from prayer and reflection to action. The children have been busy in school trying to fulfil Lenten Promises.

Portals to the Past – Vikings

It was a pleasure to welcome this workshop to school on Tuesday. The children spent an immersive day with lots of hands-on learning, including a pitched battle at one point as I was crossing the hall. Thank you so much to parents who helped the children with costumes that added to making the day special.

CSMA Music Festival at Fairfield Halls

Congratulations to the children of our School Choir who concluded a major project this week with a brilliant concert in front of a large crowd at Fairfield Halls. They have been rehearsing and preparing since Christmas. Many thanks to Miss Attwell and her team for their dedication preparing the children.

World Book Day

The children have been engaged in activities all week, but in particular it was wonderful to see the way in which everyone took part yesterday. There was an opportunity for children to hear stories and poems from other teachers that they do not know, and even a mysterious case of a missing book that was solved by our super detectives.

International Women's Day

Today is International Women's Day. In our assembly we reflected on the amazing contributions that our favourite writers have made in the last hundred years. Please spend time if you can explaining the importance of this event to your children.

Assemblies and Liturgies

Thank-you to the children from Class 6G who presented such a beautiful assembly yesterday.

Here are the dates for the forthcoming assemblies:

Thursday 14th March – Class 5B

Thursday 21st March – Class 5C

Achievement Certificates

The achievement certificates this week are awarded to Lael in 3A, Nikola in 3E, Alex in 4D, Olivia in 4T, Leonardo in 5B, Kyla in 5C, Sheana in 6G and Ilona in 6P. The Head of School's award goes to Ysmae in 6G. The swimmer of the week is Alan in 3E. The Kindness Award this week goes to Vitoria Eva in 4T.

Have a prayerful weekend with your family, and enjoy Mothering Sunday.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew McDonald
Head of School

Health Advice for parents

Coronavirus

The World Health Organisation now considers the covid pandemic to not be a global health emergency. For advice and support if you suspect someone has covid, please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-and-what-to-do/>

When using a test, check that it is a recent one that is set up to detect new strains of the virus.

Group A Strep (streptococci)

Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, but it is highly infectious. Look out for symptoms in your child, which include a sore throat, headache, and fever, along with a fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel. On darker skin the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel. Children with these symptoms should not attend school.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-safely-with-respiratory-infections-including-covid-19>