



14th March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Spring Term Week 9 Headteacher Update

Our Year 11 mock examinations concluded on Friday last week for our Year 11 children. Our staff are now busy ensuring that the papers are marked, moderated and standardised. It is now crucial that any feedback your child receives is acted upon and followed as this will aid their revision for the real examinations which begin in May.

I am pleased to confirm that the works should be finished on the bike storage this week. Your child will now once again be encouraged to ride their bike to and from school. Please can I remind you that bikes should be locked in the bike storage unit and that the school cannot accept any responsibility for theft or damage. I would also like to take this opportunity to ask you to speak to your child about the importance of road safety and ensure that they wear a helmet at all times when riding their bike.

Sadly, over the course of last week we have had numerous complaints from residents about parents parking in an inconsiderate manner as children are being dropped off and picked up from school. Please can I ask that you are considerate to our local residents during drop off and pick up.

This week is national science week. It will begin with a virtual assembly to all year groups which is being led by Hannah Rudd. Hannah is a marine biologist who specialises in shark science. She has travelled around the world following her passion for conservation and has agreed to share some stories from her travels and to encourage students to consider a career in science. We also have an event at during Wednesday lunchtime for all children wishing to make plastic out of potatoes!

In yesterday's Gospel, a voice from heaven speaks to the disciples saying, "Listen to him". The Transfiguration was a focused moment for the disciples when they heard God speaking to them. The disciples had an experience of the divine that was beyond their ability to explain. They saw Jesus transformed before them, and they struggled to make sense of the experience. Yet, they left with a new appreciation of the importance of Jesus' words even if they struggled at that time to understand everything that he had taught them. For us too it can often be a struggle to understand – how can we reflect on the transfiguration of Jesus when a war continues in the Ukraine? As the disciples were transformed during prayer on the mountain, let us pray that we too will trust in God's promise of abundance even when we cannot see how it will come about. Let the remembrance of the transfiguration of Jesus comfort and inspire us at a time when we are anxious. Let us pray today for peace and an end to war and may our actions be guided by our confidence in God rather than fear.

Have a lovely week and if you need anything, please do not hesitate to get in contact
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Yours faithfully

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