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# COVID Update

The latest changes to COVID-19 Guidance

From Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January, face coverings are no longer recommended in communal areas for staff in schools, for people in shops and on public transport.

What this means for THT: Unless the local director for public health in our area recommends the use of face coverings - I will leave it up to parents and staff to make the decision themselves as to whether they wear face coverings on the playground and in the school's outside spaces.

However, I would politely request, whilst we still have a number of positive COVID cases in school (9 at the time of writing), that adults moving around the school continue to wear face coverings for the foreseeable future (i.e. in communal areas / corridors etc.). We will also continue to not mix classes in the toilet areas or for whole school worship. These measures will probably stay in place until the February half term break

## **Celebration Worship**

Last Friday, we had another recorded Celebration Worship. Click here if you would like to watch it. Well done to all those who made it to the virtual bench!! They were ...

Reception	Freddie		
Year 1	All Year 1		
Year 2	Chloe		
Year 3	Freddie		
Year 4	Amelia HP		
Year 5	Daisy		
Year 6	Annabelle and Theo		
Head teacher Award	Siddharth in Year 3		

Don't forget that I tend to record the Celebration Worship on a Thursday evening - so if you have a photo of your child with a trophy etc. that they were awarded outside of school - then please make sure I receive it by the end of school on the Thursday if you specifically want it 'showing' that week - otherwise we can always show it on the following week!!

# Holocaust Memorial Day

Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) is an international day on 27<sup>th</sup> January to remember the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust, alongside the millions of other people killed under Nazi persecution of other groups and in genocides that followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

27<sup>th</sup> January marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp.

To mark HMD, Year 6 will be in Church to take part in a special service led by Fr Mark. Year 6 will be singing the song that the whole school sang on Armistice Day, when stood around the War Memorial. Members of our friends at Rufford CE Primary School will also be attending the service (socially distanced of course) to read prayers and to lead us in some readings. Mere Brow CE Primary unfortunately will not be taking part, due to a large percentage of the school being absent with COVID.

Members of the public are allowed to attend the service which starts at 10.30am. It will be streamed on the church's Facebook page if you would like to watch, but are not able to attend.

## This Week's Worship

Holocaust Memorial Day and the Giants of Faith (including the Greyfriar's Bobby Story)

## Toast and Breakfast Buns

The payment items for Toast and Breakfast Buns are now available on ParentPay for after next half term. 21st February to 8th April 2022. Please log in and pay for these items before the deadline which is strictly Thursday 10th February at 12 noon. Sorry but we cannot add late comers!!

### Team Point Update

Last week's winners were Ribble - well done to our Red team!!

The Spring Term 2022 leaders are Ribble - and they have also taken over the lead for the most team points during this academic year - it's all 'Red 'at the top!!

## School Lunches – Week 3 of the Winter menu – Week beginning 31<sup>st</sup> January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pasta Bolognaise with Garlic Bread and salad	Puff Pastry Cheese Whirl with Herby Potatoes and Baked Beans	Roast Pork, Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy, Roast Potatoes and Vegetables	Chicken Curry with Mixed Savoury Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips and Peas
or	or	or	or	or
Filled Free Range	Crispy Bubble	Pasta Arrabbiata	Pork Sausage in a	Homemade Pizza
Omelette with	Salmon with Herby	with Garlic Dough	Bun with Tortilla	Margherita with
Paprika Potatoes and Vegetables	Potatoes and Peas	Balls and Salad	Chips and Salad	Chips and Sweetcorn

As always ... thanks for reading ... stay safe ... yours sincerely,

Stephen B. Smith Head teacher

### Did you know...

This weekend it is the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch... This takes place each year so that the RSPB can have a good idea of the numbers of birds that live in Britain.

In 2021, more than one million people took part in Big Garden Birdwatch, all coming together to look out for birds. The RPSB asks, 'Why not join in and be one in a million for 2022?'

Shockingly, we've lost 38 million birds from UK skies in the last 50 years, so it really is vital we do all we can to look after our birdlife.

As a conservation charity, the RSPB depends on you to save nature and to look after places where wildlife can thrive. By taking part in Big Garden Birdwatch, you can also make a difference. Wherever you are, whatever you see, it counts!

Taking part is as easy as 1,2,3 1. Watch the birds around you for one hour

- 2. Count how many of each species of bird lands on your patch
- 3. Go online and tell them what you saw.

Click on the following link for more information: https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/