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Value for this half term: Love

Theme for this week (27 March - 02 April 2023): Love at Easter

Life Skills theme for the week: We are able to apologise when necessary

Last week's performances of "Annie Jr" were a real highlight of the week for many of us. Here are a few of the lovely comments we have received from parents and friends of the school who attended:

"we had a great time enjoying the performance"; "what talented students and staff!"; "outstanding acting, beautiful singing and great comedy moments"; "the staff and students working in partnership to produce a wonderful show" and "we are already looking forward to the next production!!".

Thank you once again to all the students and staff involved in what really was a fantastic achievement.

Holy Week

Holy Week is the name of the week that leads up to Easter Sunday (9 April, 2023), beginning on Palm Sunday (2 April, 2023). In summary:

Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus' triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday commemorates the foot washing and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles.

Good Friday commemorates the Crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary.

Holy Saturday commemorates the body of Our Lord resting in the tomb.

Easter Sunday celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and his victory over death.

Here is some additional information from the Church of England about Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

Lent is a time for reflection

Before Holy Week, you may wish to review the Lent resources provided by the Archbishops' Young Leaders Award. Each week, we have been encouraged to focus on one of the different communities to which our students belong.



Previous week's resources focused on *Family, Friends, School, Community* and *Country;* this week's AYLA resources - focusing on *World* - can be found here (slides 23-end). The resources encourage us to reflect on words from the Bible, and then to look outwards, to speak, give, act and pray.

A Prayer for Illumination as we approach Holy Week:

Merciful God, as we approach Holy Week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise him with our lips, but may follow him in the way of the cross.

Amen

Attendance and Punctuality Matters

Over recent weeks, we have highlighted importance of excellent attendance and punctuality, and the key role they play helping every student to flourish in school and beyond.

Students who miss school frequently fall behind with their work, feel nervous about returning to school and ultimately do less well in their exams.

Research suggests that students who attend school regularly could also be at risk of getting involved in antisocial behaviour or crime. To the right is a table illustrating how children's percentage attendance equates to the amount of school time missed.

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent Days	Equivalent Sessions	Equivalent Weeks	Equivalent Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	18 Sessions	2 Weeks	54 Lessons
90%	19 Days	38 Sessions	4 Weeks	114 Lessons
85%	29 Days	58 Sessions	6 Weeks	174 Lessons
80%	38 Days	72 Sessions	8 Weeks	228 Lessons
75%	48 Days	96 Sessions	10 Weeks	288 Lessons
70%	57 Days	114 Sessions	11.5 Weeks	342 Lessons
65%	67 Days	134 Sessions	13.5 Weeks	402 Lessons
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Key events this week

Mon 27 March - Year 11 Exam Results Afternoon (Mocks 2)

Tues 28 March - Year 9 Resilience Workshops

Weds 29 March - KS4 Catering Trip to France departs - and 'A Team' Easter Service

Thurs 30 March - Rewards Breakfast event - and Science Fair

Fri 31 March - End of Spring Term

Mon 17 April - All students return to school for the Summer Term

School website and Twitter: The <u>school website</u> is a useful source of information. Please also visit the Harleston Sancroft Academy Twitter feed for photos and updates.

School Clubs:

Here is a list of lunchtime and after-school clubs.

- All clubs are FREE and students do not need to sign up they can just turn up on the day.
- For any lunchtime sports clubs, students should put on their trainers (they won't change into full sports kit). For after-school sports clubs, students will need to be fully changed into their PE kit.

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun: During school holidays, *Active Norfolk* (a network of 43 Active Partnerships created by Sport England, hosted by Norfolk County Council) runs a variety of activities to help keep children active. Parents and carers can find more information here.