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Most of the children in Years 5 and 6 had a wonderful start to last week when they attended the Young Voices concert at the o2 in London. It was a long day for the children and staff, but for those of us who were there it was well worth all the effort.

I would like to thank the members of staff who accompanied the children ensuring their safety and wellbeing throughout the event: Mrs Barratt, Mrs Fisher, Mrs Bewers and Miss Trigg.

We waved off our intrepid Year 6 pupils this morning as they boarded the coach for Danbury. The suitcases seemed as big as some of the children, but the driver made loading look easy. Mr Watson is leading the residential trip this year, accompanied by Mrs Monksfield, Mr Lawrence, Mr Macal and Mrs Herman. We look forward to welcoming them all back to school on Friday.

Active Phonics Session Miss Furby would like to say a huge, "Thank you!" to the parents and grandparents that came along to her most recent phonics workshop on Thursday 1st February.

Attendance Initiative At the end of this morning's whole school assembly we celebrated all those children who had 100% attendance in the period Monday 22nd January 2018—Thursday 1st February 2018 (inclusive). Mrs Hurley had wristbands for each of these children—for some it was their second wristband since we started the attendance reward scheme. The next fortnightly period will run from today, Monday 5th February 2018—Friday 23rd February 2018 (being off school for half-term will not affect anyone's attendance data). All the children who have earned a wristband (or two) since the beginning of the scheme will have their names entered into a prize draw to win £10.00. The first draw will take place on Friday 9th February. Subsequent draws will take place at the end of each half-term. The children have been excited by the initiative and already there has been a marked improvement in the attendance of many pupils—well done! At their board meeting last week, the school governors agreed to fund the ongoing costs of the rewards and wristbands. The PGSA will not be asked to fund the initiative as stated on a previous newsletter.

PGSA Thank you to everyone that has volunteered to help run the KS1 disco party after school on Thursday 8th February. The Strictly Come Dancing evening will be held on Saturday 24th February (adults only please) at 7.30pm. Full details are on the Holy Family PGSA Facebook page.

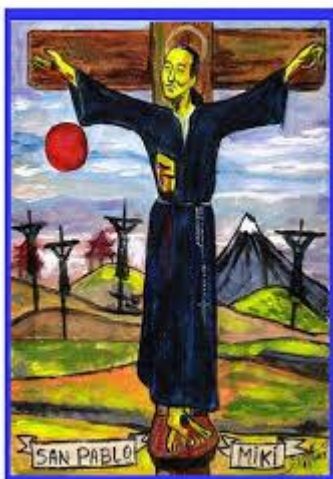
Thought for the Week *"Snow and adolescence are the only problems that disappear if you ignore them long enough."* Earl Wilson, American journalist (1907—1987)

Prayer to the Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen



The Holy Family

Saint of the week Tomorrow is the Feast Day of St Paul Miki and the Japanese martyrs. Paul was born into a wealthy landowning family, but he chose to give up his riches and way of life to spread the Gospel. He was ordained as a priest and set about his ministry. The local *daimyō* (feudal lord), Toyotomi Hideyoshi was angered by the Christian community and had Paul and others arrested. He sent them on a forced march from Kyoto to Nagasaki (600+ miles). It was here that St Paul Miki and his entire community were put to death. It's easy for us to be Christian and spread the Good News in England in 2018, but we must remember that even today Christians are being persecuted and being martyred around the world.



Patrón de la tertulia



St Paul Miki



Toyotomi Hideyoshi

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N2 70.8% RF 87.4% 1F 96.5% 2T 88% 3W 83% 4HW 88.4% 5LB 95.9% 6F 98.3%. Well done to Year 6 for best attendance last week.

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Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday 5 th February—Friday 9 th February	Year 6 Danbury Residential
Thursday 8 th February	Reception Class Assembly, 10.15am
Thursday 8 th February	Reception Class Superhero Day
Thursday 8 th February	PGSA Infants Disco Party
Monday 12 th February—Friday 16 th February	Half-term Holiday
Wednesday 14 th February	Ash Wednesday—Beginning of Lent
Friday 23 rd February	Year 6 Class Assembly, 10.15am
Saturday 24 th February	PGSA Strictly Dance Evening (adults only)
Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day
Friday 2 nd March	Year 1 Class Assembly, 10.15am
Thursday 8 th March	Year 3 Class Assembly, 10.15am
Tuesday 13 th March	Parental Contact Evening, 3.30—6.00pm
Thursday 15 th March	Parental Contact Evening, 5.00—7.30pm
Friday 23 rd March	Year 2 Class Assembly, 10.15am
Sunday 25 th March	Palm (Passion) Sunday
Thursday 29 th March	Year 4 Solemn Easter Presentation, 2.15pm
Thursday 29 th March	Holy Thursday
Friday 30 th March	Good Friday (School Closed)
Sunday 1 st April	Easter Sunday
Monday 2 nd April	Public Holiday (School Closed)
Tuesday 3 rd April—Friday 13 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 16 th April	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 7 th May	Public Holiday (School Closed)
Monday 14 th May 2018	Beginning of SATs Week
Monday 28 th May—Friday 1 st June 2018	Half-term Holiday