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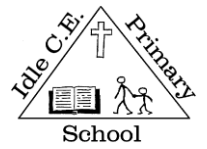
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**"Jesus came
to give Fullness of Life"**
John 10 v 10

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Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful having all the pupils back at school for these last few weeks. Staff are very happy to be teaching all their pupils in the classroom again. The return to school has been very successful and the children are all so enthusiastic to be back with their friends. Thank you for following the procedures that have been put in place. We really appreciate your patience and support during this time.

COMIC RELIEF: Last Friday, we celebrated Red Nose Day in school. Lots of fun activities happened across the school and there were some especially great jokes shared! The children all looked fabulous in their superhero/ Red Nose Day outfits. Thank you for all the effort that you went to and your generous support of this charity. So far, we have raised a grand total of £338.26! Well done!

CLUBS: We are very excited to restart our program of after-school clubs after the Easter holiday. All children brought home a letter stating which clubs were available for their year group last week. These need to be returned to school by Tuesday 23rd March if your child wishes to participate. All after-school clubs now cost £4.50 and run until 4:30pm. We are currently only running a limited number of clubs to comply with government guidelines and ensure that children remain in their year group bubbles. Thank you for your understanding with this.

7 HALF-MARATHONS IN 7 DAYS: Richard Sykes (father of two pupils in school) is attempting the incredible challenge of running 7 half-marathons in 7 days to raise money for school funds! We are incredibly grateful to Richard for choosing the school to benefit from his hard work. Richard plans on running his first half-marathon on Saturday 17th April and the last on Friday 23rd April.

He explained what has inspired him to attempt this challenge: "We all know how tough the last 12 months have been on everybody involved within the school community, especially the children. As a parent of two Idle C of E children myself, I know how much they have missed the interaction with their friends during lockdown. Everyday things such as talking, laughing together and general play became off limits to most. For many this will have been a real struggle, so I can't express how pleased I am to see them back within their school surroundings and amongst their school family once again.

With full support from Idle C of E, I would like to give something back to each and every child within school in recognition of their bravery throughout the pandemic, and so ALL money raised will go towards something that the children will enjoy and benefit from directly."

We wish him all the best with this challenge and that his legs survive the experience! If you would like to support Richard, he has set up a just giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/idlecofeprimaryschool>

HEALTH AND SAFETY: Thank you for following the procedures that we have put in place for all the children returning to school. We really appreciate you following this guidance to help keep our school community safe. After Easter, we are continuing with the same procedures that we currently have in place. Children will

continue to be taught in year group bubbles, pick up/ drop off times will remain the same and facemasks will continue to be required to be worn on school grounds. Please can you also wear a facemask when dropping off on Boothroyd Drive and socially distance.

WATERBOTTLES: As the weather is now (hopefully!) improving, please can you ensure that your child brings a named water bottle with them every day. The children have access to these bottles all day to help keep them hydrated, which is especially important in the warmer weather.

SCHOOL MILK: Children currently having a bottle of school milk will continue to do so in the Summer term unless we are notified otherwise by their parents. Please make sure that you have paid for the milk via Parent Pay by this Friday (26th March).

EASTER HOLIDAYS: School closes this Friday 26th March and will re-open on Monday 12th April. If you need to contact the school in case of an emergency or informing us of a positive COVID case, please email either Mrs Pouncey (rachel.pouncey@idle.bradford.sch.uk) or Mrs Ackroyd (office@idle.bradford.sch.uk). It is important that we are aware of positive Covid cases at any time during the holiday, so that we can trace contacts where necessary and ensure that the school building has been deep cleaned.

On behalf of governors, staff and pupils, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter and look forward to welcoming you all back to school after the holidays.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Pouncey

Deputy Head

