

# Endsleigh Holy Child VC Academy



Headteacher Mrs. E Barrs

Newsletter 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025



Dear Families,

I hope you all had a joyful and blessed Easter. However, it was a poignant Easter Monday for us all in our Catholic community when our Holy Father, Pope Francis, sadly passed away after a long period of illness. Yet, he still blessed the faithful who gathered on Easter Sunday at the Vatican City and St Peter's Square on Holy Sunday, he carried out God's work until the very end.

On Tuesday of this week, I delivered a reflection on the life of Pop Francis and a Celebration of the Word. The children were very reverent, and we learnt a lot about how the Pope cared deeply for the homeless, the lost and the marginalised in our world. Pope Francis' message was one of love and acceptance for all, something I know that at Endsleigh Holy Child we strive to demonstrate every day.

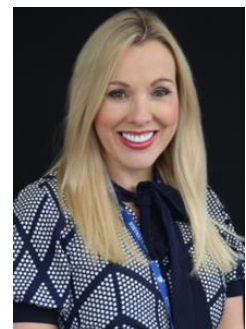
Another aspect we strive for is excellent attendance. Currently, attendance at Endsleigh Holy Child is 95.70% (national average for primaries is 94.80%) which shows how committed our children and families are in ensuring attendance is high. However, there is always room for improvement! I want us all to aim for a minimum of 97% attendance this term and prizes will be given to those who achieve this with special prizes for 100%! Excellent attendance (and we always want 100%) is the single biggest factor in ensuring that your child achieves beyond their potential and develops socially as much as possible. Our school wants your child here every day! Thank you so much for your support in ensuring your child attends our school as much as possible.

Finally, we have commenced our new approach to reading, which means your child will be reading more every day. As an English teacher myself, I know that being a fluent reader is the gateway to the world, it unlocks the doors to all subjects and improves social skills no end. Therefore, I have been really impressed by the teachers and support staff who have been delivering our new approach, which the children are really engaging with. Please discuss reading with your child and encourage them at every opportunity to read, read, read!

Well done to all those pupils who are our Students of the Week, you embody our Endsleigh Excellence. I am very proud of you.

I wish everyone a lovely weekend and, please do prayer for Pope Francis whose funeral will take place tomorrow.

God bless,  
Mrs Stead



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Y4 swimming lessons - Tue 22/04/2025 to Fri 02/05/2025

Pirate Day (**KS1 only**) Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

May day - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Half term - school closes on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May and re-opens on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Summer Music Concert – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June

KS1 visit to Hornsea Beach – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Class 3/4 visit Hull Truck Theatre to take part in a performance of 'The Tempest' (more details to follow)

School closes for the summer break on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July

School opens for the Autumn Term on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

## Pupil Voice

This week was an excellent start to the new term after the Easter holiday. We have been learning new things and engaging in everything we have covered. We are delighted that we are back together with our friends and are excited to continue developing our knowledge.

We have enjoyed reading different books throughout the school. The Year 6's have been preparing for their SATs by completing previous SATs questions.

On the first day back, we had a collective worship to reflect on Pope Frances' heartbreaking death and to remember his good deeds and his unconditional love for all. We will keep him in our hearts and pray for him always.

Becky, Vanessa, Diana & Hollie

## Parental Contact

Should you wish to contact us about curriculum matters please contact us via the following email - **curriculum@ehchull.org**

Any queries regarding all year 6 matters please email **year6@ehchull.org**

## Designated Roles

SENCO/Safeguarding Lead – Mr. J Fox

Assistant Head – Mr. J. Guthrie

EYSF Lead – Mrs. J Leach

*In memory of Pope Francis:*

*Pope Francis always advocated for the poor and the marginalised. He shunned any trappings of luxury or wealth. He wanted those on the outside of society to feel loved, to feel they belonged and to feel they had worth.*

*In 2015 Francis had St Peter's Square public bathrooms renovated with the inclusion of a barber shop for the homeless. They can shower there six days per week in a move Francis, 88, designed to elevate homeless people otherwise shunned because of their appearance and smell.*

*Perhaps his greatest gift was that of the Palazzo Migliori, a luxurious, 19th Century Vatican palace, just yards from St Peter's Square and with a balcony looking out onto the colonnade. It was previously occupied by nuns but when they left in 2019, many called for this prime piece of real estate to be turned into a grand hotel. Francis refused, and gave it to the homeless, believing that 'beauty heals'.*

*This lovely gesture, allowing the homeless in his city to be surrounded by physical and emotional beauty allows these people to feel valued and to be recognised for their human dignity – as we all deserve to feel. The loss of Pope Francis will be felt by many, Catholics and non-Catholics, who all saw him as a truly compassionate leader who carried out God's work here on earth.*

*We pray for Pope Francis:*



Pope  
Francis

Loving God,  
welcome your servant, Francis, into your warm embrace.  
Give comfort and strength to your Church here on earth  
and guide the hearts of our leaders to do your will.  
Fill us with hope that your presence may be felt by every  
person in our Common Home.

Grant us the courage to stand in your name to protect  
the human dignity of our neighbours, fight for justice for  
those who are treated unfairly and be messengers of  
love for those who do not feel welcome.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

