



Dear Parents and Carers,

Monday 21st March 2022

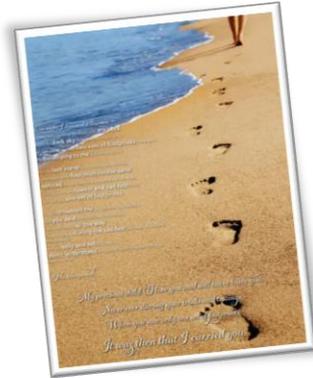
Welcome to the new season, and despite the frost this morning the sun is now shining and it feels like spring is really here. It will be great weather for our Year Four children going to their first residential to Flatford on Wednesday and for all the sporting events and outdoor PE and Science lessons planned. I am looking forward to taking a group of children to a juggling skills workshop at Jacksons Lane Arts Centre this week, so we should be able to literally and metaphorically juggle things from Friday. Remember the Big Walk and Wheel challenge starts today, so set off early with a spring in your step to school.

Monday	Year 4 Shakespeare Workshop Pathways Christian Assembly Yrs 6 & 5
Tuesday	Dress in white for peace or blue and yellow. Donations welcome in school and through Ukraine crisis: donate now to protect children - Unicef UK Leo's Dad in to talk to Reception about being an eye specialist
Wednesday	Yr 5 swimming lessons Recorder concert for Layil's pupils and parents in KS2 hall Year 4 leave for Flatford residential trip
Thursday	Clergy Assembly KS1 & KS2
Friday	Workshop at Jacksons Lane Yr 3 Choir members Year 5 Religious Education and History workshop with John Wesley Year 4 arrive back from Flatford Netball after school at Western Park

This week's collective worship from the **Bible** is Isaiah 55:1-9. When Isaiah wrote this the Jewish people were living in hardship and adversity in exile. Our **school value** is **Endurance** and Unicef Article 5 family guidance as children grow. A poem that we all looked at in assembly was Footprints a beautiful, poignant poem which I share with you on the next page.

Have a lovely first week of spring 2022.

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Head of School



One night I dreamed a dream.
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,
there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.
"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,
You'd walk with me all the way.
But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life,
there was only one set of footprints.
I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.
When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you."