



Friday 5th April 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Lent and Holy Week This week we have marked Holy Week as part of our preparations for Easter. The children have used music and drama to re-enact the events of Holy Week, leading the whole school in reflecting on this important part of the Church's year. We were delighted that some of our parents and carers were able to join us.



Yesterday, we made our final Lenten preparations by taking part in a Penitential Service. It was lovely to see some of our parishioners at the service. It was a very prayerful time led by Fr Petroc and Miss Hill.

Please join the parish at St Paul's Church over the Easter break for the Holy Week services and Easter Mass. Full details are printed below.



Whole school liturgy We have moved our whole school liturgy to 9.00am on Monday mornings. We warmly invite parents and carers to join us each Monday after drop-off time. Tea and coffee will be available in the school canteen from 8.45am so that you can enjoy some time with other parents/carers before joining staff and children in the school hall for our liturgy. We are looking forward to starting the week together as a whole school community - please join us! Our first liturgy of the new term will be on **Tuesday 23rd**

April at 9.00am due to the Easter Bank Holiday Monday.

Celebration assembly We are very proud of our children's wonderful learning and we are keen to celebrate their success more often with you. We warmly invite you to join us for our new weekly celebration assembly. This will be held **each Wednesday afternoon at 2.40pm**. If your child has been chosen as a star learner you will receive a message on the Friday before Wednesday's assembly so that you will know they will be receiving a certificate. You are welcome to join us even if your child is not receiving a certificate that week - we are keen to celebrate as a school community. By celebrating with you as parents and carers on a weekly basis, rather than once a term, we hope you and your child will enjoy a more personalised experience with more time to hear about each child's success.



Attendance awards Attendance certificates will continue to be awarded on a termly basis. The Wednesday celebration assembly at the end of each term will start at 2.30pm to allow for this extra celebration. Please note that we will present the spring term attendance awards at our first new format celebration assembly on **Wednesday 24th April at 2.30pm**.

In addition to this, we will be launching an attendance cup which will be awarded on a weekly basis to the class with the highest attendance.

Recognition of good behaviour We have been exploring further ways of recognising children who behave consistently well in class and in the playground. This is part of our drive to raise the profile of those children who behave well day in, day out; and particularly those children who display good learning behaviours in class. We are keen to acknowledge the positive contribution they make to our school. With this in mind, we are introducing weekly Golden Time after the holiday. Children who behave well will have the opportunity to choose indoor or outdoor time to celebrate their achievements with their peers. This time will be taken in year group pairs. Next term, we will also honour the first children to receive our gold behaviour award. Children who have been moved to the gold zone on class behaviour charts 25 times will receive an invitation to a tea party with Mrs Kirk, our Chair of Governors, and me. There will be cake!

Easter celebrations Please join us for **whole school Mass in the church on Thursday 25th April at 9.15am**. Please also join us for Chocolate Bingo on **Friday 26th April at 6.00pm**. Bingo books are available on the door. Please join us for a fun-filled evening.



Easter holiday We close for the Easter break today at 3.15pm. The children have a well-deserved two week holiday to look forward to! Thank you for your support over the past term - we value working together with you to help your child to be the best that they can be. On behalf of the staff and governors, may I wish you and your families a very happy Easter. We hope you enjoy the time together and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday 23rd April at 8.45am**.



This week, we remember some of the highlights of the spring term:



Star Learners for this week are: Edward & Laith Fu, Keisha & Keaton Y1, Joseph C & Jovie Y2, Cally & Sebastian Y3, Chloe & Jack Y4, Rudi & Alysa Y5, Kacper & Lewis Y6
Star Writers this week are: Jacob Fu, Sean Y1, Florence Y2, Lily W Y3, Alex Y4, Hanson Y5, Callum Y6

Star Readers this week are: Florence Fu, Finley Y1, Bailey Y2, Lillie-Lou Y3, Ollie Y4, Eden Y5, Aden Y6

Attendance: 100% attendance- will it be you?" The winning class this week is Y1 with 94.32%

The whole school attendance for the week is 92.46% . We really need to aim to get 97%.

Dates for calendar:

26th April - Chocolate Bingo - Doors open 6pm - Bingo books £1.50 available on the night

Science day - Wednesday 5th June

Sports Day- Wednesday 12th June, Reserved date Wednesday 19th June

Reports going home - Monday 24th June

Enterprise week - Monday 24th - Friday 28th June

28th June - Summer Fair - 3.15pm

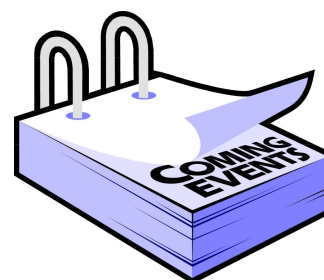
5th July - Summer Disco

YEAR 6 LEAVERS DAY - WEDNESDAY 17TH JULY (CHANGE OF DATE)

Transition Days - Thursday 18th July & Friday 19th July

18th October - October Half Term Disco

29th November - Christmas Fair - 5pm - 7pm



Parish Easter Masses

Maundy Thursday 6.30pm

Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10am

Good Friday Liturgy 3pm

Holy Saturday Vigil 8.30pm

Easter Sunday 10am

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This weekend's Gospel theme:

Forgive each other



Dear Jesus, please help me to be kind and loving when I feel like blaming other people for the things they have done wrong.

Amen

With very best wishes

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