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presence of Christ in one another.

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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

This week, our classes have taken us through the events of Holy Week in a beautiful, moving and reverent way. We began with Y1 and Y2 and the events of Palm Sunday, Y3 and Y4 portrayed the Last Supper, Y6 with the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and Y5's moving portrayal of the Stations of the Cross, travelling along Jesus' final footsteps on earth. Thank you to all of those who joined in these services. They really gave us some important things to think about and pray about during this season of Lent and preparation for Easter.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the Mini Vinnies' initiative of collecting items for those in need through donations to the Thomas Project food bank. Our final donations collected today of treats and snacks, again demonstrated your overwhelming generosity in giving to charity and supporting the Catholic life of our school. We are extremely grateful. In other fundraising and charity news, our successful spring fayre raised a fabulous £525. This money will go towards charities selected by the children: CAFOD, Father Hudson's Homes and Cancer Research.

It has been such a privilege to see the children's outstanding art projects coming together this half term. A huge thank you to Mrs Smith for organising our enriching and beautiful art gallery yesterday afternoon. We hope you enjoyed looking at the children's wonderful work. There are some photos attached to the end of this letter for you to enjoy in case you couldn't make it. Please pay £3.50 via the gateway if you would like your child's art work sent home after the Easter break.

We hope you have a happy and holy Easter. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 8th April.

Kindest regards,
Mrs Hill

Peer Mentors

Our peer mentors led an assembly this morning, reminding us about our virtues, **faith-filled** and **hopeful** and how we may need to try many times before we succeed in something - but the important things we need to remember are to try our best and to not give up. Well done to all of the children who were awarded badges for exemplary behaviour, independence and resilience!

Afternoon Tea

Well done to our highest scoring Dojo point winners for this half term. They enjoyed an afternoon tea celebration today:

Lilly, Ruby, Theo, Quinn, Adil, Jensen, Oliver, Ariyan, Milla, Jake, Caleb and Phoebe.





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Notices

An important update regarding parent / teacher communication:

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and collaboration in creating a positive and nurturing environment for our children. The partnership between school and parents plays a crucial role in the holistic development and success of children. We must emphasise the importance in supporting us on a daily basis in setting high expectations for each of our pupils. It is also significant to emphasise the importance of trust in our teachers. Teachers make many decisions each day for the wellbeing and benefit of pupils and have strong and thorough policies to follow, ratified by our governing body, which cover all areas of school life. We understand that there are times when concerns or questions arise and we encourage open dialogue. However, it is crucial that interactions remain respectful and courteous, focused on finding constructive solutions.

We would also like to draw your attention to the class page messaging communication platform. This was opened as a convenient messaging system during the Covid challenges. After Easter, we are going to close down the messaging part of the page in order to streamline communication channels. Therefore, if you have any questions or queries or need to contact your child's teacher, please send a message to the Postbox email, or, alternatively, call the school office team.

Please note that it is just the **messaging part** of the class page that will become void. **The main body of the class pages will continue to stay open.** There is a wealth of curriculum information, key knowledge organisers, homework information and notices that we are sure you find useful.

Key Dates and Events

Week beginning Monday 8th
April: Lunch menu week 1

Monday 8th April Start of term

Monday 8th April - Y1 Blists Hill trip

Parent/ teacher meetings:
Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th
April - please see separate letter

Thursday 11th April YN
Wonderland trip

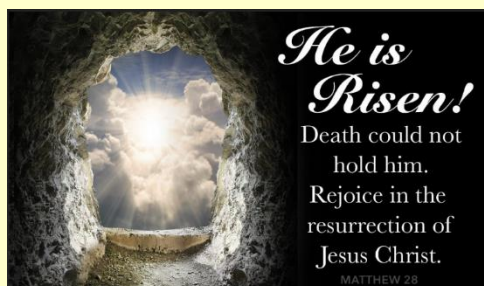
Friday 12th April - Sponsored
dance day for Y1-6 (rearranged
due to weather)

Reflection and Prayer

This Sunday is Palm Sunday, followed by Easter Sunday.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Christ was humbler yet,
Even to accepting death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high
And gave him the name which is above all names.
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Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
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