



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

In this week's Gospel, we have been remembering that Jesus healed the man born blind, giving him the joy of both sight and faith. We spent a little bit of time in assembly trying to work out what items were in a bag, without using our sight. We thought about how being able to see made everything clear. The man born blind was filled with joy after meeting Jesus. He said 'yes' to Jesus by believing in him. We have been reflecting on how we can show that we are saying 'yes' to Jesus during Lent.

We are continuing our journey through Lent in school and thinking about our key words 'give, act, pray' and how we can put them into action as part of our preparation. Thank you to everyone for supporting the initiatives led by the Mini Vinnies in order to help both our local and global families. Thank you for all of the toiletries sent in from EYFS and Y1 and Y2, plus a wonderful number of tins and packets from Y3 and Y4 and all of the dried food packets from Y5 and Y6. Your generosity is always appreciated. Please keep the sponsorship donations coming through the gateway because the Mini Vinnies have thought of an interesting water challenge for the children to take part in next week!

Well done to Y3 who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this afternoon. Their reverence and participation has been so impressive. We are really proud of their efforts in deepening their faith in preparation for their First Holy Communion. Thank you for all of your support.

Well done to the Y4 children involved in the multi-skills event at Streetly last week - they were so enthusiastic and determined! Well done, also, the Y5 and Y6 children involved in the girls' football tournament at Streetly on Tuesday. They won one and drew two. Mr Reynolds said you played brilliantly! Fantastic work from all of them and they represented school so well. Thank you to Mrs Smith and Mr Reynolds for organising these events and enabling them to go ahead.

Y5 enjoyed a fun-filled day on Tuesday with our visit from the 'Rainforest Roadshow!' This is part of their exciting Wider Learning Project. We are getting some photos ready to share with you.

Today, we said goodbye to Mrs Teal in our office. We are sad to see her go, but wish her so well in her next adventure: supporting pupils and families at her new school.

After Easter, we look forward to welcoming our new office administrator - Miss Guest. We are sure that she will be made to feel very welcome.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Hill

Peer Mentors

During our Peer Mentor led Assembly this morning, individual badges have been distributed for children who have been demonstrating resilience, excellent behaviour and rising to challenges this half term. This links with the story of the eagle that we have been learning about through our learning behaviour initiative.



Catholic Social Teachings

One of our focus Catholic Social Teachings this term is **OPTION FOR THE POOR**.

Here is the story of Poppy the Popokotea!

When Poppy hatched she was all alone and never knew her parents. She remembers having to rely on kind birds caring for her and bringing her worms to eat.

As one of the youngest and most vulnerable, she understands what it was like to have nothing and the need to rely on others.

She is much older now and has started a "Worms-4-U" service for birds in need everywhere.

Poppy's story tells us that we should think first about the needs of people who need help the most.





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Notices

- Holy Week Assemblies: Different year groups will be leading assemblies to talk us through the events of Holy Week. These will take place on the following dates. Parents are welcome to attend. They all start at 9:10am.
- [Palm Sunday Prayer Service led by Y2 Monday 23rd March](#)
- [Last Supper Prayer Service led by Y3 and Y4 Tuesday 24th March](#)
- [Agony in the Garden Prayer Service led by Y6 Wednesday 25th March](#)
- [Stations of the Cross Prayer Service led by Y5 Thursday 26th March](#)
- Mobile phone use - Unfortunately, we have had additional problems with online safety incidents with children higher up the school. If your child has use of a mobile phone, it is imperative that this is very closely monitored by a parent. See below a brilliant video shared by the Smart Phone Free Childhood movement:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsw9HdM_MZw
If you are looking for a safer alternative to smart phone, if for example your child is walking home, please see this website for a child-safe phone:
<https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/alternatives>

Events

Next week we are on week 3 of the menu available on our school website.

Holy Week Assemblies - parents are welcome. All start at 9:10am - see the notices section

Wednesday 25th March - the children take part in their Lenten water challenge. Please send in a plastic jug / vessel (this will be sent home afterwards)

Friday 27th March 9:15am Mass in school for Y1-6. Parents and parish welcome.

Term ends on Friday 27th March at 1:30pm

Summer term starts on Monday 13th April.
Summer uniform can be worn from Easter. Please see the school website for more details.

Reflection and Prayer

This Sunday is the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

In this week's Gospel, we hear about how Lazarus, a good friend of Jesus, falls ill and dies. But death is not the end of life, and Jesus used this event to show people that he is truly the son of God.

"Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life.

*If anyone who believes in me, even though he dies, he will live,
And whoever lives and believes in me will never die."*

Lord, help us to be like Martha, to see clearly that you are the son of God and the life of the world.
Make our belief and your life in us, grow a little stronger each day of our lives. Amen

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

