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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

Welcome back everybody after the Easter break. It is lovely to see you all. The children have come back and worked enthusiastically and diligently all week. What a great start to the term.

We welcomed the children back on Monday thinking about the famous quotation from St Pope John Paul II - "We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!" We talked about the Gospel message for this week and Jesus' words to his disciples: "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

In this week's Gospel, the disciples are frightened and lonely and so they have locked themselves away. Jesus suddenly appears in the room and says, 'Peace be with you.' The disciples were filled with joy that Jesus had risen from the dead and was with them again. Thomas refused to believe that Jesus had been there until he saw for himself. We, ourselves, need to remember that God is always with us.

Our successful sponsored walk and pray during Lent raised a fabulous £361. This money will go towards charities selected by the children: Father Hudson's Homes, Mission Together and The Catholic Children's Society. A huge thank you for your generosity and that of all family and friends who have sponsored the children.

Thank you to all Y3 parents who attended our Sacramental meeting yesterday evening. We are sure that you found it informative. The children are very well prepared and we are looking forward to what we are sure will be a wonderful First Holy Communion in a few weeks' time.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend.
Kindest regards, Mrs Hill

Pope Francis

We have been thinking about the sad news of Pope Francis' passing. May Pope Francis rest in peace. Pope Francis was known for his simplicity, humility and commitment to social justice. He lived modestly and focused on serving the poor. He emphasised the importance of mercy, apostolic courage and social teachings. We can learn such a lot from his character and from his teachings.



Virtues

Our focus Virtues this half term are **Compassionate** and **Loving**. To be **compassionate** is to experience suffering or change alongside someone else - to listen to their cares and concerns and to share their joys and sorrows, to empathise. It is important for living successfully that we teach children how to see, understand and feel things from other points of view. **Love** is something that is learned, not by being taught but by having first experienced it for ourselves. It is by being **loved** that we learn to **love**.





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Notices

- Our delicious new summer menus are available on our school website. Please take a look. Next week, we will be on week 2 of the menu.
- The staff are busy planning lots of exciting curriculum learning for this busy summer term. We kindly ask that you donate to our school fund via the gateway to help pay for any little extras and treats for the children throughout the term. This is running low and we would love to set up some more treats for the children to enjoy this year.
- Mrs Smith is planning an exciting sport themed week for us, week beginning 19th May. Sports days will be as follows:
 - EYFS and KS1 will be Wednesday 21st May at 9:15am.
 - KS2 will be Thursday 22nd May at 9:15am

Parents are welcome to these events.

(Please send children to school in PE kit each day that week so that they are ready for the sports week activities.)

- Summer care: We have a number of children who suffer with hay fever. This can be managed at home with medication from a pharmacy. Some medication can be one tablet per day or $\frac{1}{2}$ in the morning and $\frac{1}{2}$ in the evening depending on the age of your child. Please seek advice from your local pharmacy. If your child suffers from hay fever, they can bring sunglasses to school to wear outdoors to reduce some of the symptoms. Wraparound sunglasses are best suited for this, as recommended on the NHS website.

Events

Monday 5th May - school closed for bank Holiday

Thursday 8th May 9:15am Y2 Class Showcase

Friday 9th May - the PTA are asking for donations of stationery for the summer fayre please (please note, that this is not a non-uniform day)

Y6 SATs week begins Monday 12th May

Wednesday 14th May - PTA tuck shop sale after school on the playground (please see advert)

Saturday 17th May Y3 First Holy Communion

Monday 19th May Y1 educational visit

Tuesday 20th May - Professor McGinty visitor for Y3 and Y5

Wednesday 21st May 9:15 YN, YR, Y1, Y2 Sports Day

Wednesday 21st May 2:30pm May Procession Y1-6 (parents welcome, more details to follow)

Thursday 22nd May 9:15 KS2 Sports Day

Friday 23rd May 9:10am Y3 Thanksgiving Mass in school



Reflection and Prayer

This Sunday is the Third Sunday of Easter.

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear about how Jesus appeared to his disciples and prepared a meal to share with them as a sign of his love and friendship. Jesus wanted Peter to know that he trusted in his love, and wanted Peter to share this love and faith with the rest of the world.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

When we show up with a thread of hope and a humble heart, we find Jesus is already there, ready and willing to share our journey and hear our prayers.

Easter Prayer

The veil of darkness
Transformed to the brightest light.

The most dreadful end
Became the most beautiful beginning.

The depths of despair
Fade to reveal hope everlasting.

The curse of death
Defeated by eternal life.

Thank you Lord, for the wonder of Easter.

