



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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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 water challenge during Lent has raised a fabulous £219 so far. The children thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and worked together well. They also learnt about the importance of not wasting resources and how some people are not as fortunate as we are with access to clean water every day. This money will go towards charities selected by the children, including Water Aid. A huge thank you for your generosity and that of all family and friends who have sponsored the children. This is still open on the gateway until 30th April if you have yet to collect sponsor money.

Just before the break, we had some excellent news for Y4 based on the writing they had submitted to a competition. Their work is now going to be published - how amazing! We can't wait to read it!

Please see the attached letter about Vocations Week. We are hopeful that we may get some parent helpers to support us during the week.

This week, we welcomed our new administrative assistant, Miss Guest, into the office. She has enjoyed her first week and is looking forward to getting to know all of our children and families.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Hill

Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly today, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have been demonstrating our Gospel virtues and values, fantastic independent writing and an excellent, productive start back to our new term.

Our Class of the Week Awards were presented to YR and Y5 for being safe, kind and responsible.

Y6 were also congratulated for superb attendance this week.

We are still collating information for our lunchtime winning class and this will be presented later today.

Virtues

Our focus Virtues this half term are **Grateful** and **Generous**.

We are teaching the children to be **grateful** for their own, individual gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day. We are learning about how we can be **generous** to others, through sharing our gifts and talents with them.





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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.
- Please be informed that we have a Defibrillator in school and staff have received training on how to use it in the event of an emergency.



- Nursery parents - Nursery will be closed to current nursery children on Wednesday 8th July. This is the day that the new Nursery cohort come in for their stay and play to experience the setting.
- PTA News - Congratulations to February's 50/50 winner (Richard Lenderyou) and March's winner (Stella Taylor). Cheques are in the school office for you to collect. Please also see the attached joining form. We are really keen to add some new members and give you the chance to win!

Events

- Tuesday 21st April - Y5 walking to Mass with the Parish
- Tuesday 28th April - Y4 walking to Mass with the Parish
- Thursday 30th April 6pm Y3 Parent meeting
- Friday 1st May - Y1 educational visit
- Monday 4th May - school closed for bank holiday
- Tuesday 5th May - Y3 walking to Mass with the Parish
- Wednesday 6th May - School Council visit
- Saturday 9th May - Y3 First Holy Communion Masses
- Week beginning Monday 11th May - KS2 SATs Week
- Thursday 14th May 2pm Mass in School for the Feast of the Ascension
- Thursday 14th May - YN educational visit
- Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th May - First aid workshops for children
- Wednesday 20th May - Professor McGinty visitor for Y3 and Y5
- Wednesday 20th May 9:10am Y2 Class Showcase - parents welcome
- Thursday 21st May School Council Pyjama Day £1 donations please
- Friday 22nd May 9:15am Y3 Thanksgiving Mass in school (parents welcome)

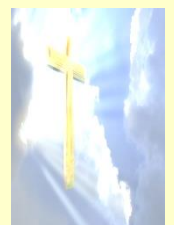
Reflection and Prayer

This Sunday is the Third Sunday of Easter.

The disciples were filled with despair and disbelief at the death of Jesus. On the way to Emmaus, two disciples eventually realised who the risen Jesus was as He blessed the bread and broke it. Through sharing God's word and the breaking of bread, their eyes were opened and they could see clearly.



*Lord Jesus,
Each time we come together to share in the breaking of bread,
Help us to recognise you and to feel our hearts burn with your love.
Amen.*



Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher