



Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have finally reached the end of the spring term and it looks like we will have good weather for the Easter Weekend.

# **Holy Week**

Holy Week has, as usual, has been a truly poignant week for us all as we have taken time to reflect on the events surrounding the Suffering, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. The children have been encouraged to think about the great sacrifice Jesus made for all of us.

On Monday our FS1, Year 1 and 2 led us in the story of 'Palm Sunday'. Tuesday our Year 3 and 4 presented the story of 'The Last Supper' and on Wednesday our Year 5 presented the 'Arrest and Crucifixion'.

This morning our Year 6 presented the 'Stations of the Cross'. This was a very moving assembly where we were all encouraged to think about the journey Jesus made to his crucifixion. Congratulations to all our children who have presented the story so well with wonderful acting, singing and reading.

Special thanks to Fr. Michael who has been with us throughout Lent at various assemblies, masses and liturgies we are grateful for his continued support.

## **Lenten Fundraising**

My thanks to you all for your support with our annual Lenten fundraising. The children have certainly enjoyed the variety of activities which have taken place over the last couple of weeks. To date we have raised £1552.28. This is a huge amount and the most we have raised for a number of years. This will be split between Mission Together, Cornerstone and the children's choice of St. Ann's Hospice. If there is any outstanding sponsor money please collect it over the holidays and send it in after the holiday.

#### **Summer Uniform**

As we return to school for the summer term may I remind parents that the children are able to wear summer uniform which is as follows:

Girls Boys

Blue 'gingham' dress or grey skirt

White polo shirt

Royal blue school logo cardigan/sweatshirt

Black shoes

Grey trousers, short or long white polo shirt

Royal blue school logo

Black shoes

#### **PE Kit**

A polite reminder to all parents that our PE Kit is a plain white round neck t-shirt, plain black shorts and black pumps. Over the last few months many of our children have not had the correct PE kit and

we would appreciate your support in this area with maintaining our high standards. These can be purchased very cheaply in local supermarkets and shops.

### Walk to School

Now that we are approaching the summer term, why not make a pledge to 'get fit for summer' by walking to and from school. I am sure you have recently heard in the news the impact of cars around schools polluting the environment and it has been reported that Manchester is one of the worst regions to live when it comes to clean air. High exposure to polluted air at a young age is thought to lead to an increased risk of developing asthma. Walking to school will be one small step to help minimise the impact of this issue.

#### **Attendance**

We are delighted to report that we are currently on track to achieve our attendance target of 96%. This is a huge improvement on last year and as the next half term is very short I'm sure with a big effort we could easily exceed the target. There are also 96 children who will take part in the termly 100% reward trip for the spring term. Following the Easter break you will receive your child's spring attendance report. Thank you to everybody for your support in this important matter.

Finally, on behalf of all the Governors and staff I would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you a very Happy and Holy Easter. We look forward to welcoming you back for the summer term on **Monday 29**<sup>th</sup> **April**.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Kelly Headteacher

## Reflection to share at home

During this Holy Week we remember God's love for us and look forward to the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. "Be joyful always, pray continuously, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ."

Father, by the Easter mystery you touch our lives with the healing power of your love. You have given us freedom and the promise of eternal life.

May we who celebrate your gift, find joy in it forever in heaven. May each of us make your love known in all that we say and do. May we share with others the sense of hope that you have given to us. We ask this through Jesus our Saviour.



Amen



