

Newsletter



Sacred Heart RC Primary School

29/03/2021

Dear Parents,

This is the final communication after what is traditionally the shortest term (although it certainly hasn't felt like it!) I would like to wish you the very best for the coming period, the most important in the Church's calendar. After the most challenging year, the message from this Wednesday's Word seems even more fitting:

“When we listen to Jesus, we are filled with words of encouragement. There are times when we all need encouraging: that is, to be inspired with courage and to have our hope renewed, especially when we are afraid or going through difficult times.”

“Let us prepare to celebrate Easter in the joy of God...Jesus is always ready to encourage and support us” (Pope Francis)

It feels uplifting to be writing on a day when we see the first of the relaxations of the national restrictions. Tonight will see the first adult football played on my pitch for months and the return of some much need income. During the holidays, indoor sports will start again and I know that the Gymnastics club will be back in the hall.

I would like to thank all the staff, children, parents and carers for making the last three and a half weeks such a success. Apart from a couple of small blips school has been a happy, productive and safe place for all. Tomorrow we will relax our curriculum to allow classes to enjoy a day connecting together, being active and creative and but also thinking naturally in a Catholic school about the events of Holy Week. Children can wear their own clothes but should be ready to be active but should make a contribution of a **£1 towards our Lenten appeal** - St Georges hospital Charity. Even the sun looks like it might appear for the day!

Holy Week celebration:

I would like to thank all the teachers particularly Mrs Garaialde and Ms Drinan for making today's celebration such a reverent and special occasion. Thank you to Deacon Michael and Fr Hugh for all their hard preparing the liturgy. Well done to all the children who had a part to play.

All the children will be coming home with a palm that has been blessed 'remotely'. These palms represent the coming of Jesus into Jerusalem and traditionally will be burnt next year to make the Ashes that are placed on our foreheads next Ash Wednesday.



Community Spirit:

Could I say a huge thank you to the parents, uncles and friends of parents who worked so hard over the previous two Saturdays to make the Year1 shelter and the KS1 playhouse safe and usable once again! As rules relax I would like to ask parents if they would be to do more of this type of support. The Planters in the Key Stage 1 garden and the shelter all need painting once more and the school garden needs an overall and new spaces for exploration planting and Chickens!!



Celebrations of Learning:

Congratulations to Anujan in 5M who had his work published in this edition 'Peculiar Pets.' Here he is being presented with his own copy.



Also from 5M are these amazing clay 'Benin' sculptures. These examples have been made by Jennifer.



Clay has been a feature of the return. Here are some brilliant dragon's eyes from 2C and 2V inspired by the book *George and the Dragon* by Chris Wormell:



Lenten Charity:

Please do remember to keep saving towards the St Georges hospital Charity – our Lenten charity.

End of Term:

School finishes on Wednesday 31st March. There are staggered pick up times for each year group:

Year Group	Finish Time on Wednesday 31st March	Pick Up Point
Nursery	No afternoon session Full time children to be collected 1.00pm	Nursery Gate
Reception	1.05pm	Cabul Road
Year 1	1.10pm	Cabul Road
Year 2	1.15pm	Cabul Road
Year 3	1.15pm	Este Road
Year 4	1.20pm	Este Road
Year 5	1.25pm	Este Road
Year 6	1.30pm	Este Road
Hilary House	1.30pm	Nursery Gate

Inset:

School will be closed for the Monday 19th April for teacher training. It will re-open with normal staggered times and gates on the Tuesday 20th April.

“Let us ask for the grace to follow Jesus faithfully, not in words but in deeds” (Pope Francis)