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Newsletter No. 10

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'd like to start our newsletter with a huge thank you for your kindness and generosity. Yesterday, we delivered your donations to the Chipping Barnet food bank. Your gifts will make such a difference to families in the local area, particularly as we edge closer to the Easter break.



Staffing news:

- We are looking forward to welcoming 2 new members of staff to our St. Mary's family. Mrs Anju Bhogra will be joining the Y1 and Y6 team as a teaching assistant and Ms Roberta Santangelo will be teaching in Y4 once Mrs Georgiou begins her maternity leave shortly after the Easter break. I will keep you all updated with baby news in May!
- Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to our caretaker, Mr Loveday at the end of the summer term, who will be retiring and relocating. We will be advertising for the caretaker role early next week, and ask that you support our recruitment effort by sharing the news with your networks.



Religious Education:

This half term, most classes have been learning about Easter in RE. Our units have included exploring the ideas of Salvation and Resurrection and the significance of the Eucharist for Christians.

It has been wonderful that Rev Alec Corio has supported the children's learning by coming into class and hosting visits at St. Mary's Church. He was very impressed with the children's engagement and understanding and use of specific vocabulary.

Friends of St. Mary's - How fundraising is being spent:

We are very pleased that the Friends now have sufficient funds to support with the development of the playground! The first phase of the project will be to replace the wooden train that the children absolutely love! We are hoping to do this next term.

We will be developing other play spaces too – watch this space!

The FOSM is run on an entirely voluntary basis by parents and carers in the school, who do this alongside their busy work and family lives. They work tirelessly and creatively for the benefit of every child at school, and all of their efforts are hugely appreciated.

School Uniform:

Last academic year, we changed our school logo and we are looking forward to having this on school uniform in the near future. All items ordered after the Easter break will feature the NEW logo. We do have a small number of clothing items and book bags in stock (with the OLD logo) which will be sold off at half price. Please contact Mrs. Rawl in the school office if you'd like any of these items.



Eucharist Service:

Yesterday, we had our first Eucharist Collective Worship since 2019.

It was a beautiful service co-led by Rev Alec and pupils in Y6 who read from Mark's gospel and led prayers.

This service has been very timely, tying in with our reflections in daily collective worship about Holy Week.

We are aiming to have a termly Eucharist Service as we did pre-Covid.

Ducklings:

The children have loved seeing the joy of new life in the last week. All classes have had a chance to see and hold the ducklings – this had inspired immense curiosity and wonder, and has led to lots of new learning!

Here are just a few photos:



We have made wonderful connections with our Easter learning too and the hope that new life brings.



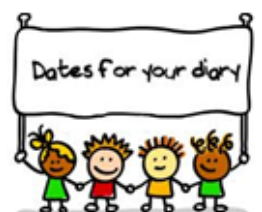
Palm Crosses – gifts from St. Mary's Church:

Next Thursday 28th April is the last day of the Spring term. On that morning, we will be going to St. Mary's Church for collective worship and at home time, all children will receive the gift of a palm cross.



Dates for your diaries: You will have received communication about many of these events already.

- Y3 educational day visit: Tuesday 26th March
- Y3 Bikeability in school: 27th and 28th March
- **Y5 Djembe drum demonstration in school – Y5 parents and carers invited to attend: Wednesday 27th March 9.05-9.30am.**
- Non uniform day and Y4 cake and fruit sale: Thursday 28th March
- Last day of term: Thursday 28th March – 3pm finish
- Staff training day: Monday 15th April
- Children return to school: Tuesday 16th April



Coming up next half term:

- Y2 educational visit: Friday 19th April
- Y5 residential visit: 24th – 26th April
- Y2 and Y3 disco: Friday 3rd May - more details to follow from FOSM
- May Day: Friday 24th May

St. Mary's Church events and dates for your diaries:



For more information about what's on at St. Mary's Church, click [here](#).

An Easter Prayer

*God of compassion and mercy,
Let the story and life of Jesus come alive
into our hearts. Let us see that even the
most dangerous and darkest things will
pass away like shadows won by your love
and light.*

*Let us rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus, in
His love on the cross, in His forgiveness
unto death, and in your light breaking forth
like the dawn.*

*Send your Holy Spirit in us that we may
share with all your faithful love
Amen.*

***Thank you as always for your support.
Wishing you all a wonderful Easter break.***

***Maria Constantinou
Headteacher***

