



Wednesday 30 March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Please see below this weeks' notices.

Catholic Life: Faith in Action

Since our last update, the children have had the pleasure of watching 2 class Acts of Worship – C8 and C5. We were delighted to see lots of parents able to attend their child's AoW, we hope you enjoyed them as much as we did.

Class 8 shared a wonderful Act of Worship around listening and sharing, explaining that listening is when we receive and interpret a message. Sometimes these messages can be misunderstood. The children went on to say how one message is truly clear – the message of God's love for us all. This was presented by the children singing a lovely hymn, making it clear 'Speak Lord, I'm Listening.'

Class 5 talked about their theme they have been learning in RE – 'Special Meals'. The children gave lots of examples of special meals, in particular the special meal Jesus shared with his disciples at the Last Supper. They went on to say that we often light candles at special meals and that these candles help remind us that God is always with us. The children explained that no matter of our backgrounds and faith, special meals are a time when we can come together in unity to celebrate the good things in life.

Many thanks to our families and carers for all the donations we have continued to receive; your generosity has been overwhelming. Mrs Andrews was able to take 3 boxes of food and toiletries to the refugee centre at the end of last week, who were so incredibly grateful. We hope you managed to see the thank you card Mrs Andrews posted on ClassDojo just recently.

Please keep the donations of uniform coming in; the Easter holidays is fast approaching which will give our families another opportunity to sort any uniform that the children have outgrown. We understand that not all parents can get into school to look at the uniform. If there is something you need for your child/children, please contact the school office and we will do our best to accommodate and send home as soon as we can.

Celebrating Achievements

Huge congratulations to the following children who received a Headteacher's Award for excellent work and/or demonstrated outstanding behaviour and attitude towards learning this week: Antonia M, Haris H, Lewis-M S-L, Deon S, George K-S, Muzzammil H, Maddie Sharpe, Elise Mc, Alessandra GP, Sienna P, Nicholas K, Demi O and Kacper O. Well done everyone.

A special mention goes to Grace H for achieving her 25m swimming certificate; Bradley C and Joshua J for both taking part in the Derby Junior Football League. Joshua also received the Man of the Match award too. Congratulations to you all.

Easter Homework

One of St. Mary's favourite homework tasks returns this Friday – our 'Egg'stravaganza Competition! On Friday staff will post the Easter Egg homework task onto ClassDojo. For parents new to St Mary's, we invite the children to make a bonnet or decorate hard boiled eggs. In Foundation Stage (Nursery, Class 1 and Class 2) we invite the children to make an Easter Bonnet; in KS1 (Classes 4, 5 and 6) we invite the children to decorate a hard-boiled egg – just one. In KS2 (Classes 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14) we invite the children to decorate a hard-boiled egg and place it into a decorated scenario! For example; 'Egg Factor' – your child may wish to decorate the egg as their favourite x-factor artist and the backdrop could be the x-factor stage or indeed decorate 4 eggs to represent the 4 judges!!

Please remember to label them with the children's own creative titles, their name and class. All entries will be judged, and we will be awarding chocolate prizes for the best creations.



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Annual Reports Feedback Form

Thank you for all the positive comments we have received from parents and cares around the mid-year reports. Many of you have been impressed with the new style and format. Please look out for the link to the MSForms Feedback form which will be posted on ClassDojo by the end of the week.

COVID Update

Schools across the city received a letter last Friday from Dr Robyn Dewis, Director of Public Health for Derby City. In his letter he explained that the new Government guidance around COVID will not be published until the 1st of April at the earliest. However, the following is a summary of Dr Robyn Dewis understanding of what to expect from the first of April, with the caveat that this may change over the next coming days:

- PCR testing will only be available to a small number of people, we have not yet had confirmation of who this will be but expect it to be those who are particularly vulnerable and are eligible for antiviral treatment if infected.
- Free lateral flow kits will cease to be available from 31st March. Individuals can choose to buy them after this date.
- Public Health guidance will remain beyond the end of March as it does for other infectious diseases such as sickness and diarrhoea.
- We are expecting the 5-11yr vaccination programme to open for booking, on the online portal, from the beginning of April and parents will be encouraged to have their children vaccinated during the Easter holidays.

Dates for your Diary

Please see below a list of upcoming key dates for your diaries:

- Friday 8 April – Last day of term
- Monday 25 April - School re-opens for the Pentecost Term
- Friday 27 May – Last day of term
- Monday 6 June – Children return following half-term
- Friday 1 July – INSET
- Friday 22 July – Last day of term

Unfortunately, the planned meeting with DfE (Department for Education) last week around the new building was postponed and has been rearranged for after the Easter holiday. We are sorry we are unable to give our families an update around the new building this week. Please be sure we will inform our parents and cares with an update following the rearranged meeting.

Please feel free to contact us if you require anything in addition to the information above.

Best wishes and God Bless

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