



Thursday 7 April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Please see below this weeks' notices.

Catholic Life: Faith in Action

Last week, the theme to Class 11's Act of Worship was 'Memorial Sacrifice'. The children gave examples of who has made sacrifices for them, but especially the sacrifice Jesus made to save us from sin, which we are reminded of each time we attend mass. The children also explained how the British Values and Gospel Values are vital in creating a Global Community by encouraging us all to display love and forgiveness in our everyday lives. As a final message, and through the words of Ben E. King 'Stand By Me', the children invited us all to reflect and think how we could support each other through challenging times just as Jesus did for us.

Walk for Hunger

Last Monday, we saw the children in Nursery begin to fulfil our Lenten Promise by completing a 'Walk for Hunger' around the perimeter of the playground. Unfortunately, we are having to postpone this event for the rest of the school until after the Easter holidays. We hope to complete our sponsored walk on Friday 30 April when the rest of the children will be able to go on their 'Walk for Hunger' around Chester Green. In recognition for the children's effort, we are asking our parents for a minimum voluntary donation of £1 which must be paid through Parent Pay. All proceeds of this sponsored event will go to CAFOD.

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: Beatrix S, Xander S, Ajan G, Jeremy O, Lilly L, Kacey T, Dottie S, Iiyaz I, Artem B, Eugene L, Daniel S, Vivian K and Skylar P. Well done everyone.

A special mention goes to Tamia B for competing in a Dance competition at the week and to Joshua J who was nominated Soccerstars UK Star Performance. Congratulations to you both.

A huge thank you to all the entries to our Easter Egg Competition. This year's entries were simply 'egg'cellent and 'egg'ceptional. The creative ideas shown by children were just 'egg'strordinary. Mrs Hazel and Ms Bolton had the difficult task of deciding who the winning entries were in each class. Well done to the following children: Samaira J, Austin A, Teddy B and Leif W for their colourful Easter bonnets; Ophelie B, Matthew N and Eilana L for their single egg creations; Darcee H, Dottie S, Fiadh M, Leo D, Philip L, Luqman N, Holly S and Alfie F for their amazing egg scenes.

New Build Update –

Department for Education Funded MPhil/PhD Studentship at the University of Derby - The impact of biophilic school design on educational attainment, wellbeing and sustainable behaviours.

We are pleased to share an exciting development with the new build. As you are aware the new build will centre around Biophilic principles, which ultimately show the benefits of providing quality outdoor spaces. In partnership with the Department of Education, this PhD studentship will evaluate the impact of the first new build biophilic school in England.

The doctoral candidate will evaluate and assess the benefits of biophilic school design, including a robust analysis of the factors that influence outcomes such as educational attainment, teacher and pupil wellbeing and pro-environmental behaviours. The full-time postgraduate research studentship will use objective data from the school, psychometric surveys and focus groups to track the wellbeing and educational outcomes of a pupil cohort from a temporary city centre school to the new biophilic school. We are very much looking forward to meeting with the PhD student and hope for an introductory visit to take place next term.



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In terms of the next stage of the building itself, Mrs Greaves has been informed that there is no new information to share at this time and has been reassured proceedings are in the most advanced stages and remain commercially sensitive. As soon as the Department for Education is able to update us further on the current situation, we will cascade this information as quickly as possible to parents and carers.

Safeguarding Information

As we approach the Easter holidays, it is important we stay vigilant as a school community. As a Trust and school, we are committed to the highest standards in protecting and safeguarding the children entrusted to our care at all times, including weekends, evening and school holidays. We know that some children may be victims of neglect or physical, sexual or emotional abuse, and all our staff receive regular training on how to recognise the signs of abuse and, by virtue of their day-to-day contact and knowledge of the children, are well placed to identify such abuse.

During school holidays, parents and carers can play a vital role in protecting and safeguarding children. If you have any concerns over the Easter period, contact Derby City First Contact Team on the following telephone number: 01332 641172.

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 29 April – Walk for Hunger
- 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

Please feel free to contact us if you require anything in addition to the information above. Finally, may we take this opportunity to wish all our families a restful and prayerful Easter time.

Best wishes and God Bless
The Leadership Team



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