



Friday 6 May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Catholic Life: Faith in Action

Last Friday, Class 10 shared a lovely and thought provoking Act of Worship where the focus was on 'self-discipline'. The children talked about their learning in the Lent term and how they showed self-discipline when keeping their Lenten promises; furthermore, having the self-discipline to meet their goals. Class 10 shared their art skills through some wonderful drawings of Good Friday and the Resurrection.

Also last week, the school participated in a 'Walk for Hunger'. The children in FS and KS1 managed several laps of the playground showing a super effort in their bid to raise money for CAFOD. The staff and children in KS2 walked around the local area walking a distance of approximately 3KM. A huge thank you to our families for your support with this fundraising event; the children raised just over £180 for CAFOD where we hope will help those in need across the world. If you haven't been able to donate and would like to, you can still do so through ParentPay.

Many thanks also to our families and carers for all the food and clothing donations we have received so far; your generosity has been overwhelming. Please keep them coming in. We have managed to donate 7 food hampers so far to the Padley Centre and the Refugee Centre. The uniform rack is looking full too. 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 very best to accommodate and send home as soon as we can.

This Sunday 8 May, there will be another 'relaxed' mass at The Church on Oakwood. Mass will be especially adapted for those with sensory needs. All families are invited to come along at 2pm and join Fr. David in prayer.

We are currently planning activities in school in readiness for our Diversity Week at the end of May to help celebrate the many different cultures we have here within school. Diversity week will commence Monday 23 May and the children will be invited to share and celebrate their heritage and ethnicity as this is what makes St Mary's a wonderfully rich community. The week will conclude with a whole school celebration on Friday 27 May to commemorate Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee. We will continue the theme of parties and celebration as we mark Pentecost – the birthday of the church on Monday 6th June where we hope to be able to invite parents and carers in to join in the celebrations. More information around this event will follow in the coming weeks.

Celebrating Achievements

Congratulations to all the children who received an attendance certificate for the Lent term. These were presented to the children in their classes for 'Excellent' and '100%' attendance for the period between January to April. Well done to you all.

Dates for your Diary

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

- Friday 27 May – Last day of term – Queen's Jubilee Celebration
- Monday 6 June – Children return following half-term & Pentecost Celebration
- 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 our Y6 pupils all the best for their KS2 tests next week.

Best wishes and God Bless

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