



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

In this week's Gospel, Jesus went out into the desert for forty days to be alone and pray. He draws closer to God, listens to what he is being asked to do and finds strength for his work. Lent is a time when we try to follow this example and become closer to God, so that we are ready for Easter. We have been thinking about how we can share more and help those in need. Our Mini Vinnies have talked to the children about our plans for Lent - a sponsored walk and 'Giving Fridays'. Thank you for all of your contributions of tins this morning! Please see the separate letter sent last week.

We had two Catholic School Inspectors in school a couple of weeks ago. Please find the final report attached. We are so proud of all of the strengths they found throughout our Catholic life and ethos, RE lessons and collective worship. In particular, we are so pleased that it celebrated everybody's solid contributions to our Catholic life and Mission and our unyielding commitment to following Jesus' teachings and Catholic Social Teachings. This came through so strongly. Well done, all!

Our Confirmation Mass yesterday evening was such a wonderful occasion. We are proud to celebrate our year six children - congratulations to all of them. Thank you to all families and our staff for helping prepare the children so thoroughly.

Thank you to Y1 parents who attended the first of our Jubilee prayer services on Tuesday. We hope that you enjoyed praying with your child and reflecting on how we can be 'Pilgrims of Hope' through our action. We are so pleased that so many of you could attend.

Well done, also, to Y5, who were so sensible and engaged during their Rainforest Roadshow on Wednesday. They asked some really thoughtful and curious questions and were caring and considerate in their discussions. A very exciting and enriching day.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Hill

**Jubilee Year
Pilgrims of Hope**

We have been thinking about how we are being 'Pilgrims of Hope' this year by growing in our prayer life and thinking of ways that we can join in fundraising and social action. As part of this, we have taken inspiration from the Jubilee Prayer and the children have created a Jubilee door for their classroom. The key words we have linked to each door are: love, hope, joy, faith, forgiveness, prayer, charity and peace. We think they have done a wonderful job. Thank you, Mrs Hayes, for organising these.



Year Three

Year Four



Year Five

Year Six





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Notices

- Holy Week Assemblies: Different year groups will be leading assemblies to talk us through the events of Holy Week. These will take place on the following dates. Parents are welcome to attend. They all start at 9:10am.
- [Palm Sunday Prayer Service led by Y1 and Y2 Monday 7th April](#)
- [Last Supper Prayer Service led by Y3 and Y4 Tuesday 8th April](#)
- [Agony in the Garden Prayer Service led by Y6 Wednesday 9th April](#)
- [Stations of the Cross Prayer Service led by Y5 Thursday 10th April](#)
- PTA News: Well done, Amanda Mitchell, February's 50/50 winner with £48.75.
- The PTA are also busy planning their annual Mother's day shop. Please see the flyer attached. You will be able to purchase a gift via the school gateway and then your child will choose a gift for someone special - Mom, Nan, Auntie, etc.
- Please be informed that we have a Defibrillator in school and staff have received training on how to use it in the event of an emergency.



Events

Tuesday 18th March - Y4 attending Church for Mass with the Parish

Wednesday 19th March 2:45pm Y5 Prayer service (parents welcome)

Thursday 20th March 9am Y3 Sacramental workshop (see separate letter)

Tuesday 25th March - Y3 attending Church for Mass with the Parish

Wednesday 26th March 2:45pm Y6 Prayer service (parents welcome)

Friday 28th March - PTA Mother's Day Shop (please see the flyer)

Tuesday 1st April - Science Extravaganza (please see separate letter)

Term ends on Friday 11th April 1:30pm and Summer term starts on Monday 28th April

Reflection and Prayer

This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Lent.

Just as light chases away the darkness so that we can see, the light shining out from Jesus during the Transfiguration made the disciples see that he was, indeed, the son of God. Their lives had been touched by the brilliance of God's power and love and they were filled with the light of faith.

Jesus, fill me with the light of your love and faith.
Make me shine in the darkness and touch the light of others with the light of your goodness.
Amen

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

