



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

We have continued on our Lenten journey this week and it was lovely to see some of the children in KS1 writing beautiful prayers this week, thinking about their actions and reflecting on the life of Jesus. KS2 produced some beautiful work, reading, analysing and answering questions on different Bible references, including Jesus' time in the desert and also beautifully responding to the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector.

The Y2 teaching Mass also took place last week, completing the last one in this cycle. It was such a wonderful afternoon and the children really took on board the meaning of the different parts of the Mass. Thank you Fr Craig for leading these for us and thank you to everyone who attended. Your positive feedback has been appreciated.

We have also celebrated International Women's Day, linked to freeing ourselves from bias, stereotypes and discrimination. The theme of the day was 'Embrace Equity' and the idea is to ensure we have a world that's diverse, equitable and inclusive. The children have researched inspiring women and we look forward to hearing more about the life of St Teresa of Calcutta, Florence Nightingale, Wangari Maathai, Emmeline Pankhurst, Sarah Breedlove, Amal Azzudin, Greta Thunberg and of course, Mary, mother of Jesus.

Well done to the children who took part in the football tournament last night - they won every game and were a credit to the school! Thank you to Mr Sutton for organising and ensuring this could go ahead.

Have a wonderful week.
Kind regards,
Mrs Hill

Lent

Please read the letter attached from the Mini Vinnies regarding the upcoming Spring Fayre. It is an exciting way that the children have come up with to raise money for our Lenten charities. Please make donations via the Gateway.

We also enjoyed our Live Simply soup lunch last week and are looking forward to our walking activity - thank you for all sponsorships received so far!



Punctuality

Unfortunately, some children are arriving late in the mornings. This causes upset to the children. It also causes disruption to the morning work, lessons, activities, groups, assemblies, etc. that have already started. It is also good in habit forming for the future.

Ten minutes of lateness each day is 50 minutes of lost learning time per week, which is almost one day's learning each half term. This will have an effect on your child's attainment.

Please ensure your child arrives on time. Thank you for your support with this.



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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:

[Palm Sunday Prayer Service led by Y1 and Y2 Monday 27th March 9:00am](#)
[Last Supper Prayer Service led by Y3 and Y4 Tuesday 28th March 9:00am](#)
[Agony in the Garden Prayer Service led by Y6 Wednesday 29th March 9:00am](#)
[Stations of the Cross Prayer Service led by Y5 Thursday 30th March 9:00am](#)

Just a reminder about the PTA **Mothering Sunday gift shop on Friday 17th March**. The PTA are preparing the number of gifts needed to send home with the children on Friday 17th March.

Unfortunately, we have had further complaints from residents and parents regarding inconsiderate parking. This includes parking over driveways and parking over so much of the pavement that people cannot walk past. Please be mindful of where you are parking. We are lucky enough to have the Church car park available to use. The PTA have kindly offered to purchase some parking safety signs which will be placed in areas that are causing safety concerns.

Events

Thursday 16th March 2:15pm:
Y3 Sacramental Workshop

Sunday 19th March 9:30am: Y1 and Y2 Family Mass - all welcome

Tuesday 21st March:
Y3 attending Mass with the Parish

Thursday 23rd March: Nursery visit to Wonderland, Telford

Friday 24th March: Y3 Reconciliation

Wednesday 29th March: Y1 Visit to Blists Hill

Thursday 30th March: Spring Fayre Sale

Friday 31st March:
Mass in School 9:10am
Term ends at 1:30pm

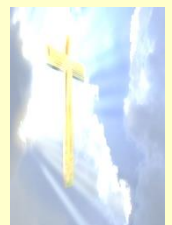
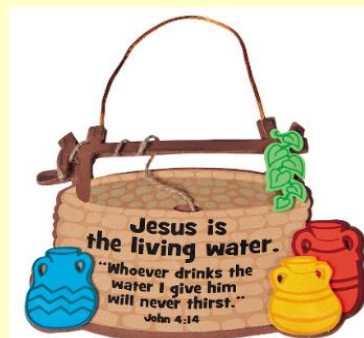
Reflection

This Sunday was the Third Sunday of Lent

We heard of a meeting between Jesus and a Samaritan woman at the well. When Jesus had spoken to her, she hurried to tell the people all about the son of God.

*We thank you Lord, for the 'water of life,'
Poured out and shared with us at our Baptism,
So that we can have everlasting life.*

Amen.



Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher