



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

This week, our classes have taken us through the events of Holy Week in a beautiful, moving, reverent way. We began with Y2 and the events of Palm Sunday, Y3 and Y4 portrayed the Last Supper, Y6 with the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and Y5's moving portrayal of the Stations of the Cross, travelling along Jesus' final footsteps. Thank you to all of those who joined in these services.

Yesterday, we were fortunate enough to have a visit from Bishop Stephen, who Confirmed Year Six last night. Bishop Stephen discussed with the children the meaning of Pentecost, the gifts and the fruits of the Holy Spirit and the saints who have resonated and inspired our children. Our Confirmation Mass yesterday evening was a wonderful occasion. We are proud and celebrate our Year Six children. Thank you to everyone involved.

What a busy week we have had! Yesterday, the children had a great time at our Spring Fayre! Such a wonderful idea from the Mini Vinnies and it was fantastic to see their plans come to fruition. The children enjoyed the atmosphere and the stalls - sweets, books, football, Guess the name of the teddy, guess how many sweets are in the jar, a treasure hunt and an abundance of delicious cakes!

We have ended our term today with Mass this morning. Thank you to Fr Craig and to all of our children, staff and parishioners. Reception raised their voices to share a beautiful song with us to close our Mass. We have the message to love one another to take forth with us over our Easter break and beyond.

Have a happy and holy Easter. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 17th April.

Kind regards,
Mrs Hill

Lent

Thank you also for all sponsorship money received so far for our Lenten walks and also for your donations towards the Spring Fair. We have raised an amazing £578.10 from the fair and £446.50 for the walk. This will be donated to the Cafod earthquake fund and Fr Hudsons charities.



Afternoon Tea

Well done to our highest scoring Dojo point winners for this half term. They will enjoy an afternoon tea celebration this week:

Emily, Isabelle, Martha, Rohan, Azmeer, Naomi, Anna, John, William, Aneeka, Isabelle, Luciano, Mario and Ava.





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Notices

This week, we learnt with great sadness of the death of Bishop David McGough, retired auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Birmingham. We pray for Bishop David and all who mourn him. May he rest in peace.

This week, our staff have been taking part in further phonics and reading refresher training. It has been great to share good practice and review and revive all of the teaching skills, resources and fun activities that help support the children's reading skills.

We have also had a delivery of new books for our library, in particular, some challenging 'Big Cat' texts with vocabulary and concepts aimed to stretch and challenge children. We look forward to hearing the children read these.

Hopefully you have noticed our new parking signs. These have been generously purchased by our PTA to help keep drop off and pick up time safer for our children. Thank you, PTA.

Events

Y1 Visit to Blists Hill - this will be rearranged

Monday 17th April: Start of Term

Tuesday 18th April 2:15pm: Nurse workshop - support with fussy eaters

Tuesday 18th April: Y4 Swimming starts - see separate letter

Tuesday 18th April and Wednesday 19th April: Parents' Evening: Please see the separate letter sent.

Wednesday 19th April: Reception and Y6 heights and weights

Friday 21st April: Y5 Space Centre Visit

Reflection

This Sunday is Palm Sunday, followed by Easter Sunday.

Matthew 21: 1-11:
*His state was divine,
Yet Christ Jesus did not cling
To his equality with God
But emptied himself
To assume the condition of a slave
And became as men are,
He was humbler yet,
Even to accepting death,
Death on a cross.
but God raised him high
And gave him the name
Which is above all other names
So that all beings*

*In the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
Should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
And that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
To the glory of God the Father.*



Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

