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*"Called to Love as God Loves"*

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Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of another incredibly busy term. On Tuesday, the children went over to church waving their palms in preparation for Holy Week which begins on Sunday. As always, the children were extremely reverent and Father complimented them on their knowledge of the Story of the Passion. We will be going over to church again on Friday for whole school Mass when children from Y6 will perform liturgical mine to retell the Solemn events of Holy Week. Father has encouraged all the children to invite their families to join him by taking part in the liturgies over the Easter period.



After the holiday we will be joyfully celebrating the The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April the infant children will be having an Easter Bonnet Parade and KS2 will be have an "Egg in a box competition" which their teachers will talk to them about this week. On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate whole school Easter Mass in church.



The Curriculum has been enriched this term by a visit from a farm in Nursery, a Road Safety Talk in Reception, and Forest School continues to thrive in Year One. Today the school was beating to the rhythm of African drums in conjunction with the Africa topic in Year Two.

On Thursday the hands of time will be turned back when the Y6 children will celebrate with a VE Day party as they come to the end of their topic on World War Two.

I would like to thank our Eco Committee who work hard to ensure the children and staff are challenged to be good stewards of God's creation. Last week, with the Well Being Ambassadors, they organised a litter pick around our school grounds and in its immediate vicinity.



### **Attendance**

Thank you to everyone for working hard to improve attendance. Attendance this term is currently in line with national average at 96% .



### **Uniform**

May I remind parents to ensure that children come to school in full uniform each day. In particular could I ask that children wear black school shoes, not trainers, and a full PE kit including a pair of black pumps. Thank you for supporting school in this matter ensuring that we maintain the very high expectations of our children.

### **Parent Pay**

Thank you to everyone for signing up to Parent Pay. This new cashless system reduces risk to the school office and allows it to run more efficiently.

Finally, I would like to offer my sincere thanks for your continued support this term and wish you and your family a Happy and a Holy Easter.

Ms M. Garvey

*Stay With Us Lord On Our Journey*

## Diary dates:

Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole School Mass 10.30am in church (Reception to Y6) School Closes
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	School Opens
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Y3 Romans Day
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Nursery Sponsored Walk KS1 Easter Bonnet KS2 Egg in a box Competition
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole School Easter Mass Celebration 10.30am in church
Mon 13-16 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 fire Service visit
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Y2 Gruffalo Trail
Thur 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Y6 Cathedral Mass
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closes
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> June	School Opens
Mon 10-14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonic Screening Tests