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"Called to love as God loves"

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Dear Parents/Carers

This week, we have been taking time to reflect upon the solemn events of Holy Week and preparing ourselves for the death and Resurrection on Easter Sunday of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. On Monday, the Year Six children led the Mass for the Early Years and Key Stage One children. Father Francis was taken aback to see the children waving their palms so joyfully just as the crowds did when Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey. This morning, the children in KS2 went to Mass where Y6 performed the liturgical mime "Watch the Lamb"; a very moving dramatization of the Way of the Cross.



Stations of the Cross

Each class has designed one of the fourteen Stations of the Cross. These have been posted around the infant and junior playgrounds for the children to have the opportunity to Walk The Way of the Cross during Holy Week. We wanted to bear witness to our faith with the wider community and as such have posted them along the school fence.



Stay and Pray

We had a super turn out for our final Stay and Pray this morning. It has been lovely to welcome so many parents into school for prayer and reflection during the season of Lent.

Fundraising

A big thankyou to the School Council who organised a raffle and raised an amazing £526 to support those affected by the conflict in Ukraine. I am incredibly proud of the way they responded to this humanitarian crisis.

Year One took part in a Walk Against Hunger raising £62 for CAFOD, their chosen class charity. Thank you as always for your generosity in supporting these very worthy causes.



School Improvement

Thank you to our Eco Committee, the "Laudato Si" team, that put the proposal forward to plant trees along the perimeter fence in KS2. The aim was to create a barrier against pollution whilst providing a screen to provide extra privacy for the children at playtimes.



Behaviour Expectations

At the start of each half term we dedicate time to revisit our core values and reset our behaviour expectations. We take time out of our curriculum to deliberately practise our desired behaviours for learning. During this week uniform checks will take place to ensure the children "dress to impress" with a full school uniform. Please support us to uphold our high expectations and our strong behaviour ethos by ensuring your child has black school shoes (not trainers) black pumps, black shorts and a white t shirt for PE.

Attendance

Despite the challenges of living with Covid, I am pleased to report that attendance this term is 94.8%. Thank you for all that you do to ensure your child is in school each day ready to learn.



Finally, on behalf of the staff, governors, Father Michael and Father John, I would like to wish all our families and Happy and a Holy Easter.

God Bless,

Ms M. Garvey

Stay With Us, Lord, On Our Journey

Diary dates:

Wed 13 th April	EY/KS1 Easter Bonnet KS2 Egg in a Box Competition
Thurs 14 th April	School Closes
Mon 25 th April	School Opens
W/c 9 th May	KS2 SATs
12 th May	Y4 Trip to Bolton Museum
Fri 27 th May	School Closes
Mon 13 th June	School Opens
w/c 13 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening

