



20th March 2024

Dear Families,

I hope you are well. Once again, thank you for the support. We have a few changes to share and some date reminders.

Holy Week

Our children are going to explain the story of Holy week over four liturgies. We would like to invite parent/carers to the Celebration of the Word, which will be held each day through Holy week starting at 2:45pm.

Year 3- Monday 25th March 2024: Palm Sunday Reflection

Year 4- Tuesday 26th March 2024: Last Supper Reflection

Year 5- Wednesday 27th March 2024: Good Friday Reflection

Thursday 28th March 2024 – Prayer Stations



School uniform

Thank you for providing your child with the correct school uniform. We review the uniform policy regularly to make sure that it is suitable for families. Recently, we changed the policy to allow children to wear black trainers, this change has been successful and will remain part of the uniform, but I must remind you that the trainers must be full black- including the soles.

We have identified that the PE uniform is not always adhered to on PE days. The hoodies look really smart, but these are only to worn on PE days. From September, the white PE t-shirt will no longer be part of the PE uniform; it is difficult to keep the white t-shirts clean and it is an added expense for you all. We would like the children to wear their normal blue collared t-shirts on PE days. Although this change will be implemented fully in September, we will transition to this through the summer term (after the Easter holidays) and your child can wear either a white or blue t-shirt for PE during this time.

Hopefully the weather will change after the Easter holidays; your children are welcome to wear blue/white summer dresses or shorts. Please continue to send a coat in just incase the weather changes quickly.

Easter Holidays

The school will close at 1pm on Thursday, 28th March for all pupils.

Year 6 children will be returning from Thurston on this day and we hope that this will be around 2-3pm. We will give you an update when we know what time they set back.

School reopens on Monday April 15th.

INSET days

A reminder of the upcoming INSET days

Monday 17th June 2024

Friday 5th July 2024

These dates have previously been shared.



Sport's Day

We have a provisional date in the diary for Monday, June 10th. You will be given time slots nearer the date.





Packed lunches

A reminder that we are a NUT FREE school; we do have children in school with nut allergies and we need to protect them. If 'nuts' are part of the ingredients then the items cannot be in school.

We are a healthy school and as such, we encourage healthy packed lunches. Please be mindful of the number of sweet products in your child's packed lunch.

Easter Egg decoration

What an amazing turn out this morning for the Easter Egg decoration. The children will all get to see all the other year group's eggs tomorrow on a walk around the classes, and then they can be brought home. The children were really excited to have you in school. Thank you.



Water bottles

We have made the decision to stop providing the children with school water bottles. Many of you do use our water bottles, but many children bring in a non-school bottle and it is becoming too difficult to monitor this. We have limited stock of school water bottles left in the office; if you would like one then please pay cash to the office. The water bottle option will be removed from ParentPay.

Please provide your child with a fresh water bottle each day. The bottles must be no larger than 1 litre and must be able to be sealed or allow the straw to be tucked in and your child must be able to open them independently. The new style 'Stanley' cups are not allowed as they easily spill. Please make sure that your child can recognise their own bottle and add a name on if possible. We will not accept responsibility for any bottles that are lost or damaged, so please do not send expensive bottles to school.

Red Nose Day

We raised an incredible £366.50 last Friday. As previously shared, half of this will go to Red Nose Day and half of it will go to our school fund and will be spent directly on the children.

Play equipment

We are trying to enhance the school yard, if you have any used good quality scooters, toy prams etc then please let us know. We are going to source some additional storage in the yard and then we will ask for more equipment donations to help engage the children during a lunch time.

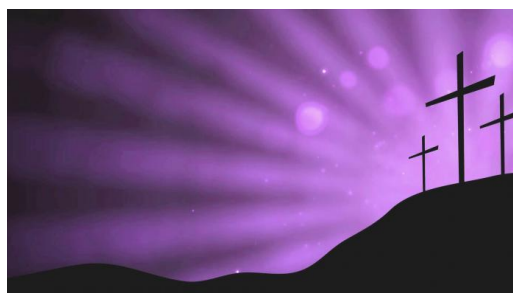
Lent

We are nearing the end of Lent and have our Easter Mass on Friday at 10am. We still have our 'Lent through a Lens' competition going on. This is where the children take photos of something that reminds them of Lent. They can be sent to Mrs Colley via Dojo.



Thanking you

Mrs Tumelty
Head of School



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