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"With Jesus as our guide; we love, live and learn together."

## Newsletter 23: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents

We have had yet another very busy week in school.

Our Year Three children received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this afternoon. It was a very special occasion. We can all be very proud of our children who prepared so well to receive this sacrament of the church. Please join us for our special thanksgiving mass in school on Wednesday morning if you are able to - all school parents are warmly invited to all school celebrations of mass.



Thank you to all of the Y1 and Y2 parents and family members who joined us for our special Lenten family prayer services. We were very pleased that so many of you were able to join us in school.

Thank you to Miss Chahal for arranging Y3's visit to the Shree Geeta Bhawan Hindu Temple which took place on Thursday morning.

Please remember to continue to follow your Lenten 'Walk with Me' calendar to provide a daily focus for your family during this very special season of the church's year.

### **Teacher Training Days Next Term:**

School will be closed to all pupils on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April** (first day of summer term) and **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** (first day of summer second half term) for staff training. These are our final inset days for this school year.

### **Y3 Parent Meeting for Sacramental Preparation – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 5.30pm:**

All Y3 parents who have a child who is being prepared for the Sacrament of the Eucharist are expected to attend our meeting in school on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April**. This meeting will cover the preparation and arrangements for the children's First Holy Communion.

### **Big Lent Walk 2024:**

Our pupil-led Spiritual Council has chosen to raise money for CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) for our Lenten almsgiving in school this year.

We are asking all of our pupils to complete a 1km walk (Nursery will complete two laps of the main playground). We will be completing our 'Big Lent Walk' in school on these dates.

Please help your child to find sponsors so that we can raise as much money as possible.



Date	Classes
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4, Y5, Y6
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y3

### **Easter Bonnet Parade – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April:**

Our annual Easter Bonnet Parade for our Nursery, Reception, Year One and Year Two pupils will be taking place at the end of the **first week of the summer term** on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April** at **2.40pm**. This has been moved so that our parade takes place during the season of Easter (rather than Lent).

Catholic Schools Pupil Profile: this half term we are growing to be **'Faith-filled and Hopeful'**.



If you would like your child to participate in this fun event then please bring in an Easter bonnet (which they have made at home) on this day. Nursery pupils are most welcome to come back to school for the assembly in the afternoon. Our school council will judge the winners.

In order to ensure that a safe number of pupils and family members are in the hall, **admission will be by ticket only** and this will be restricted to **one ticket per pupil**. These are free and will be available from the school office from **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April**.

**Number Fact of the Week:**

It is really important for our pupils to learn their multiplication facts as quickly as possible. By the end of Y4, it is expected that all pupils will be able to instantly recall all of these up to 12 x 12.

Every week, Mr Shanahan, our maths leader, will be setting a challenge to learn a specific number fact.

Be prepared: when he sees you around school he will be testing you!

This week's number fact is:

$$5 \times 2 = 10$$

or

$$2 \times 5 = 10$$



## Holy Name PTA News

The PTA have supplied Year 3 pupils with home sacramental preparation books for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Eucharist at a cost of £450.

Your PTA has also put £300 towards the Year 6 Prom and will be purchasing all the Easter Eggs for the school's Easter Events.

A fundraising Race Night will take place in the school hall on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm. Entry is £1 per ticket. Tickets are available on the door or from the school office. Please come along to help raise money for our wonderful school.

Kind Regards - Your PTA

**Masses this Half Term:**

All **parents** and **parishioners** are warmly invited to all of our school masses in **school** at **9.15am** or in **church** at **11.30am**.

Date:	Information:
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Y3</b> Thanksgiving Mass for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in school at <b>9.15am</b>

**Diary Dates:**

Date:	Information:
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Y4</b> Holy Week assembly at <b>9.05am</b> (all parents are welcome) <b>Y1 &amp; Y2</b> Multi Skills Club <b>3.15pm – 4.15pm</b>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Y3</b> Holy Week assembly at <b>9.05am</b> (all parents are welcome) <b>Y4 &amp; Y5</b> Gymnastics Club <b>3.15pm – 4.15pm</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Y3</b> Thanksgiving Mass for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in school at <b>9.15am</b> (all parents are welcome)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Y5</b> Holy Week assembly at <b>9.05am</b> (all parents are welcome) <b>KS2</b> French Club <b>3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>Y6</b> Holy Week assembly at <b>9.05am</b> (all parents are welcome) <b>LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM</b>

**Happy birthday to:**

Liam L and Eddie M (Y2) who both have a special day to celebrate next week.



Yours sincerely

*A. Neenan*

Mr A.G. Neenan

Headteacher

One of the precepts of being a Catholic is to attend Sunday Mass (or the vigil Mass for Sunday) every week and on all Holy Days of Obligation. This weekly commitment gives us the opportunity to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord which is why Sundays are known as the Lord's day.

**Mass at Holy Name Church:**  
**Saturday 12.30pm**  
**Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am**



## Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B)

**Gospel:** John 12:20-33

In this Sunday's gospel reading, Jesus describes how wheat grows. Have you ever seen a field of wheat? We use wheat to make bread. Jesus uses this story to explain to us that when he dies, it won't be the end of everything. He will rise from the dead. This is what we celebrate at Easter.

What happens to a seed when you plant it?

The seed disappears as it grows into a plant.

One single seed can grow lots of food. Think about how tiny an apple seed is inside your apple, yet you can plant it and grow it into an apple tree which will produce lots of other apples. Or the seed inside a tomato which will give you lots of tomatoes when it grows. Can you think of some other foods that can be grown from a single seed?

Jesus uses the image of a grain of wheat to talk about what is in store for him – death and resurrection. He says that one single grain of wheat can produce a rich harvest.

### **Our Catholic Mission:**

Our actions, even if we do just one little thing, can also make a very big difference.

What will you do this week to make a difference to someone who needs help?

### **Prayer:**

Christ Jesus, fill us with your love and mercy  
and show us how to make a difference  
to the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world.  
Amen.

*Reflection taken from CAFOD Children's Liturgy*

