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

## Newsletter 25: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents

Thank you very much for all of your support during this term.

Thank you to Father Jibu for celebrating mass in school on Wednesday morning. It was wonderful to be able to join together to give thanks to God for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which Y3 received for the first time last Friday.

Thank you also to our staff, children and parents for preparing and participating in our special Holy Week assemblies and services this week.



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 and also please remember to switch to the Eastertide calendar that has been sent home this week from Easter Sunday onwards.

I would like to finish the introduction to this week's newsletter by wishing all of our families a very happy and Holy Easter break.

### **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 **required** 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:**

All of our pupils have done brilliantly to complete our 'Big Lent Walk' in school this week.

Please remember: all sponsorship forms and donations are requested to be in school by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**.



### **Musical Madness Competition**

During the Easter holiday, Miss Doody is running a competition based on all of her favourite subjects: design and technology, music and science.

The aim is to find recycled materials in your home and help your child to create a musical instrument of their choice. There will be one winner chosen from our infant entries and one for our junior entrants. Please use your imagination and have fun creating some amazing musical instruments!



All entries must be handed to Miss Doody by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**. There will be prizes for the winning entries. Good Luck!

### Easter 'Decorate the Egg' Competition – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April:

On **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April** we will be hosting a 'decorate the egg' competition for our junior (Y3,4,5,6) pupils. Entries (decorated boiled eggs) should be brought into school **carefully(!)** on this day for our school council to judge.

### 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).

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:

$$10 \times 10 = 100$$



### Diary Dates:

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Information:</b>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS – Teacher Training Day</b>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	All children back in school for the start of the summer term  <b>Reception Multi Skills Club 3.15pm – 4.15pm</b>  <b>Y3 Parents Meeting for Sacramental Preparation at 5.30pm</b>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	'Decorate an egg' competition for our <b>junior</b> pupils  <b>KS2 French Club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Bonnet Parade (infants only) in the school hall at <b>2.40pm</b> - Nursery pupils are also invited (one adult admission per <b>Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y2</b> pupil will be permitted)

### Happy birthday to:

Jessica C, Zachary W (Y5), Declan A, Emily B, Emmie G, Rose H, Farhan S, Aiva S (Y4), Isla F, Arlo L (Y3), Grace F (Y2), Fredrick A, Blossom O-E (Y1), Athena G, Oliver O'S (Y2), Valentine Q (Y1), Iremide B (Reception), Diane A and Muhammad J (Nursery) who all have a birthday to celebrate during the Easter holiday or the first week of term.

Yours sincerely

*A. Neenan*

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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**

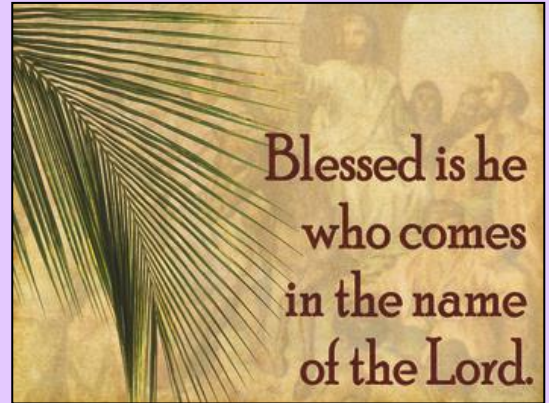
**Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am**

## Palm Sunday (Year B)

### Gospel:

This Sunday is Palm Sunday when we remember how Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem by crowds of people who waved palms and shouted "hosanna".

Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem by crowds of people. They waved palm branches and shouted "hosanna".



Why do you think that the crowd did this?

How would you welcome Jesus if he arrived here today?

How can we welcome Jesus into our lives?

What do you remember from the second gospel reading that you heard today?  
Were the crowd still pleased to see Jesus?

Jesus was arrested and handed over to the Roman leader Pontius Pilate. Pilate wanted to release Jesus but the crowd shouted for him to release the thief called Barabbas instead and crucify Jesus. How do you think Jesus felt when he heard the crowd shouting like that?

Pilate sent Jesus to be killed. The soldiers placed a crown of thorns on Jesus's head. They hit him and spat at him. How do you think this made Jesus feel?

They made Jesus carry his cross to the place where they would crucify him, a hill called the place of the skull. The cross was big and heavy and Jesus struggled to carry it so the soldiers made someone help him. He was called Simon of Cyrene.

How do you think Simon felt while he was helping Jesus to carry his cross? Do you think it was easy or hard for Simon to carry his cross?

We all know that we are supposed to help other people, but how often do we actually do so?  
When was the last time you helped someone?

### Our Catholic Mission:

It is sometimes very easy to help people – we know exactly what to do to make them happier or to solve their problem. Sometimes it is very difficult to help people – others may laugh at us or it may be that we do not know how to help them.

How will you help people this week?

### Prayer:

God of life and light,  
teach us how to help others and to live our lives in your love.  
Amen.

*Reflection taken from CAFOD Children's Liturgy*