



Dear parents/ carers

Apologies for a letter coming to you in the holidays – but Friday was rather a busy day and I didn't get the chance to finish the letter before the end of school.

Lent fundraising:

As I'm sure you know, Miss Woodings and I completed the walk to St Mary's church last Friday – keeping my promise that we would do this dressed as a chicken (and egg) if we raised more than £1000. As it stands the total is 1301.91 – which is amazing. The team from Cafod were blown away with the efforts made by the school to raise so much money – and loved the way we did it. We proved that – while we may be a small school – the school and it's community have an enormous heart.

Thank you to you all – children and families – for your wonderful support to help Cafod – which is an amazing charity.



I know from talking to the teachers that the classes have enjoyed doing the walking around the field and it may well be something we continue – for fresh air, mental health and learning!

We were featured in the Derby Telegraph (Thursday), BBC Radio Derby (8am and 12:30pm Friday) and BBC East Midlands Today (Friday 6:30pm)

It was exciting for everyone to have the television at school – thank you to you all for giving the permissions so quickly!

What will we do next year?



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Easter Celebration of the Word:

After all the excitement in the morning, Year 4 and 5 led us in a beautiful Celebration of the Word for Easter on Friday afternoon. They read and acted really well – and reminded us all of the reason we celebrate Easter.

Thank you to all the parents and friends who took time out of their day to join us.

As I said afterwards – I got so engrossed in the celebration – that I totally forgot to take any decent photographs. Sorry Year 4 and 5!

Jubilee Mass:

On Thursday evening, some of our Year 6 chaplains attended the Jubilee Stations Mass (along with me, Mrs Guidon and Miss Heath) with the Bishop. They read brilliantly and represented our school wonderfully. It was a lovely Mass and all the Derby Catholic schools were represented.

I would encourage you all to visit St Mary's for a Mass as it is the Jubilee church for Derby – the Holy Door (which you can see on the photo with the big cheque) is something all Catholics are encouraged to visit on a short pilgrimage.



At English Martyrs Church over Easter:

I am sure Fr Mark would love to see you and your families at church over Easter.

Easter Services

Thursday April 17th: 6:30pm – Mass of the Lord's Support

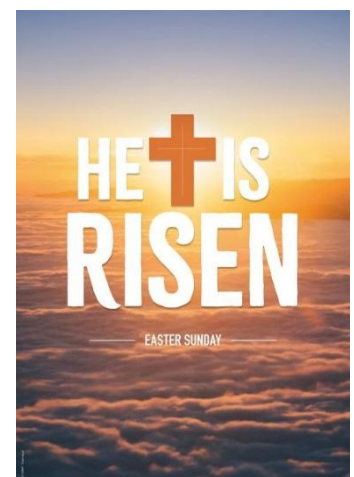
Good Friday April 18th: 3:00pm – The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Holy Saturday April 19th: 6:30pm – Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday April 20th: 9:00am and 11am

Application forms for First Holy Communion are now available at church.

We wish you and your families a restful Easter break when it arrives.



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Uniform:

A reminder - After Easter, we will move into the summer uniform. Details of summer uniform expectations are [here](#).

Yours sincerely

Graham Lobb

Headteacher

Monday 7 th April – Friday 18 th April	Easter Holidays	School Closed
Monday 21 st April	Easter Monday	School closed
Wednesday 23 rd April	Class Photos, Year 6 leavers photos and Team Photos	Please ensure your child is wearing their Summer uniform in readiness for their photograph
Friday 25 th April	Non-uniform day for Autism Awareness	All children to wear their house colours
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday	School closed
Tuesday 6 th May	Y5 Class Worship	Y5 Parents welcome (2:45)
Monday 12 th – Thursday 15 th May	SATs Week	Y6 SATs tests will be taking place
Tuesday 13 th May	Y4 Class Worship	Y4 Parents welcome (2:45)
Friday 16 th May	Non-Uniform Day	Raising money for Derby Children's Holiday Centre
Tuesday 20 th May	Y3 Class Worship	Y3 Parents welcome (2:45)
Thursday 22 nd May	Year 6 Trip to Alton Towers	
Friday 23 rd May	INSET Day	School closed to all pupils
Sunday 25 th May	First Holy Communion	First Communion Mass at English Martyrs 2pm
Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May	Half Term	School closed to all pupils
Monday 2 nd June	School Opens	School opens to all pupils