



Dear parents/ carers

I can't quite believe we break up for our Easter holidays– in time for the beginning of Holy Week – at the end of next week. Whilst this has been a short half term – it has flown by!

Big Lent Walk:

I know the children have all been enjoying their walks around school building up the miles for the Big Lent Walk. I also hope they have been raising their sponsorship money to help this amazing cause.

If you have money collected either send it into the office in cash or pay via ParentPay or – now – it can be added to the school's Just Giving Page [here](#).

If we raise the £1000 – we will have the whole school visit and picnic to Elvaston Castle next Thursday, so we need to have money in by Wednesday 25th March.

Details of the trip will follow later in the week, but parents are invited. We expect to leave school about 11:00 and will be back to school around 2:30pm. Children will need a water bottle and a packed lunch (packed lunches can be prepared by the kitchen staff if your child is entitled to Universal Free School Meals (Year R, 1 & 2) or if you are entitled to free school meals).

If you would like a packed lunch from the school kitchen on this day, please speak to Miss Willmott before Wednesday 25th March.

Please pray for a sunny day!

Easter:

Next Friday, Years 4 and 5 will lead our Easter Celebration of the Word at 2pm.

Parents/ guardians are all welcome to come and celebrate with us as we prepare for Holy Week.

Uniform:

After Easter we move into summer uniform. This means polo shirt may be worn instead of a shirt and tie (if a shirt is worn then a tie should still be worn) and red/ white summer dresses may be worn.

St Ralph Sherwin Trust:

You may have seen in the press about restructures and strikes at other schools in the St Ralph Sherwin CMAT – St John Fisher are not part these restructures or strike action.

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Football team:

The matches have started again – last week the team played Oakwood Juniors. They won one match and lost the other. Yesterday they played Pottery School (from Belper) and won both games.



On Thursday the team visited Lidl and were presented with

a cheque for £500. This will be used to replace the old and mis-matched kit. Thank you to the PTFA for making the link with Lidl to raise this additional funds!

Survey:

A reminder – if you haven't yet completed our parent survey – please do. The link is [here](#)

Sacramental Preparation:

Fr Mark has confirmed that First Holy Communion this year at church will be on Sunday 24th May at 2pm (Pentecost)

Preparation will begin after Easter, and the forms will be available at church the week before Easter

(I will try to get some at school too and let you know when you can collect them)

Confirmation classes – for Year 6 and above - will begin on Saturday 23rd June at English Martyrs Church from 10.30 am. The Bishop will preside at the Confirmation on 12th July at the 11 am Mass.

Key Dates:

March:

Thursday 19th - ~~Mass at English Martyrs Church (11am)~~ cancelled due to Fr Mark's last minute holiday(!)

Friday 20th - World Poetry Day Celebration of the Word (preceded by Poetry breakfast)

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Thursday 26th - Whole school visit and picnic at Elvaston Castle (11:00am- 2:30pm)

Friday 27th - Easter Celebration of the Word (2pm)

- Break up for Easter holiday

April:

Monday 13th - Back to School

Tuesday 14th - Year R and 1 trip to Bluebell Farm

Wednesday 15th - Year 2 Retreat Day

Wednesday 22nd - Year 2 Celebration of the Word (9:15am - preceded by Y2 breakfast at 8:30am)

Wednesday 29th - Year 1 Retreat Day

May:

Monday 4th - Bank Holiday

Wednesday 6th - Year 1 Celebration of the Word (9:15am - preceded by Y1 breakfast at 8:30am)

w/c Monday 11th - KS2 SATs week

Tuesday 19th - Alton Towers trip (TBC on booking)

Wednesday 20th - Year 6 Retreat Day

- Y6 Lea Green Parent's Meeting (3:30pm)

Friday 22nd - May Procession 2:30pm

- Break up for Half term

Yours sincerely

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