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Dear parents,

We have reached the end of a busy term with a wonderfully reflective week. Thanks to all the children who so poignantly led us in each of our final Lenten reflections, marking the important events of Holy Week, and thank you to all parents and friends who attended. Your support in everything we do is incredible and much appreciated.

Golden Book

Reception: Jimmy Gorman for trying so hard with all of his work this week. Jimmy has listened very well during the Holy Week assemblies, asking lots of questions about each story and retelling each event with such great detail. He has been so engaged when completing activities and has produced some excellent work! Keep up the good work, Jimmy!

Year One: Nancy Herron for doing brilliant work during this Holy Week. She has really thought carefully about what she has seen in the KS2 assemblies and wrote about it in great detail. Nancy has produced a great piece of art work from the Garden of Gethsemane and has captured the emotions of Jesus and his disciples perfectly. Super work this week, Nancy!

Year Two: Tommy Fitzpatrick has been an absolute superstar this week throughout all of his Holy Week RE lessons. He has been a fountain of knowledge, responding to difficult questions and asking really interesting ones too. He has listened incredibly well throughout all lessons and taken on any advice and feedback given. It is not just the staff in Year Two that have recognised Tommy's brilliant attitude to

his learning this week: it has been mentioned by other staff too. What a fantastic end to the term Tommy, Well done!

Year Three: Rico Augustus for his fantastic work in RE this week. He has listened carefully to the events of Holy Week, writing thoughtful recounts while considering the thoughts and feelings of Jesus and His followers. He has contributed to class discussions working well in groups and on his own. Well done, Rico!

Year Four: Elora Tipper for her wonderful performance as Jesus during the portrayal of the Last Supper, her thoughts about the events of Holy Week have been really well considered and have captured the emotions of those involved.

Year Five: Jude Goddard for showcasing his brilliance during the Year 5 Holy Week assembly. He played his role of Peter with such enthusiasm and sang fantastically. He also spoke so eloquently to the other year groups about our visit to the Guru Nanak Gurdwara during our sharing afternoon on Wednesday.

Year Six: Peter Ridgeway for his excellent work during Holy Week this week. He has displayed a deep understanding of the events of Holy Week and this has been reflected in his written work. He has produced some fantastic pieces of writing, full of description and adventurous vocabulary. He has also included correctly punctuated dialogue to help convey mood and feelings in his writing.

Message from the PTA

A huge thank you to all of you for your donations, purchases, and continued support for our fundraising efforts this year.

With **St. Ambrose Barlow** as our guide and **Jesus** at our side,
we are all **learning to live, love and work together.**

As many of you know we now have charity status. This now means we can apply for certain grants to help push our fundraising even further. On that note, if any of you work for any businesses that support matched funding, please let us know.

This year so far, we've raised money by:

- *Selling school tea towels*
- *Christmas raffle*
- *Christmas disco*
- *Valentine's disco*
- *Easter hamper raffle*

We are now ploughing full steam ahead with planning for the Summer Fete. We will announce a coffee morning date after Easter to discuss plans, so please come along with any ideas you have, and any feedback from last year is always welcome.

We are also planning a family disco to be held in May - date (and further details) will be confirmed as soon as we have finalised the venue booking.

In terms of where the funds are being spent, I'm sure you will all have seen our lovely new school minibus sat on the drive at school! As soon as the minibus has been branded with our school logo there will be an official unveiling.

This could not have been purchased without all your support and we hope you agree that it is a fantastic addition to school life that will benefit all children!

We are also updating the playground sport equipment with new football goals being amongst the purchases.

Have an amazing Easter break, and we hope the children all enjoyed their chocolate treat!

Easter Raffle results



Congratulations to Elliot, Lennon, Elsie, Florence, Hope, Bronagh and Dani who won the respective coloured hampers in the class. Enjoy the treats! Thanks to all who donated.

Values and Virtues

This half term, we have been focusing on being 'faith-filled and hopeful' – placing our trust in God and others and being optimistic for the future. The following children have stood out for being especially so: Lorenzo Treshani, Ella Mynett, Maria Nadolna, Sonny Chow, Cynthia Cunnachie, Tyler Richards, and Lucas Cuzick.

Next half term, we are being 'eloquent and truthful' in what we say about ourselves, other people, and the world around us.

Uniform

Children can wear summer uniform when they return after the Easter break, should they wish. This includes summer dresses or blue blouses or polo shirts for girls, and shorts and polo shirts for boys. Take every opportunity to celebrate the great British

weather. Saying that, children will still need a coat of some sort – the more waterproof, the better!

Birthdays this week...

Happy birthday to Georgia in Year One who turned six on Monday, and to Bianca in Year Six who turned eleven on Wednesday. Today, George in Year Three turns eight and on Saturday, Lila in Year Five will celebrate her tenth birthday. Happy birthday to all!

Happy birthday to all those who celebrate in the holidays too: Caoimhe Kerr turns eleven; Lila Delaney in year Five has her tenth birthday; Emily Healy and James Smyth in Year Three turn eight and Abel Smith in Year Four turns nine.



April dates for your diary

Mon 15th April: School re-opens for all children

Fri 19th April: Whole School Mass 9:30am; sponsorship walk – parents are welcome to join. Deadline for Paris deposits.

Wed 24th April: Year Three First Holy Communion INSPIRE workshop 9am

Thurs 25th April: Reception at Ash End Farm

Fri 26th April: Year Three @ Compton Verney

May dates for your diary

Thurs 2nd May: School closed for voting

Sat 4th May: First Holy Communion Masses @ 10am and 11:30am

Mon 6th May: School closed for May Day

Thurs 9th May: Whole School Mass for Ascension 9:30

Fri 10th May: May Procession 2pm – parents invited

Fri 17th May: Year One Assembly 9am

Fri 24th May: Break up at 3:30pm

June dates for your diary

Mon 3rd June: School re-opens

Fri 7th June: Whole School Mass (Sacred Heart) 9:30am

Sun 9th June: Corpus Christi Procession after 10am Mass

Wed 12th June: Year Six to Blackwell Court

Fri 14th June: Reception Class Mass 2pm

Sun 16th June: Going Forth Mass and Communion Breakfast 10am

Thurs 20th June: Year Three and Year Six parents Sacramental Programme evaluation 6pm Parish hall

Fri 21st June: Sports Day TBC

Wed 26th June: Keyboard and choir concert 2pm

Thurs 27th June: Family Mass 5pm

Fri 28th June: Reception Assembly

Sat 29th June: Summer Fete 12pm

July dates for your diary

Wed 3rd July: Transition Day

Fri 12th July: Reports given out

Thurs 18th July: Leavers' Assembly 9am

Fri 19th July: Leavers' Mass 9:30am

Fri 19th July: Break up at 2pm

Happy Easter! Have a wonderful break and a well-deserved rest. See you in two weeks for the final thirteen weeks of the year!



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