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Dear parents,

We have reached the end of our Spring Term and, with it, can look



forward to Easter Sunday and two weeks away from school for a well-deserved (and much needed) break. Thanks to all who performed and enjoyed our Holy Week Assemblies – each and every one of them was superb. Thanks to all the staff for their careful preparation.

Our house points will be counted up and the winners announced at the start of new term, along with the treat that has been chosen by the school council. It has been a long but fruitful term. Thank you, parents, as ever for your support. I can honestly say there is no school like this one.

Golden Book

Reception: Zakariah Fiaz-McNally has shown such amazing progress. He is growing in such confidence and is developing his social skills through his play and interactions with adults and peers. This week, Zakariah has worked really hard to listen to and learn about the events of Holy Week and has produced some beautiful artwork of

The Last Supper, showing off his creativity and effort. Keep up the hard work, Zakariah!

Year One: Georgia Bryant-Corrigan has impressed us this week with her thoughtful writing in RE this week. She listens carefully and contributes to class discussions. She shows kindness to everyone around her and is consistently polite and caring. Georgina is a wonderful role model for others and should feel very proud of herself.

Year Two: Nova Milford-Mardenborough has really stood out this week in Year Two for her resilience. Throughout Holy Week, Nova has produced thoughtful, reflective pieces of writing that show a deep understanding of the events we have been learning about. Nova has taken time to think about her responses and shared insightful ideas in class discussions. She has also been working incredibly hard outside of school in a dance show each day and she is still coming into school and showing a brilliant attitude towards her learning. There is not a day that Nova doesn't fail to make her teachers laugh! A truly brilliant week. Well done!

Year Three: Bertie Wardle for being such an asset to the class. He is consistently setting a good example for those around him both in and outside of the classroom and for that reason people always gravitate towards him! He puts 100% effort into everything he does. His work is exemplary and always

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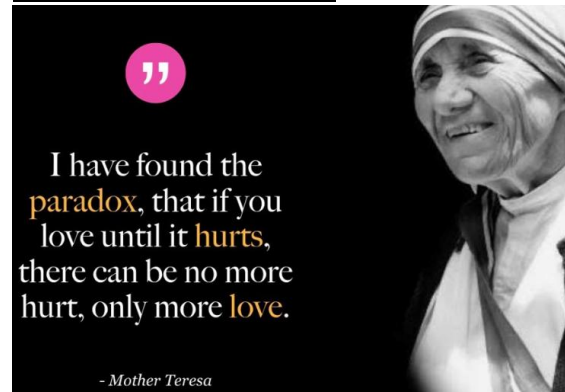
of the highest standard. Bertie also has a fantastic sense of humour and keeps me laughing on a daily basis! Thank you, Bertie, for always putting a smile on our faces!

Year Four: Phoebe Maxwell-Duffy has been a superstar this week, she has put her heart into her RE work this week. She has been so proud of the work that she has produced and we are really proud of her. She is getting more confident in using support to create her work and helping others use it along the way. Looking forward to seeing what you have in store for us next term Phoebe!

Year Five: Aurora Clifton really shone during our Holy Week assembly, learning her lines and delivering them confidently as well as singing beautifully. Her acting skills have really developed and she demonstrated how she really understood the feelings and mood of her character. She has also been a great support to the Mini Vinnies this week helping to sell raffle tickets to raise money for a good cause. She has also worked well in class this week to complete our daily reflections and has led our class prayers thoughtfully. Well done, Aurora.

Year Six: Zane Fernando for having yet another fabulous half term. Zane continues to impress all teachers he works with. He is showing what he is truly capable of, working hard and showing good determination. Zane is also a fabulous friend and role model to all. If given a task, he gives 100% to it from being Head boy to selling Easter raffle tickets. Keep up the excellent work Zane!

Learn from the Saints



St Teresa of Calcutta tells us to simply inconvenience ourselves with compassion and mercy, and then love until it hurts.

Intentional and Prophetic

Our focus during this half-term has centred on being 'Intentional and Prophetic' – a difficult concept for a child to understand but explained as a) setting a good example, and b) in doing so, being a role model to others. The following pupils have shone at one time or another and we are very proud of them!

Reception Jayden-Jaxon Spencer

Year One: Lily Keating

Year Two: Romy Rodrigues-Thornton

Year Three: Georgia Wood

Year Four: Oscar Trantor

Year Five: Enda McGillicuddy

Year Six: Thea Dawson

Easter Egg raffle

My thanks to Holly and Aurora who have organised their fellow classmates to sell the Easter raffle tickets to our children, visiting classes and giving up their lunchtimes to do so. Thank you also to the PTA for sourcing the vast majority of eggs and to Tesco for their kind donations which will also be sent

to a worthy cause, supporting those in need!

A grand total of **£327** was raised for Mary's Meals, one of Father Paul's favourite charities! This makes me very pleased indeed! I know a lot of tickets were sold, which is fantastic for the charity, but I also personally want to thank the kind person who donated £50 and requested only one ticket in return. That makes £377 in total.

Year Four violin

I am delighted to announce that on Thursday 25th June at 9am, Year Four will be performing to the school all they have learnt this year on the violin. Parents are more than welcome. I wish to thank Mrs Brookes, their violin teacher, for all she has done so far this year with the children.

A note from the PTA...

🎉 £20.26 Challenge Update 🎉

*We are absolutely blown away by the support so far, thank you! ❤️
To keep the excitement going, we're introducing some fantastic prizes for both individuals and classes...*

🏆 Class Prize

The class that raises the MOST money overall will win a prize of:

🌟🌟 Movie Afternoon

🌟🌟 Extra Playtime

🌟🌟 Own Clothes Day

(A well-earned treat for the whole class! 🍷🍷)

🌟 Individual Prizes

Top fundraisers will receive a Smyths Toys Voucher:

☐ 1st Place – £50

☐ 2nd Place – £25

☐ 3rd Place – £10

💡 Reminder

Every child is challenged to raise £20.26, a small personal goal that will make a BIG difference to our school ❤️

👏 Let's Do This!

Keep sharing your pages, getting creative, and smashing those targets, we're so proud of you all!

You are all also invited to a PTA meeting on 24th April at 2:30, held here in school before pick-up.

Other Faiths Week / Places of Worship

My thanks to Mrs Bresnen, who has organised a trip for every class in school to a place of worship within our local community. Some visits are within the local area and the cost can be covered by School Fund. For some, we have had to book a coach and there is therefore a £10 donation for those trips payable via MCAS to cover the cost of provision.

Swimming in Summer Term

A busy term for Year Six when they return after Easter. Not only do they have their transition and their SATs, they also start their swimming sessions, which take place each Wednesday at Fox Hollies. All children will require

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swimming kit, goggles, a swimming hat and a towel.

School dinners

For the new financial year, Cityserve has recommend the price of school meals to rise to £2-80 per day. As before, this includes a choice of freshly cooked meals by Andrew Jackson, our chef, as well as our dessert and access to the salad bar. You will know from our recent Parents Evenings of the high quality of the food that Andrew produces and the vast array of dishes available. A four week rolling menu is available on our website also: <https://www.sab.bham.sch.uk/meals/> This price rise will take effect from our return in Summer term on 20th April

Dance Club

On Tuesday, parents of children in Reception and Key Stage One will have received communication that after-school dance club will take place on Tuesday afternoons, starting from Tuesday 21st April, running until 4:30 There are twenty places and these will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis and places can be booked and paid for via MCAS.

I would like to thank our previous provider - Gemma Butcher and Gemz Dance - for their hard work over the previous years during their involvement with the school and I wish them all the best for the future.

May Procession

Due to an unavoidable diary date clash, the May Procession will now take place on Wednesday 20th May. Children who

have made their First Holy Communion are invited once again to wear their outfits and lead the procession. We will start in church with hymns and prayers and, after processing with Mary, ending at our school with a final blessing. Parents and families are welcome to join us at any point – in church, on the procession, or in our prayer garden upon our return.

Clubs for Summer Term

Thanks to our hard working office staff, these are now up and running on MCAS and can be booked for Summer Term. Clubs running are as follows: Karate, KS2 AVFC, Rec/KS1 dance, Tennis, Choir and Gardening Club.

KS2 Sports Day

This is now confirmed for Monday 15th June with the same format as last year – children come into school in their house colours, walk down to Moseley Cricket Club after registration and stay until approximately 2pm. They will need a packed lunch and all parents are invited to watch and stay as little or as long as they like. Pray for good weather!

Summer Uniform

When children return after Easter, they can wear summer uniform.

Boys

- *Grey school trousers (short or long)*
- *Pale blue polo shirt (with school logo) or short-sleeved school shirt and school tie*
- *Grey 'v' neck school pullover*
- *Plain grey or black socks*

- *Sensible black shoes*

Girls

- *School uniform checked or striped dress or grey school skirt/trousers*
- *Pale blue polo shirt (with school logo) or short-sleeved open neck school blouse (with school logo)*
- *Grey 'v' neck school cardigan/pullover*
- *Plain grey or white socks*
- *Sensible black shoes*

Birthdays this week

Happy birthday to Matilda in Reception who was five on Wednesday and happy birthday to Cairon, also of Reception, who will be five on Saturday. On Saturday, Emily in Year Five celebrates her tenth birthday. Happy birthday to all. Over the Easter break, we also wish happy birthday to the following children: in Year Six, Abel turns eleven and Adam in Year Four turns nine; Arlo in Year Two turns seven and, in Year One, Cee-Jai and Deen turn six. Many happy returns to all!

April dates for your diary

Mon 20th April: Children return for Summer Term

Thurs 23rd April: Children to wear own clothes for St George's Day for a £1 donation

Fri 24th April: Fire service to visit Year Four for 'Sparks' workshop; PTA meeting at 2:30pm

Thurs 30th April: Year One Parents Phonics workshop 5:30pm

May dates for your diary

Mon 4th May: School closed for Bank Holiday

Thurs 7th May: School closed for voting – staff INSET

Fri 8th May: Year One Class Assembly 9am

Sat 9th May: First Holy Communion Mass 10am

Mon 11th May: KS2 SATs begin

Mon 18th May: Year Four visit the Synagogue

Wed 20th May: Reception walk down to St Ambrose Barlow Catholic Church; **May Procession 2pm from parish church to school**

Thurs 21st May: Year Two visit Church of the Ascension; Year Three visit the Hindu Mandir

Fri 22nd May: Year Five visit the Sikh Gurdwara;

Break up at 3:30 for half term

June dates for your diary

Mon 1st June: Children return to school

Wed 3rd June: Year One at Twycross Zoo

Sun 7th June: Going Forth Mass / Corpus Christi Procession

Fri 12th June: Whole School Mass for feast of Sacred Heart

Mon 15th June: KS2 Sports Day

Tues 16th June: KS1 Sports Day 1:30pm

Wed 17th June: Class photos

Fri 19th June: Reception Class Mass 2:30pm

Tues 23rd June: Year Six to Blackwell Court

Thurs 25th June: Year Four violin performance 9am;

Family Mass for leaving families 5pm

Sat 27th June: SAB PTA Summer Fete 12-3pm

Mon 29th June: St Teresa of Calcutta
Sports Day @ Alexander Stadium

July dates for your diary

Wed 1st July: Transition Day

Fri 3rd July: Reception Class Assembly

Thurs 9th July: Year Six at B'ham
Central Mosque

Fri 10th July: Reports out to parents

Thurs 16th July: Year Six Leavers'
Assembly

Fri 17th July: Leavers' Mass

Have a happy and a Holy Easter and a
well-deserved break.

God bless,



Mr Clinton