





Week Commencing Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.'

John 3:16 16

<u>Worship</u>

Last week, Rhema Theatre Company visited school and gave a stunning performance of part of the Easter story during Worship. They then spent time with each of the classes, working at an age appropriate level, and unpicking important elements of this most important time in the Catholic Church year. There was some encouraging feedback from our children and some nice messages from parents who mentioned how excited their children had been during the class session.

This week at school

This Tuesday we will welcome to school Bob Turner, from the CAFOD organisation, who will lead Worship with the whole school. Bob has been really busy helping us with the creation of our eco-classroom and will explain to children the potentially catastrophic effect we are having on our environment whilst emphasising the good that we can do to look after God's world. He will then lead workshops in Class 3 and Class 4 before working further on the eco-classroom with groups in the afternoon.

Easter egg raffle and egg decorating competition

A huge thank you for your continuous generosity, this time for the Easter egg donations. We held a raffle, which the children were extremely excited about, and lots of children managed to win a chocolate egg. Well done to all of the children who entered our egg decorating competition as well. We had an extremely difficult job picking winners from each class but we got there in the end and these were announced before the raffle. Well done to everybody who contributed.

Bishop John Arnold's visit to St. Mary's

We are extremely proud to share with you the news that Bishop John will visit our school to open the outdoor classroom, which we have been so busy creating out of eco-bricks over the last year. Bishop John will arrive at around 10:00 a.m. and our children will be involved in welcoming him and showing what the eco-group and G.I.F.T. team have been doing in school, as well as their plans for the future. Refreshments will be served on the new eco-classroom site where Bishop John will address everybody and perform the official opening. It would be fantastic to see as many parents as possible, though I appreciate the timing of the event makes this difficult. We hope to see you there.

Lenten Workshop

It was our pleasure to host a special 'Lenten Workshop' last Wednesday which followed our morning's Easter Service in Church. Ten local schools brought their G.I.F.T. teams to the event, including Mrs Sullivan's school from Newchurch, Rossendale. The afternoon was a huge success so thank you to Mrs Hinds and the G.I.F.T. team for your involvement. We look forward to this being a regular event at Lent. Please see the Cross that all of the schools contributed to in the school entrance.

New to Reception 2019/2020

No doubt that if you applied for a place for your Reception child this coming September you will have found out if you have been

successful. If you are not sure yet or haven't been given a place, please ring me at school or ask at the office and we will let you know. A letter has been sent out informing new to Reception children's parents about an open evening on Tuesday 25th June at 6:00 p.m. This will be followed by a taster morning on Wednesday 3rd July from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

School Uniform

We aim to foster a sense of personal pride and school identity through wearing a school uniform. As we move into warmer weather, a reminder that boys may wear knee length, grey shorts and girls may wear a blue and white gingham dress if they should wish. Also a reminder to wear ties in school please. The children have looked really smart in school so far this year so thank you for your cooperation.

Enjoy the week ahead! Mr M.S.Mashiter Headteacher



<u>Dairy Dates</u>

PLEASE NOTE ALL CELEBRATION ASSEMBLYS ARE EVERY FRIDAY AT 9 A.M. FROM NOW ON.

Tuesday 30th April Thursday 2nd May Friday 3rd May Saturday 4th May Friday 10th May Friday 25th May Monday 10th June Tuesday 18th June Wednesday 26th June Rag bag collection Bishop John to open the Eco-Classroom Non Uniform day in exchange for bottles First Holy Communion 10 a.m. Quiz night School Closes School re-opens Sports Day A.M. (time tbc) @ Wilsons playing fields. KS2 Trip to Outdoor Elements



We hosted a specially themed 'Lenten Workshop' for all of our local schools led by Mrs Hinds and our wonderful G.I.F.T. Team. It was lovely to welcome all of the children and staff from other schools.





Develop your skills with us!

of a great club

TO JOIN OUR NEW UNDER 10'S TEAM School Year 4 & 5 (as of September 2019) Matches played Sunday A.M Training day/time TBC

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