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St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

We hope you have enjoyed the Easter break and that you have had the opportunity to spend some quality time with your children at home or away. Even though Easter has come and gone the egg still remains a symbol of new life and promise. This is a beautiful time of year when nature is seen at its most beautiful with the sight of spring flowers, newly born lambs and birds nesting. This does give everybody a lift and makes everyone feel good about the summer term ahead of us.

Our children embraced Holy Week before the holidays and they were able to have a clear grasp of the 'Easter Story' and its message and how it is central to the Christian Faith. By reading, praying, singing and reflecting about the events of Palm Sunday, The Last Supper and Good Friday we can walk with Jesus Christ during his last days on Earth. We had a moving Stations of the Cross service led by our Y5 children who performed and read so brilliantly. Parents and parishioners who attended spoke very highly of the children and thank you to Mrs Brockbank for preparing the children so well for this. We also had a Penitential Service on and we had a visitor from outside the parish who commented highly about the occasion:



Our ethos statement for the week

Jesus helped people and he inspires us
to do the same

First Communion: Our First Communion candidates Evie, Lewis, Nikodem, Erin and Freddie will be part of the parish celebration for their First Holy Communion this Sunday 15th April at 9am. We will keep them all in our prayers at this very special time.



Penitential Service: We had a very kind email sent to us before Easter which we thought was worth sharing: *'I have just returned home after attending the service at your school this morning and felt compelled to write and thank you, your staff and children for such a special celebration. As a visitor from St Helen's Oldcotes who had never set foot in the school. I was welcomed by a lovely lady on reception and the welcome you gave me made me feel included and the music, singing, words and behaviour of the children was exceptional. I feel very lucky to have been part of it and I thank you all.'*

Regards,
Bernadette Twynham

Enrichment Clubs: Enrichment clubs start again on Monday 16th April and finish at the later time of 3:45pm. If you would still like to collect your child at 3:15pm then please let your child's class teacher know.

Tag Rugby Y3/4 & Y5&6: Children selected to take part in the Tag Rugby tournament should get the opportunity to play on Monday after school. Any help from parents with walking children to Dinnington High would be most appreciated.

Key Dates

Parish Celebration for First Holy Communion	Sunday 15 th April 9am
Enrichment Club	Monday 16 th April 2:45pm - 3:45pm
Y3,4,5&6 Tag Rugby competition at Dinnington High.	Monday 16 th April 4pm -5pm
Primary Stars Girls Sports Club for Pines and Maples	Tuesday 17 th April 3:15pm - 4:30pm
Stay & Play Toddler& Baby group	Wednesday 18 th April 9:30 - 11am
Pines class start swimming	Thursday 19 th April pm
Y5 @ St Bernards Grow in God Day	Friday 20 th April
Netball High fives Y5@Y6 @ Dinnington High	Monday 23 rd April
Orienteering @ Dinnington High Y3/4/5 &6	Monday 30 th April
Nursery closed for local elections	Thursday 3 rd May
Bank Holiday	Monday 7 th May
Futsal Y5&6 @ Dinnington High	Monday 14 th May
Y6 SATs Week	Monday 14 th May - Thursday 18 th May
Good Shepherd Presentation at St Bernard's	Sunday 20 th May 11am
Break up for Half Term	Friday 25 th May
School reopens	Monday 4 th June

Attendance week beginning 19th March

Well done to Oaks children with the best attendance!

Class	% Percentage	Lates
Apple	97.2%	5
Birch	96.8%	1
Cherry	96%	6
Pine	85.4%	9
Maple	96.3%	3
Oak	98.8%	1
Total	94.6%	25

Polling Station at St Joseph's Nursery:

St Joseph's nursery will be used as a polling station for the local elections on Thursday 3rd May. Unfortunately school will be closed for nursery children on this day. Reception children can still attend as they will be accommodated in another part of school. This is due to the fact that we can't accommodate nursery and reception together in the other part of school sorry for the inconvenience.



Stars of the Week Assembly



Stars of the Week - Thursday 29th March

Apples	Teddy for amazing writing on the hungry caterpillar Seb for a super effort with his writing
Birch	Harriet for having a fantastic attitude to learning Oliver for writing brilliant sentences and being a good friend
Cherry	Cruz for beautiful writing Christie for always being a blue learner and for some fabulous writing
Pines	Whole Class for excellent behaviour on the class trip to the Millenium Gardens in Sheffield
Maples	Holly & Amy for both carrying out some fantastic written work about the stations of the cross
Oaks	Olivia for always having an excellent attitude to learning Abbie for having an excellent attitude and producing some fabulous R.E work.
<p>Star of the Yard - Charlie - for being a fantastic role model to the younger children Hero of the Dinner Hall - Francesca for perfect manners every day. Mr Hickey's Star of the Week - Olivia</p>	

Parents Evenings: Thank you to all parents that attended parents evening and for filling in the questionnaire forms. This information will be collated and fed back to you and on the whole this was very positive and there were also areas that we need to improve upon. Thank you for your honest contributions and feedback.

Mr Finneran: A big thank you to Mr Finneran Evie's dad for volunteering to cut back the overgrown trees in Mary's garden behind the school hall. It is great to have such supportive parents who are willing to give up their time to help the school.



Thank you for reading this newsletter,
David Hickey