



Dear Parents & Carers,

9 April 2017

Easter fun

Thank you to the children for their respectful Easter Liturgy on Friday morning. They prepared everything with such care. The Easter activity afternoon was wonderful and everything ran smoothly thanks to Clodagh Nevin and Charlene Lord, who organized it. Many thanks to everyone who made tea, sold or contributed cakes and came along to participate. It was lovely to see Junior children supporting the younger pupils. The Jolly Jars were a big hit – congratulations to Class 3 who contributed most jars and will have a class treat when we return to school.

Letters for the office

Many parents pop into main reception to deliver letters for clubs, school trips, etc, throughout the school day. We have for many years had a system of class letter boxes. Classroom monitors take the registers and any letters to the office each morning then collect any post for parents before the end of the school day. The children really enjoy this job so please help us by allowing your child to take on the small responsibility for any letters or certificates you send into school. It would take pressure off the school office too by minimizing interruptions. Thank you.

Clubs

Letters for language, art and tennis clubs were sent out by ParentMail this week. Please make sure you note dates that clubs start and finish on your calendar. These dates are also available on our website. A great deal of time is spent answering calls about club dates and calling parents whose children haven't been collected when a club finishes or isn't running. Unless this situation improves, I will be forced to introduce a charge for parents who fail to collect children when a club is not running. Mr Brown (Dad of Joe & Ben) has kindly agreed to run the Y2 Inventioning club again next term. It will take place on Wednesdays and places are limited. A letter will go out on Tuesday 25th April.

Important dates

Our school will host a meeting for Foundation Stage teachers on Friday 28th April. These moderation meetings are an opportunity for Reception teachers from across the County to meet and discuss pupil assessment and progress. Mrs. Smith and Miss Ketley have been leading a project in our school which has been really beneficial across Foundation Stage, especially in supporting the children to work on their 'next steps' for learning. The school hall will be in use all morning so there will be **no parent assembly on Friday 28th April.**

Our KS1 concert will be held on 14 July. As this is a popular event we will hold two performances – at 9.15 am and 2.00pm which will be ticketed, something that worked successfully at Christmas. More information will follow after Easter.

St John Fisher School is hosting an eSafety workshop on Wednesday 26 April at 9:15am. They have kindly extended an invitation to any of our parents who would like to attend. The school is in Hazelmere Road, Marshalswick, AL4 9RW.

Y2 children shared what they had discovered themselves about 'Scratch'. They have created some programmes in class and you can see some sample videos on the Year 2 page on the website. The website is scratch.mit.edu then click on 'try it out'.





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Reception places for September 2017

Offers for Reception places will be made by on Tuesday 18th April. This date is set across the County and we are unable to change it. Clearly I would prefer to be able to answer any questions you may have on that day but it will not be possible this year. Parents wishing to make an appeal are advised to follow

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-junior-and-middle-schools/primary-school-appeals.aspx#>

And finally...

As we begin Holy week, can I remind you about the special services planned for children at the church? Stations of the Cross for children takes place on Good Friday at 12:00 noon and the 9:30 Mass on Easter Sunday is, as usual, for families.

It's been a busy term. The children have been great ambassadors for the school and have impressed our many visitors. The school staff have done a brilliant job and I'd like to thank them for their dedication and hard work. Your support is, as always, greatly appreciated and makes the school community stronger.

May you and those you love know the joy of the Risen Lord this Easter.

Kindest regards

Happy Easter

Heaven and earth you made
Almighty Father, your only-begotten son you gave
Priest and King, Lamb of God
Passion and death on a cross
You, Lord Jesus, made us children of God.

Encourage us to believe
All our love and praise receive
So joyful and glorious
The Lord is risen, miraculous
Endless is your love, O Lord
Rejoicing, we thank you, our God.

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