



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

End of term letter
Lent
March 2024

Dear Parents, Children and Carers,

As the term draws to an end we can look back at the many achievements of this term. As we have journeyed together through Lent, once again the children have stood out for their responses and participation. We have had a number of events, all of which, have been quality experiences for the children. Thank you to all those who contributed to the Lent Liturgies and Lent Reflection at the Cathedral. The children shared readings and sang creating a moving reflection and a reminder of Jesus taking up the cross. Our Year 4 children performed "Here comes Jesus" as a reminder of Jesus' last days on earth. Every step Jesus took toward the cross was taken out of love for the Father and love for us. As we walk that path with Him, our love for Him can't help but reignite from the spark of His passion.

Alms Giving



Our Lenten campaign this year has been for CAFOD and included the Big Lent Walk. Thank you to them and everyone who supported the event. Together with your help we have raised over £150. On behalf of CAFOD I send a big Thank you.



Starting School

We are excited to soon find out who will be joining our Reception in September 2023. We are making plans for a smooth transition and further details will be sent out in the Summer term once you have been notified. We can't wait to get to know our new pupils and families and make some magical memories as you start school with us. We are excited to meet you and find out all about you! To aid our process please make sure you accept your offer as soon as possible so we can confirm details for our Reception cohort.

Good Bye to Mrs Begum and Mrs Blincow

Today we said goodbye to Mrs Begum who is relocating to Wales. Mrs Begum has been with us since September and has really inspired the children in her charge. Thank you for being a fantastic teacher and member of our team and good luck from all of us here at St Mary's.

We also today say good bye and farewell to Mrs Blincow. She has been with us at St Mary's for four years, first as a teaching Deputy and then progressing to the Head of School. I know Mrs Blincow has thoroughly enjoyed being part of this special St Mary's family and we are very thankful for her time with us. I have known Mrs Blincow before she came to this school as she even taught my own children in a previous school where we worked together. It's now time for her to enjoy her very own school and her first Headteacher position. Good Luck you will be brilliant!

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As we send both these staff members off in their different directions, we ask for God's continued blessing on them and the work they do making a difference to the children in their new schools.

Easter Celebration - Monday 15th April

On Monday 15th April, we return to school and celebrate Easter during the Easter season.

On this day we will be holding an Easter bonnet parade for all children who wish to participate. Please see the attached flyer. Children will need to make their Easter bonnets over the Easter Holidays at home – we are looking for creative and unique creations. Each class will be judged and awarded prizes throughout the morning. Parents are welcome to attend the bonnet parade in the afternoon.

Year 3/Year 4/Year 5/Year 6 can also take part in the – Famous Egg Head Competition. We are asking children in KS2 to boil an egg(s) and to decorate them as a famous person, or favourite character from a book etc – be creative.....the bolder and crazier the better. Can all children please bring them into the school hall on Monday morning. I am really looking forward to seeing them. Please place the Egg Head in an egg box or decorated box with their name clearly labelled. Thank you.



The flyer features a central title 'EASTER EGG HEADS COMPETITION' in green, flanked by blue butterflies. Below the title, it says 'To take part:' followed by two numbered instructions: '1. DECORATE A HARD-BOILED EGG AS A CHARACTER. THIS COULD BE A CHARACTER FROM A BOOK OR FILM, A PERSON OF A SPECIFIC OCCUPATION OR A CARTOON CHARACTER.' and '2. BRING IT INTO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 15TH APRIL. ENSURE THAT YOUR NAME AND CLASS IS ON YOUR ENTRY.' To the right of the instructions is a collage of nine photos showing various decorated eggs. Below the instructions is a cartoon illustration of a yellow rabbit in a blue shirt and a basket of eggs, with the text 'Good Luck!' and 'A prize for the winning entry in each phase.' To the right of the rabbit is a 2x2 grid of four photos showing decorated eggs: a clownfish, a werewolf, a Santa Claus, and a pink pig.

Thank you for all your support over the past term. It has been a really busy one and we are all looking forward to a good rest and recharge! May I wish you all a happy and holy Easter we look forward to seeing you all when school returns on **Monday 15th April 2024**

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Yours Sincerely
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Easter Bonnet Parade

When we return to school, we will be celebrating Easter throughout the Easter season starting with an Easter Bonnet Parade for our pupils

Monday 15th April 2024

Pupils who wish to participate, will need to make their Easter bonnets, over the Easter Holidays at home – we are looking for creative and unique designs.

There will be two parades one in the morning and one for parents in the afternoon

Parents are welcome to attend the Afternoon Easter Bonnet Parade.

Doors will open no sooner than 2.30pm where refreshments will be available in the hall.

The parade will commence at 2.45pm.

This will also be an opportunity for you to meet Ms White the Deputy Headteacher.

