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Newsletter

Dear Parents

As we approach the Easter holidays, the children and staff have enjoyed a busy Holy Week in school. It has been delightful to hear them talking about the Easter Story and discussing their plans for celebrating Easter. The Diocesan RE Adviser visited yesterday and praised the children's exemplary behaviour and their high levels of religious literacy. The children she interviewed (some of Y5 and 6 Prayer Council) told her, "I am proud to come to Cardinal Newman School because children are taught to respect each other." They also praised their teachers, informing her "Our teachers are very kind and helpful." Of course, we know this already, but it is always good to hear from the children!

During Holy Week, the children have been reflecting every day on the different stages of Jesus's journey to the cross. YR and Y1 presented a Palm Sunday liturgy to the whole school and Y2 and Y3 told the story of the Last Supper. Year 5 led a Stations of the Cross liturgy for the whole school and we have also looked forward to the moment of the Paschal candle being lit at the Easter Vigil Mass. We talked about Jesus's cross pointing the way to heaven and linked this to the candle on our school badge leading us to the kindly light of Jesus at Easter.

In our final assembly today, we celebrated the work of Mrs Mae Pells (Y4 teacher) who is retiring after a long association with the school and Mrs Jo McLeod (Y4 HLTA) who leaves us today for pastures new. We congratulated Miss Sophie Hart (Y5 teacher) on her forthcoming wedding over the Easter break. After Easter, we will welcome one new part-time teacher: Mrs Emma Sharpe, working as a job-share in Y4 with Mrs Sarah Chaudoir and three part-time TAs: Mrs Louise Cronin (Y4 TA Thursday and Friday), Mrs Freddie Driessen (1:1 TA in Y5) and Mrs Carla Santos (1:1 TA in Y1). We look forward to welcoming them to the team.

It only remains to wish all of you a very happy and blessed Easter. I hope you will enjoy some wonderful time together as a family and I look forward to hearing all the children's exciting news on our return to school.

All best wishes for a lovely Easter

Catherine Burnham



EASTER HOLIDAY

We break up today and return on Monday 16 April.

BLUE CLASS ASSEMBLY—WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL

Blue Class parents are invited to their assembly at 9.00am.

OPAL CLASS MEET THE TEACHER—WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL

Parents are invited to meet Opal Class's new teachers, Mrs Sharpe and Mrs Chaudoir, on Wednesday 18 April at 3.20pm.

KS2 LUNCHES FOR NEXT HALF TERM

Please let the school office know by Monday 16 April whether your child wants either full time or part time lunches next half term. Lunches can only be booked if full payment has been made for this term.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Children may wear summer uniform after Easter, details of which are on our website, together with information about buying uniform from AlleyCatz, our new supplier.

CLUBS NEXT TERM

We are sending home a list of summer term clubs. Letters for clubs run by external providers are on our website and letters for school-run clubs will be sent out in the first week of next term with clubs starting the following week (23 April).

DIARY DATES FOR NEXT TERM

Next term's dates are being sent home today. These include term dates and there is a separate sports fixtures list.

DOGS AT PICK UP TIME

Please can we ask parents not to tie dogs to the fence just outside the playground gates. This causes an obstruction and this week a child became separated from his parent as a result. Please tie dogs to the fence between the car park gates. Thank you.

PARKING COMPLAINT Please can we remind parents that the end of Marlborough Close (off Arch Road) is a turning area and should not be parked in at any time. Thank you.

SPORTS RELIEF

Thank you to Years 3, 5 and 6 who took part in the Sports Relief Dancing last Friday and raised £86.

LENTEN LUNCH

Years 5 and 6 raised £138 for MISSIO at Friday's Lenten Lunch.

PARISH EASTER MASS TIMES

A reminder that Easter Mass times at All Saints and St Erconwald's are on our website.

ERCONWALD SINGERS are leading Mass this Sunday, 1 April. If your child would like to join them just pop along before Mass. If they would like to read a bidding prayer please email emma@simpkin.net.