

Newsletter No 27

Dear Parents/Person with Parental Responsibility

Friday 1 April 2021



We come to the end of another busy and unusual term but I am so pleased that we end it with all our children in school. In preparation for Easter, the children have really explored the significant events of Holy Week. Today Fr Neil blessed all the classes and each class tied a purple ribbon on our cross of nails; they all showed real respect and reverence - thank you children.

I encourage all our families to try and attend Mass this Easter, either in person or via the many live stream Masses available. It is important that the children celebrate the greatest feast of our Catholic faith.



PTA Easter Raffle.

Thank you to our PTA for organising the Easter Raffle. Congratulations to all the lucky winners: Claire H - Boozy Hamper, Sarah M - Pamper Hamper, Geraldine C - Bottle of Pink Moscato, Katie B - Easter Egg and Carina J-W £20 Cotswold Butcher's Voucher.



Summer School Uniform

When we return, all children are required to wear their summer uniforms (hopefully we will be basking in tropical sunshine by then!) The Summer uniform is:
Green check dress, suitable shoes, with white socks or grey trousers or shorts with jade green polo shirt with logo, grey socks, and sensible dark school shoes - no trainers. Please note all children are expected to be wearing correct school shoes after the Easter holidays.

Please note the round neck; green sweatshirt is not part of everyday uniform. This sweatshirt is to be worn only for PE. Thank you for your support.

Reminder

Parents are reminded that when phoning the school and leaving a message regarding a child's sickness absence, the details of the child's illness must be stated. We need to continue to be vigilant regarding any COVID type symptoms. Thank you for your cooperation.

We thank you for the support and appreciation that the school has received this term. I am also so grateful to all the staff for working so hard and going that extra mile in very challenging circumstances. May you all enjoy a well-deserved and restful Easter break. School reopens on Monday 19 April!



Dates for Diary - April 2021

Thursday 1 April	All day	Wear Purple for Maundy Thursday
Thursday 1 April		Break up for Easter
Monday 19 April		Return to School (summer uniform)
Monday 19 April	All day	Learning Experience Day, non-school uniform (See details below)
WC 26 April	More details to follow	Mid-Term reports and Parents' Evening calls
Friday 30 April	All day	INSET Day

Dates for Diary - May 2021

Monday 3 May	All day	Bank Holiday
Thursday 6 May	School Closed All Day - Remote learning for all pupils	Local Elections WMCAM & PCC
Friday 28 May		Break up for half term

Dates for Diary - June 2021

Monday 7 June	All Day	INSET Day
Tuesday 8 June		Return to School
Tuesday 8 June	All Day	Academy Photographers class groups, graduation & leavers

 **Letters emailed to parents this week: EYFS and KS1 - Reading Assessment Information.**
Please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



Learning Experience Day-Non School Uniform Day

On Monday 19 April we will be holding a 'Learning Experience Day' to immerse the children into their new learning. This will be a **non-school uniform day** and children are asked to dress in the theme of their topic!

- Early Years: Animals!
- Year One: Toys!
- Year Two: Explorers!
- Year Three: Rainforest!
- Year Four: - Ancient Greeks
- Year Five: Sustainability (eco-warriors)
- Year Six: Mayan Mask Parade (children will be wearing the masks they have made in school!)

Thank you all and we look forward to have the children back in school ready to learn!



CREATIVE EARTH COMPETITION



Creative Earth Competition

We would love as many of our children to enter this fantastic competition! The future is in the hand of our amazing children, so what would they like it to be like? This is a chance for your child to utilise their God-given talents, understand social action and have their right to be heard respected! Tweet your entries, deadline is Monday 5th April! <https://together-for-our-planet.ukcop26.org/creative-earth/>

School Closed



Polite reminder school is closed on the following days: **Friday 30 April - INSET Day and Thursday 6 May Local Elections.** (Remote Learning for all pupils) Thank you.



Dinner Money

Parents of KS2 children who have school dinners, the deadline for the payment of **£64.40** is Thursday 22 April; please make payment through Parent Mail Pay. Thank you.



Attendance - Our school strives for 100% attendance.

Did you know...? Government legislation states that a child with an attendance of 90% and below is categorised as a "Persistent Absence Pupil". An attendance figure of 90% equates to missing half a day every week that means four weeks of missed school work across the whole year.

Parents should also be aware that referrals to the school nurse will be considered for those children with an attendance rate of below 95% due to health related absences.

This week the Attendance Award was won by EYFS and Year 4 with 100% Well done!

The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6!



Recommendations: EYFS: Abigail M, Sonny T Year 1: Euan W, Summer-Rose P Year 2: Alannah K, Ayla G Year 3: Maddison M, Cora L Year 4: Jay M, Klaudia R Year 5: Alfie J, Iris A Year 6: Myles O'D, Liam B.

Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being 'Attentive and Discerning'. As a school community we are looking for opportunities in our own lives where we show the virtues. Please discuss this with your children at home; highlighting times when you experience or show these virtues. This will also be the focus for our 'Angel of the Week' awards for this half term.



Angel of the Week

Each week we will be recognising those children who we feel have made that extra special effort and show the virtues in their daily life.

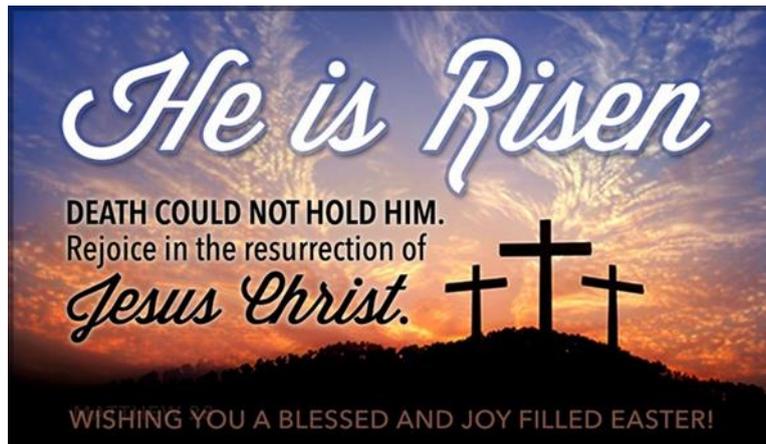
This week's winners are: **Mr Hunt:** Ivy B **Mr Rowlands:** Mia L **Miss Cross:** Erin H **Miss Stevens:** Jack M **Miss Nash:** Elijah C-G **Mr Mayor:** Sophia J **Mrs Hope:** To all the Mini Vinnies.





Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week and during the Easter holiday:

Martha G, Arun A (EYFS), Niall O'H,(Y1), Rory H, Amelie M-B (Y2), Ciara P, Eve H (Y3), Eliza H, (Y4), Maggie R, Connor McC, Kieron McC, Calum McC (Y6).



The children, staff and Governors wish you a joyful Easter.

Have a lovely Easter - keep safe.

Yours sincerely



Principal