

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 28th March 2024

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Nurturing Our God-Given Talents

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Today marks Maundy Thursday, which is recounted in the Gospel of John (John13;1-17), and carries profound symbolic and practical messages deeply rooted in humility service and love.

In school, the Faith Friends led a small prayer service before school with parents and then the whole school gathered together to remember that symbolic act of washing feet. At the beginning of the day, the whole school gathered together to remember this event and help prepare us for the most important part of our Christian calendar.

As we celebrate the season of Easter, a time of renewal and hope, we are overwhelmed by the generosity and spirit of our community. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the families who have donated Easter eggs this year. Your contributions will bring joy and smiles to many faces, making a significant difference to the charities we support.

Thank you also to the children in Y3 who visited St George's Cathedral for the Chrism Mass. I have been told they behaved wonderfully and sang beautifully.

Have a great Easter!

Kind regards

Mr Sims
Headteacher

HOLY WEEK

Friday 29th

Good Friday

Saturday 30th

Holy Saturday

Sunday 1st

Easter Sunday

WEEK BEGINNING 15th APRIL

Monday 15th

Children return to school after Easter Break in Summer Uniform

Tuesday 16th

Offers for Reception September 2024

FAITH FRIENDS

This morning, Faith Friends led a prayer service for Maundy Thursday. Thank you to all the parents that attended. The children reflected on when Jesus washed the feet of the disciples, showing humility and love.

The children handed out wipes to everyone so that families could wash each other's hands.

This week, let us all try and be more like Jesus, the servant king. What are you going to do this week to serve others?



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HOLY WEEK AT CHRISTCHURCH

Thursday 28th March – Maundy Thursday

8pm Mass of the Last Supper. Y3 children taking part in washing of the feet.

Friday 29th March – Good Friday

10am Stations of the Cross
12 Noon Children's Good Friday Liturgy
3pm Solemn Liturgy, including the Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

Saturday 30th March – Holy Saturday

10am Blessing of Food.
11am Reconciliation
9pm Easter Vigil Mass.

Sunday 1st April – Easter Sunday

9.30am Children's Mass
11.30am Sung Mass
6.30pm Said Mass

All Masses will have the renewal of Baptismal vows.

PRAYER LITURGY

Hugo Landais and Jacob Ramirez, 4J, presented a really lovely Prayer Liturgy this week. They prepared a complex power point with the Gospel words on it and they invited the class to participate in the activities linked to the messages in the gospel.



SUMMER UNIFORM

The children are asked to return to school after the Easter break in full Summer uniform. The weather should be better by then and the children look forward to wearing less layers!

Our uniform policy can be viewed [here](#) so please take a look.

LITERACY



This week Mrs Thaxter recommends.....

The Promised One: The Wonderful Story of Easter

Ages 3-6

He was like no one else, and the people believed the Promised One - God-on-earth - had arrived. But others were not so sure. But God always has a plan, and this is the story of God's plan, and how Jesus came for everyone, everywhere, for all time.

SHORT STORY COMPETITION

This year, Royal Borough Greenwich have launched the **500 Word Short Story Competition**, on the theme of DISCOVERY. Children are invited to write a short story, no more than 500 words, preferably typed, on this theme. The Easter holiday is a good time to get creative and get writing!

All entries can be sent to Mrs Thaxter by Friday 19th April. Please include your full name and class.

Y3 VISIT SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

As part of the Southwark Singing Programme, some of our Y3 children joined other schools to sing in the choir at the Chrism Mass this week, at Southwark Cathedral. Archbishop John Wilson celebrated the Mass. Many thanks to Mrs Whitewood for accompanying the children and to the parents who volunteered to help.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

This week....

Dotty Steele, 4J, recently came first in a show jumping competition at Mount Mascall Stables!

Well done Dotty!



A VISIT FROM THE DENTIST!

Y4 children are learning all about teeth and were lucky to have had a visit from the dentist. Mrs Landais spoke about the importance of dental hygiene and the food/drink that we should avoid or just have on special occasions. Many thanks to Mrs Landais for taking the time to speak to the children.



EASTER EGG COLLECTION

Many thanks for your kind Easter Egg donations. These eggs will bring a smile to all those children who would otherwise be without. Sr Chris and Sr Susan from Convent of Mercy collected them today and will deliver them to their charities before Easter Sunday.

We teach the children, as part of our Catholic Social Teaching that:

- Human Dignity (everyone is special)
- The Common Good (thinking of everyone)
- Solidarity (showing we care)
- Preferential Option (putting people most in need first)



END OF TERM AWARDS CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Class A	Fox, Elsie
Class B	Noah, Mabel
Class C	Vincent, Naga
Class D	Sasha, Freya
Class E	Fionn, Alexandria
Class F	Jack, Lydia
Class G	Elliot, Aya
Class H	Zion, Bella
Class I	Alex, Lissie
Class J	Antonio, Raessa
Class K	Emmett, Olivia B
Class L	Jacob, Grace
Class M	Austin, Gabriella
Class N	Gabrielius, Grace

END OF TERM AWARDS CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

Class A	Archie, Varvara
Class B	Bobby, Otilie
Class C	Cyprian, Lara
Class D	Dominic, Isabelle
Class E	Dexen, Keziah
Class F	Zachary, Grace
Class G	Matthew, Esme
Class H	Max, Chisom
Class I	Philip, Titi
Class J	Hugo, Megan
Class K	Zofia, Valentina
Class L	Sammy, Tilly
Class M	Bertie, Mia
Class N	Fletcher, Mia

END OF TERM AWARDS PSHE

Class A	Nadia
Class B	Samuel
Class C	Harper
Class D	Jendrick
Class E	Annie
Class F	Ella
Class G	Samuel
Class H	Connor
Class I	Jake
Class J	Frankie
Class K	Tymon
Class L	Sicily
Class M	Betty
Class N	Beatrice

ATTENDANCE

TUESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2023 – THURSDAY 28th MARCH 2024

RA	RB	1C	1D	2E	2F	3G	3H	4I	4J	5K	5L	6M	6N
95%	97%	96%	97%	98%	95%	97%	97%	96%	96%	97%	97%	97%	97%

Well done to Class E for achieving the highest attendance so far this year! Keep up the good work!

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