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Dear Families,

Thursday 13th April

It is always a very special time being in school during Holy Week and over the course of this week, the children have prepared for Easter by taking part in a Liturgy; they observed the Stations of the Cross followed by class reflections and activities; Year 4 & 5 retold the Easter story in church and in school; the children in Year 4, 5 & 6 were offered Confession; and we finished on Holy Thursday with a service in school for all of the children. Reception class had already performed their version of the Easter story last week for parents in school. I would like to thank the staff for preparing the children so well, especially Mrs Mooney, who has planned and prepared much of these celebrations this week.

School Uniform

Please find along with this letter, details of our updated school uniform policy which will come into force **from September 2017**. The policy remains largely unchanged, but I would like to draw your attention to a number of areas. It has been decided with Governors, that girls are permitted to wear trousers all year round if they wish, not just in the Autumn and Spring Term – **this is with immediate effect** so girls may wear trousers on returning after the Easter break.

From September, we would also like all children who wear polo shirts to wear ones with the embroidered school badge, which is in keeping with the school sweatshirts and cardigans (and most other schools in the city). Although we are not officially introducing these until September, they are **available now** in the Tots to Teams shop and online and would be welcomed in the Summer term after the Easter holidays. There is, of course, no obligation to buy these immediately. The polo shirts look very smart and, like the sweatshirts and cardigans, make the children in our school easily identifiable when outside of school. I would also like to alert you that from September, all children should attend school in black, leather shoes (not boots or trainers). I thank you in advance for your support with this matter.

The new policy, along with photos of the new school polo shirts are now available on our website in the Parent Area section under 'School Uniform'.

Easter Egg Competition

As always, the children surpassed all expectations and designed and made the most amazing eggs for our competition this week. All the staff have the impossible task of judging the designs but winners were chosen and the children were all given a treat for the efforts that were made. Well done everyone!

Fundraising

Thank you so much for your generosity over the last few weeks. Please find below all of the sums we have raised:

Red Nose Day - £200

Easter Raffle - £137

Easter Performance Church collection for Crawford House (Sick children's Trust, RVI) - £315

Improvements to Infant & KS2 School Playgrounds

We are currently in the process of looking to improve and upgrade the facilities on both playgrounds through School Funds and money raised by our wonderful PTA. We have received a number of quotes to put in an area of non-slip decking for a quiet seating area in the Infant Yard (the grassed section that has been coned off for a lot of this year). However, the quotes we have received have been in excess of £7000 for this small area and with our very limited budget, we are now looking for alternative options. I wanted to let you know that this is something that is very much on our agenda and we hope to update you all with some good news soon.

New school website

Thank you for all the positive comments we have received since launching our new school website – they are greatly appreciated. We are still in the process of updating it, and will keep you informed of any new developments. A reminder that if you would like to follow us on Twitter, our Twitter ‘handle’ (which I have been reliably informed is the correct terminology!), is: @StOswaldsRCgos

We have added some new photographs on our homepage and class sections of the website.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the governors and staff to wish you a happy, healthy and holy Easter.

With best wishes,



Mr P Marley

