



Newsletter



26th March 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is very unusual to be in school during Holy week. Today during praise assembly we presented Palms crosses to the children, blessed by Deacon Didier. Sunday will be Palm Sunday, when Jesus entered into the city of Jerusalem with much fanfare and Glory. We encouraged the children to place the palms somewhere in the house where they can remember the hope that Jesus gave to us.

Every day next week the children will be sharing in a collective worship remembering the sacrifices that Jesus made so that we can have hope and healing.

Don't forget you can watch the Praise assembly on your child's Google classroom page.

"Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Head Teacher Appointment for September 2021 and Pre School news

Please see the attached letter from the Chair of Governors re the Head Teachers appointment and updated Pre School news.

We will be opening the **St Joseph's Pre School in September 2021**. If you have a preschool child who is 3 or 4 years old and isn't starting the Reception class in September they will be eligible to come to the pre-school. There are Government incentives that enable you to receive 30hrs free child care per week during term time.

<https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

The preschool will hopefully be offering wrap around child care from 8.00 a.m. until 5.45 p.m. (in line with the school hours and ASC). We will not be offering care in the holidays it will be term time only. Main school hours will be paid for from the free child care hours, if you required your child to stay for lunch and from 3.00 until 5.45pm there will be extra charges.

Please call or e mail the school office to register your interest and please let any friends or relatives know about our opening. We will be initially offering places for 13 children. There will be more information to follow shortly.

COVID NEWS

At this present time we have had no further updates from the Government re the relaxing of rules in schools. We are currently following the 8th of March guidelines and the countrywide relaxation of rules. Therefore at this present time there are still restrictions in place with regards extra adults in school and indoor clubs.

New Drop off times: Tuesday 20th April

From the beginning of Term 5, all children will go into the classroom at 8.20am. Year 1 and 2 children can be dropped at school **from 8.00am**; parents do not need to wait with their children, unless their children are nervous or anxious, a teacher will be on the playground from 8.00a.m. **Reception parents** will need to wait with their children and we would encourage you to drop off as near to 8.20am as you can.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 can be dropped off from 8.00 am, through the drop and go zone at the side of the school, they will enter the playground via the gate near the Year 5 and 6 class. A teacher will be there to supervise the drop off. Children that are walking can also enter via this gate from 8.00am. **Please do not drop your children off before this time.**

As you can see we are still trying to minimise the number of adults mingling on the playground.

Pick up times will remain the same. Years R, 1 and 2: 2.50 PM and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6: 3.00p.m (apart from Friday). Years 5 and 6 can be picked up via the drop and go zone.

Camp News

We have booked camps for **Years 5 and 6** for the Autumn term (next academic year) and there will be letters going out next week with more details.

As lock down eases we have been given the opportunity to book Fernhill camp for the current **Years 3 and 4** in the summer term. Before we can make a firm commitment to this we would like the Year 3 and 4 parents' thoughts via a 'Google Poll'. We realise that it is still early days and some parents might be somewhat nervous, this is an overnight camp in tents, however having been there myself I can assure everyone that it is a brilliant experience and might be just what the doctor ordered.

Year 3&4 Parents – Please click <https://forms.gle/z6CTpJ9WA7i3WShW6> and give us your opinion.

I know there are exciting plans afoot for the current Year 6 class in term 6 and we hope that during the summer term we can offer exciting opportunities for other classes.

Safeguarding

Any help to keep children safe on line, is very much appreciated by parents and carers, please click on the link below for further information.

<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/kidscape-programmes/free-digital-safety-training-for-parents-and-carers/>

The **training** is designed to equip adults with the knowledge to understand the potential risks associated with keeping children and young people safe **online**

PTFA Don't forget Bags to school



PTFA Easter Hampers

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Easter Hampers PTFA fundraiser

This year there will be 2 beautiful hampers one for KS1 and one for KS2

The items for the hamper will be selected and bought by one person

The hamper will have lots of treats for the whole family including crafts, games and yummy goodies.

You can purchase a ticket on the PayPal links attached. Please put your child's name and year group on PayPal payment.

A raffle ticket cost £1

The winners will be selected at random using a number randomising app.

Good Luck 🍀

Draw Thursday 1st of April

PAYPAL LINKS

KS1

<https://paypal.me/pools/c/8wNb6fzNd7>

KS2

<https://paypal.me/pools/c/8wNbaWf2pd>

Let's Count!

We hope you remembered to do your Census last weekend. All the children in the school have been working hard collecting data for the Let's Count competition which is now on display in school. Thank you to those families who also collected data at home.



God Bless

Mrs Jackson and Mr Bath

'Unless there is Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday'. - Fulton J. Sheen