



St. Francis Catholic Primary School



Newsletter 6

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'I am a sign of God's Love.'

Catholic Life

Holy Week

***For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son,
that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have
eternal life.***

John 3:16

In these uncertain times where we can't control whether we will be able to go to Mass or not, you might like to take time at home to remember the events of Holy Week.

It started with Palm Sunday, when Jesus was welcomed triumphantly into His own holy city of Jerusalem. Maundy Thursday marks the beginning of the Easter Triduum (the three holy days) and when the disciples shared the Last Supper. That night we remember Jesus in agony in the garden and we try and spend some prayer time keeping Him company. Then follows His betrayal, arrest and cruel trials which continue into Good Friday: Jesus' final passion and death on the Cross. Holy Saturday is the quiet day of the three holy days. Then there is the climax of joy, as the Church celebrates Jesus' resurrection from the dead! 'Alleluias' resound throughout the Liturgy and continue on until Ascension and Pentecost.

Easter Dates

Sunday 28th March 2021 - Palm Sunday
Thursday 1st April 2021 - Maundy Thursday
Friday 2nd April 2021 – Good Friday
Saturday 3rd April 2021 –Holy Saturday
Sunday 4th April 2021 – Easter Sunday



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

It was wonderful to welcome all our children back to school on the 8th. They have been truly missed. They have all settled well and are working hard whilst enjoying being back with their friends and teachers.

Lenten Fundraising

To celebrate the Feast Day of St. Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland, on Wednesday 17th March we dressed up in green and had lots of fun learning all about St. Patrick. Money raised will be donated to one of our Lenten Charities this year.



Our Faith Ambassadors have chosen Acorns as their Lenten Charity this year. On Tuesday this week we all came to school with crazy hair! Fitting as the hairdressers have been closed for such a long time!



The final count hasn't taken place yet but will let you know how much you raised next time!



Jolly Jumper Day raised a fabulous £540.66! Donations were made to Birmingham Children's Hospital, in memory of Isabella Lyttle, and to the Birmingham Women's Hospital Premature Baby Unit.

Thank you all for your generous donations.

We hold in our thoughts and prayers all those who have had their lives taken from them in violent circumstances; in particular Sarah Everard whose life was taken this month, and the children and staff at Dunblane Primary School who lost their lives 25 years ago this month. Since this time school sites have changed irreversibly to ensure the safety of all.



During our last Ofsted inspection in 2019 the inspection team commented that, *“Standards of behaviour are exemplary and relationships between adults and children are based on mutual respect.”* We are delighted that Behaviour at St. Francis is outstanding and as a result children have an excellent attitude to their learning. With this in mind we would like to remind you that the expectation of exemplary behaviour is non-negotiable for all pupils who wish to attend, or adults who wish to visit St Francis Catholic Primary School.

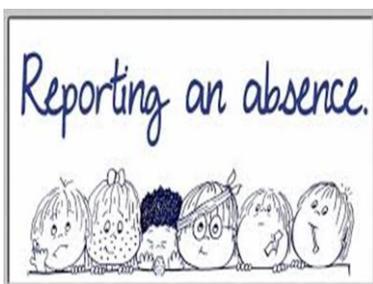
There may still be places available for Mass on Easter Sunday. Please contact Fr Malcolm for details. Sfoa.shelfield@rcaob.org.uk
Tel: 01922 682542.



Again we have received complaints from our community that some parents are still parking inconsiderately and sometimes dangerously around school. Please be aware that the authorities have been notified of the situation.

School meals MUST be ordered in advance for all children who wish to receive a school dinner that day. Orders are to be placed through School Grid by 8:55am each day. If you prefer orders can be placed weekly/monthly/half termly.

If meals are not ordered on time parents/carers will need to bring a packed lunch to school by 12 noon.



Thank you to all our parent/carers who follow correct procedure and inform us of their child's absence. Please may we remind you we need evidence of the reason for absence eg a doctors or dentists appointment letter? If this is not available then a signed letter from the parent/carer should be sent into the school office with the dates and reasons of your child's absence on the day of their return.

Friday 23rd of April will be a Mufti Day to celebrate the feast of St George. Bring in a £1 donation and wear something red or white. If you're feeling brave dress up as a knight or a dragon!



School will close to pupils for the Easter holiday on Thursday 1st April at the following times:



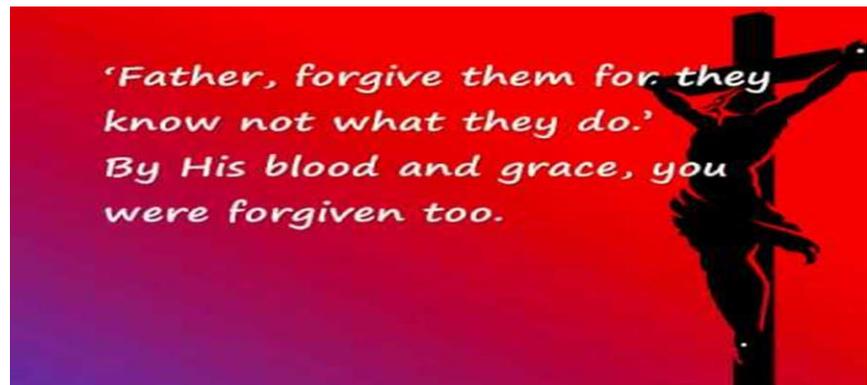
Family Groups	1:10pm (Group A-M) 1:15pm (Group N-Z)
EYFS	1:05pm
Year 1	1:20pm
Year 2	1:20pm
Year 3	1:20pm
Year 4	1:25pm
Year 5	1:25pm
Year 6	1:25pm

April 19 th	Drop-off	Collection
Family Groups	8:45-8:50	2:55-3:00 (Group A-M) 3:00-3:05 (Group N-Z)
EYFS	8:45-8:50	2:50-2:55
Year 1	8:50-8:55	3:05-3:10
Year 2	8:50-8:55	3:05-3:10
Year 3	8:50-8:55	3:05-3:10
Year 4	8:50-8:55	3:10-3:15
Year 5	8:50-8:55	3:10-3:15
Year 6	8:50-8:55	3:10-3:15

We will welcome pupils back to school on Monday 19th April



Whilst we hope everyone has a relaxing and joyful Easter please remember to follow the Government guidelines relating to Coronavirus and social distancing. <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> Although we hope the end is in sight we must all still take care to stay safe and protect the NHS.



As always we thank you for all your support in making St. Francis a great school. We hope all our families have a happy and holy Easter.

Yours sincerely

Miss Richards
Headteacher