



Dear Parents / Guardians

1st April 2021

It has been a wonderful final week in school before we break for the Easter holidays. School life, as always, has been incredibly busy and exciting. The children have continued to shine, thinking of others through fundraising for Comic Relief and the "Walking for Water" campaign linked to CAFOD. They have thoroughly enjoyed these activities showing their resilience and teamwork.

They have shown themselves to be creative in terms of their decorated egg entries - great to see children reflecting the current times with Downing Street Press Conferences, eggs shopping in masks and honoring our NHS heroes! A huge thank you to the Friends of St Bede's for providing each child with an Easter egg to recognize their hard work.

A huge thank you goes to the children and staff for the wonderful liturgies they prepared for us all throughout Holy week - we are sure you will agree that they have been heartfelt and most reflective. It has been a huge pleasure to be back in school together as a whole school community this half term. We would like to extend our thanks to you, our extended school family for all your well wishes and continued support. A big thank you to all for completing the parent questionnaires this week. All of your comments and responses will be listened to and help to inform our continued school development.

More details will be sent out after Easter regarding the planned breakfast and after school provision and our new Facebook page - watch this space! We wish you all a happy, safe and Holy Easter.

Best wishes, Mrs Brown

Mrs Bennett

Miss Ellis

Executive Headteacher

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Our Faith Space.

Our whole-school, virtual liturgy this week was centred on the message of Palm Sunday. Often called the Triumphant Entry, this wave of popularity would be short lived. We know that, not even a week later, Jesus would be crucified. Yet in that special moment we get a hint of the final return of Christ. Throughout the week, we have been walking with Jesus as he takes his final journey through the streets of Jerusalem, towards his death, through our Lenten liturgies. All children in school - from Y6 to Nursery - have helped us to pray and reflect during this most holy week.

Please do continue sharing your great efforts for our CAFOD Walking for Water appeal. We would love to see photos of your daily walks! Please message the school or your child's class teacher with your collective total of droplets counted, steps taken, total walks made or the amount of any money raised and we can see just how much of a difference we have made together.

We thank Father Derek for his support this term and look forward to more collaborations of our partnership in the Summer term.

We hope you have a blessed Holy Week, a Happy Easter and, as always, you are in our prayers.



Upcoming feasts: **Good Friday** – 2nd April; **Holy Saturday** – 3rd April; **Easter Sunday** – 4th April; **Divine Mercy Sunday** – 11th

Parish News

All the Holy Week and Easter celebrations in the parish will be broadcast through our YouTube channel. If you would like a copy of the Newsheet for this week with the details or would like to ask about our Holy Week Masses and Services, please email me: derektornham@rcdmidd.org.uk or telephone me on 01642 292552.

I hope that you and all your family enjoy this special season of Easter. With all good wishes, Father Derek.

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Nursery

We have had a very special week in Nursery focusing on Holy Week as we prepare for Easter.

The children have particularly enjoyed learning the words to "Give Me Joy in My Heart" and "Here Comes Jesus Riding into Town" for our Lenten Liturgy.

We have focused on a new section of the Easter Story each day, the children have made Palm Crosses, acted out parts of the story and have also enjoyed preparing and tasting hot cross buns.

We have continued to observe the life cycle of a frog - our frogspawn has now developed into tadpoles. Children have watched excitedly at the tadpoles swimming around. They have been astounded at how quickly the changes have taken place! We are looking forward to the next stage... What a variety of wonderfully decorated eggs – they were all truly amazing and everyone's efforts were celebrated.

Have a wonderful Easter break, stay safe.

Mrs Gibbon and the Early Years Team.



Reception

Reception have had a fantastic week continuing our topic 'Growing' along with celebrating the events of Holy Week. We have shared the Easter Story each day and discussed the significant events such as Palm Sunday. The children sequenced the events in the story together using new vocabulary they have acquired such as 'The Last Supper'. The children worked independently to make Palm Crosses and applied their printing skills to make Easter cards.

In maths, we have learnt about 3D shapes and how they differ from 2D shapes. The children made connections to every day 3D objects and discovered properties of shapes such as faces. The children were super shape detectives around the classroom. They have been challenged to find 3D objects in their homes too!

The children have nurtured growing a bean over the past half term and these have now been sent home for the children to continue taking responsibility for the caring of it.

Have a lovely Easter holiday!

Miss Brown and the Early Years Team.



Year 1

What a busy last week of term in Year 1!

In maths, children have been applying reasoning and problem-solving skills to previously taught topics. In English, we have read a number of short texts and children have been developing their skills of inference.

In RE, the children have learnt about the events of the Easter Story - from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. We have created artwork, comic strips and Calvary Hill pieces of artwork to showcase our learning. Our Key Stage One Lenten Liturgy centred on The Last Supper and the children were able to apply their music skills to learn our liturgy hymn, 'Do this in memory of me.' In science, the children have demonstrated their knowledge of materials and their properties through practical tasks. In PE, the children completed a skills session on jumping.

We were blown away by the creativity of the children with their decorated eggs – thank you so much for your support.



Wishing you all a Happy and Holy Easter.

The Year One Team



Year 2

It has been lovely to be in school this week to share the stories of Holy Week and Easter with the children. They have painted their own Stations of the Cross, retold the story of Palm Sunday for a newspaper report and created their own Easter Sunday pictures. The children also worked together to create and share a reflective Lenten Liturgy based on the events of Maundy Thursday and the Last Supper. We hope you enjoyed watching these on our google classroom. In computing, we have created algorithms to enable a drone to deliver parcels to different schools. In English, we have applied our reading skills of retrieval and inference to a variety of short texts. In maths, we have been applying previously learnt concepts to mental arithmetic and reasoning and problem solving questions.

We loved seeing all the creative egg designs...they were eggcellent!

Happy Easter from Year 2.



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Year 3

We have had a wonderful last week of Spring Term! This week in English, we have focused on the reading skills of retrieval and giving explanations supported by evidence from the text. We have analysed a range of song lyrics, discussing the vocabulary choices of the lyricist. We have explained succinctly how the words made us feel and why. We have also focused on identifying and using the present perfect tense in our written pieces.



In maths we have focused on using our understanding of British currency to add and subtract money. The children have also applied their skills to calculating change.

Within RE, at the end of our 'Giving All' learning, the children have reflected on the importance of Holy Week and Jesus' sacrifice for us. They have explored how we can give in our daily lives. We have also created some wonderful artwork to represent and remember the sacrifice Jesus made.

In science we have investigated and observed how magnets attract or repel depending on how the magnetic poles are aligned.



Have a wonderful Easter holiday.

Miss Stainthorpe and the Year 3 Team.

Year 4

We have had a lovely last week of term in Year 4! In English, we have written instructions on how to brush our teeth. We have focused on using fronted adverbials and time connectives to ensure written pieces are coherent and chronological – when required to be.

Learning activities in maths have involved children applying previously taught concepts to a wide variety of reasoning and problem-solving questions involving money.

In RE, we have created our own bidding prayers in preparation for our Lenten Liturgy for Holy Week. Children have reflected on the events of Holy Week and the impact of these on our lives.

As part of our science topic this week we have been looking at the structure of teeth and the different layers. We have researched the scientist Alexander Fleming and his discovery of penicillin.

For our art lesson this week we have created a piece of work based on Good Friday. We have thought about the colours we used and their symbolism.



Have a wonderful and restful Easter.

Year 4 Team



Year Five

The children have had a very busy last week of term! In our maths lessons, we have recapped the time objectives that were taught in the most recent lockdown, including converting between 12 and 24-hour times and reading and interpreting timetables, using resources from Headstart Maths and NCETM.

For our English, we have continued reading *The Secret Lake* by Karen Inglis. The children have been applying many reading skills, including summarizing a chapter and making predictions about what will happen next. They have also written a character profile of one of the children.

In RE, we have focused on the events of Easter Sunday and the children created booklets explaining the importance of Easter to Christians.

We have continued our geography learning about Syria this week by learning about why people become refugees or asylum seekers. We then found out about some famous people who were refugees and the positive contributions they made to their new home country. We also learned about a young girl who is a Syrian refugee and her life journey so far.

We hope everyone has a wonderful Easter break

Take care
Year 5 Team



Year 6

Drawing on all our knowledge after reading the novel, 'A Long Walk to Water,' we have used our persuasive writing techniques to create an advert for WaterAid. The children were keen to draw attention to the charity who build water wells in remote African villages. This mirrors the events in the story.

In maths, we have continued with converting between metric and imperial units, this week using conversion graphs as a tool to solve problems. We have revisited previously taught concepts and applied these to a wide range of reasoning questions, using key vocabulary (I know this because...I already know this so...) to explain our answers.

'Healthy Me' has been the focus of our learning through our PSHE curriculum- Jigsaw. This week children have discussed exploitation and shared their concepts of what the word 'gang' means to them. They have analysed different scenarios before suggesting strategies someone could use to avoid being pressurised into doing something that they feel uncomfortable with or that might put them at risk.

In RE, we have explored the event of the Easter Vigil before looking at the Paschal Candle, making links between the symbols used, Scripture and Christian beliefs. Finally, we have focused on the Stations of the Cross before creating a Lenten Liturgy to reflect and celebrate this joyous time of year.

What a fantastic array of decorated egg – thank you so much!



Mrs Bennett, Miss Walker and Mrs Winn



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