



ST EDWARD'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 26th March 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been another great week in school! We hope you have been keeping up to date with our Facebook page as you will be able to see first-hand all the wonderful things that our children have engaged in during this week. There are so many things to look forward to next week too. For *eggzample*, we have our "Easter Fun" paste egg eggstravanga, our Easter reflection as well as the opportunity to buy knitted "Easter buddies" in order to support Teesside Hospice - further details to follow.

It has also been a poignant week in school, as we, along with the rest of the country marked the National Day of Reflection remembering the beginning of the first lockdown. It was on this day that we remembered not only the many hardships and sadness that was felt by all but also the community, team spirit, resilience and love that helped us to get to where we are today.

We continue to look forward each day with a positive heart and hope for the future for all.

Best wishes,

Mrs M Brown

Executive Headteacher

Mrs A Teasdale

Head of School

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Assistant Headteacher



Faith Space

Our whole-school liturgy this week was centred on Sunday's Gospel message: unless a grain of wheat shall fall to the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. We know that, in Christ, we must die to our old ways and bear much fruit by following his path. In this story, Jesus was telling us about how his kingdom would come to be. We journey with Jesus this week to his death and glorious resurrection.

After the sombre date of one year in lockdown passed this week, it served to remind us of all we have been through - but also how much we have been able to persevere and rethink how we can remain connected as communities. This one-year anniversary also means that this is the second time that we cannot worship together during the most sacred week of our Church's year. But, just as we have innovated in the way we connect with one another over the past year, so must we innovate how we worship too.

In school, the children's daily worship will walk with Christ as he takes his final journey through Jerusalem. Furthermore, each class has helped to lead us on this journey by recording one of the Stations of the Cross. These reflections will be shared in the form of a video throughout Holy Week via our school website (<https://stedwards.npcat.org.uk/worshipping-together-at-home/>) and Facebook page. The stations will be posted as follows:

- Monday: Stations 1, 2, 3, 4 (Year 5/6) - Tuesday: Stations 5, 6, 7 (Year 3/4) - Wednesday: Stations 8, 9, 10, 11 (Year 1/2) - Thursday: Stations 12, 13, 14 (EYFS)

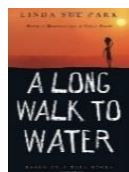
Please do continue sharing your great efforts for our CAFOD Walking for Water appeal. We would love to see photos of your daily walks! Please message the school or your child's class teacher with your collective total of droplets counted, steps taken, total walks made or the amount of any money raised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

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

Upcoming feasts: Palm Sunday – 28th March; Maundy Thursday – 1st April; Good Friday – 2nd April; Holy Saturday – 3rd April; Easter Sunday – 4th April

Year 6

Our Geography themed fortnight has begun this week, it has been very exciting and challenging! In Maths, we concentrated on time zones, calculating the time in lots of different countries across the world, linking to our overall topic of time. This linked perfectly to our Geography work, where we have been identifying the Equator, lines of longitude and latitude and Arctic and Antarctic Circles on a world map. In English, our writing has been centred around 'A Long Walk to Water'. In the story (based on real life), Salva met an aid worker in his refugee camp in Ethiopia, where he is seeking safety from his war-torn country. The children also created their own A3 adverts for a Water Aid charity, writing to persuade the reader to donate money to help people like the characters, Salva and Nya, to get clean water, health care and safety. We continued with our baking theme this week. We are really enjoying spending time in the cooking classroom creating delicious cakes to bring home. This will continue next week, along with Easter reflections and activities as we begin Holy Week. Once again, thank you for your hard work and smiling faces this week, Year 6!



Year 5

This week, we began our CAFOD themed fortnight in Syria. We have been reading the novel, 'Welcome to Nowhere' which is based on the events of the Syrian civil war and the plight of refugees. This book has allowed for lots of discussion about how it would feel to be a refugee. We have been truly gripped by the events so far. This project has enabled us to research the geographical context of Syria as well as focussing on how places have changed and how people have migrated over time due to war. We have also made links to Islamic art, creating geometric patterns through printing as well as using an online design app. The results have been really impressive. We will continue our work on a Syria into next week too. In Maths, we have been perfecting our reading of clocks - digital, analogue and 24 hour, calculating time intervals and reading timetables. During RE, we are building up towards the Easter events, with a focus on the beliefs, actions and values of Christians. We look forward to continuing this next week as we begin Holy Week.



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Year 3 / 4

This week Year 3/4 have enjoyed a range of activities. In Maths, the children have continued to explore money and different methods for finding change. During English, the children are enjoying our class text "The Sheep Pig." They have completed a persuasive advert for the sale of the sheep-dogs, created clear and detailed instructions for how to be a sheep-dog and took part in a discussion and debate about Babe. In RE, the children looked at the Stations of the Cross within our Easter topic of "Giving All" and understood events from a different perspective. During Science, the children have been able to investigate tooth decay. They really enjoyed this experiment! In Geography, the children used their mapping skills to locate the countries of the UK and the seas which surround it. They also looked at the different flags which make up the flag of the UK. Within Music, the children are becoming more confident when reading and recognising notes. During PE, the children have developed new skills within yoga using balance, core strength and determination.

Well done Y3/4!



Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed another fantastic and hardworking week in school. We continued to read the story, "The Magic Faraway Tree" by Enid Blyton. The children produced some great pieces of writing including writing a set of instructions to make some delicious toffee! They were able to use expanded noun phrases to add extra detail as well as time connectives to help order their instructions. Reading them made our mouths water! In Maths, we completed on number bonds and used this knowledge to add 2-digit numbers. Within RE, we focused on different ways in which we can show we are following in the footsteps of Jesus, both at home and in school. The children also were able to compose their own beautiful prayers of thankfulness to God.

Well done Year 2 for another brilliant week.

We are super proud of you all!



Number Bonds to 20	
There are 20 legs in make 20	
0+20 = 20	20+0 = 20
1+19 = 20	19+1 = 20
2+18 = 20	18+2 = 20
3+17 = 20	17+3 = 20
4+16 = 20	16+4 = 20
5+15 = 20	15+5 = 20
6+14 = 20	14+6 = 20
7+13 = 20	13+7 = 20
8+12 = 20	12+8 = 20
9+11 = 20	11+9 = 20
10+10 = 20	

Year 1

This week in Year 1 the children have been on an "Alien Mission!" They had to read and follow clues in order to find a letter from Orson, an alien from the moon! They created lost posters to help find him which they displayed around the school and then composed a set on instructions to help him get back to his spaceship. In maths, we have been learning all about the days of the week and months of the year. The children have also been sequencing o'clock and half past times, drawing the hour and minute hands on clock faces and matching times to daily routines.

Another fantastic week of learning.
Keep up the great work everyone!



EYFS – Nursery & Reception

This week Reception have enjoyed completing their "Walk for Water" in aid of CAFOD. The children had to carefully carry a cup of water around the playground without spilling a drop!

We talked about how we are raising money to help other people that don't have close access to clean water. Within RE, we discussed Good Friday in preparation for Holy Week. We know that Jesus died on the cross for us because he loves us. We also read the story "Handa's Surprise." After reading this, we weighed different fruits to see which fruits were lighter or heavier than others. As always, we are so proud of the children and their love of learning.



In Nursery this week, we have been amazed by how much the runner bean seeds have grown! Little green leaves are now emerging and the stalks are getting taller every day! We have started to prepare for Holy Week by beginning to retell the Easter story, starting with Palm Sunday, using lots of colouring-in and mark-making.

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