



ST EDWARD'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a wonderful final week in school before we break for the Easter holidays. School life, as always, has been super busy and exciting. The children have continued to shine, thinking of others in terms of supporting Teesside Hospice 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 paste egg entries - one for the history book was our very first Covid-egg - complete with visor and mask! 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.

Just a gentle reminder, when collecting children from the Nursery entrance please avoid queuing in the staff car park. We want to ensure health and safety remains a high priority for all.

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. We wish you all a happy, safe and Holy Easter.

Best wishes,

Mrs Brown  
Executive Headteacher

Mrs Teasdale  
Head of School

Mrs Fox  
Assistant Headteacher



#### 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 the Stations of the Cross. All children in school - from Y6 to Nursery - have helped us to pray and reflect during this most holy week. All of the videos of these Stations can be found on our Facebook page and school website (<https://stedwards.npcat.org.uk/catholic-life/holy-week-2021/>). Furthermore, on this same page, there is a wealth of suggestions and resources for how we can celebrate Holy Week and Easter at home while many of us are unable to celebrate in our parish communities at the moment.

Y1S have helped to guide us in our prayer outreach this week. This, and all other outreach, can be found at <https://stedwards.npcat.org.uk/faith-outreach/>

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, 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



#### Year 6

The children have participated in Easter reflections this week. They have created some beautiful art work, researched and designed their own Pascal Candle and composed a wonderful Easter prayer, reflecting on their Lenten journey.

On Wednesday, we celebrated an "eggstra" special CAFOD fundraising day, where we raised money to support our "Walking for Water" initiative. We would like to thank you all for your donations towards our Easter egg raffle and cake sale; the money we have raised will make a huge difference to others.

The children have worked extremely hard all week. In Maths, our focus has been interpreting graphs for conversions. During English, we completed our class novel - the children were completely enthralled by the ending! We even created our own water filters (out in the sun!) as part of our Geography learning.

Finally, we would like to thank you for all of your support during this challenging half term; we have loved having all of the children back in school.

From the Year 6 Team 😊

#### Year 5

What a way to round off the term! Well done Year 5 on another excellent week in school. We have continued our class novel, "Welcome to Nowhere" holding a class debate linked to some of the controversial topics that have been discussed in the book. In maths, we have been able to combine our maths and orienteering skills answering some challenging questions. There has been some excellent dancing on display as we performed our 70s dance in PE. Awesome moves were displayed by all! We are so proud of the generous nature shown by all of our children - they have brought in many donations towards our "Walk for Water" campaign by CAFOD. Well done Year 5! We hope you have a lovely relaxing time over Easter and we can't wait to see you all back for the Summer term.



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Executive Headteacher: Mrs M Brown | Head of School: Mrs A Teasdale

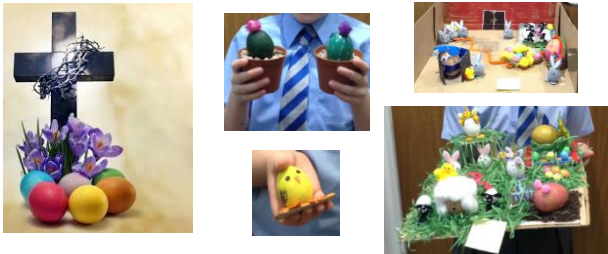
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### Year 3 / 4

Year 3/4 have had a wonderful last week of term. During RE, we have studied and understood the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and The Resurrection. The children have been able to articulate their thoughts and feelings in a thoughtful and mature way. Within Maths, they were able to complete objectives linked to the topic of Money. Alongside this, the children have worked hard to recall multiplication facts and secure knowledge of times tables. In terms of Art and DT, the children completed a range of Easter crafts and cards. It was a delight to see the children's paste egg entries – they were all so proud of their achievements. The Year 3/4 team would like to wish you all a very happy Easter. We look forward to welcoming the children back in school after the holidays to begin the Summer Term.



### Year 2

Year 2 enjoyed their final week of the Spring term! They have focused on the Easter Come and See topic "Opportunities" and were able to produce some thoughtful work. They retold the story of Palm Sunday as well as the Easter Story, created artwork displaying the events of Good Friday and composed some creative acrostic poems using the words "Risen" and "Alleluia" in order to celebrate The Resurrection on Easter Sunday. It has been a wonderful Holy Week in school. The children have shown not only a great understanding of the themes covered but have completed their tasks with maturity and enthusiasm. In Maths, the children were able to continue their work with number bonds. They used their knowledge and skills to add 3 numbers together. We have thoroughly enjoyed being back together this half term. The children have continued to show resilience, teamwork and independence. We are so proud of all of their achievements. Wishing you all a wonderful and well-deserved Easter break.



### Year 1

We all had a brilliant time taking part in our "Walk for Water" fundraising day this week. The children watched a short video clip about a man named Abdella from Ethiopia who has a daily struggle to collect water for himself and his family. We learnt that he has to walk 10,000 steps each day in very hot and often dangerous conditions. The children worked as part of a team to see who could collect the most water in their bucket. It became quite competitive and the children were drenched but that was all part of the fun! Through their efforts, the children have a good understanding of how privileged they are to have clean, running water in their homes and school. Thank you so much for your generous donations for this important initiative by CAFOD to help end water poverty. Have a happy and holy Easter everyone!



### EYFS – Nursery & Reception

This week Reception have learnt about the Easter story. We studied Palm Sunday and re-enacted Jesus' procession into Jerusalem. After the procession, we shared a special liturgy together. We also discussed the other special times during Holy Week such as The Last Supper, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The children enjoyed making Easter cards and showing their decorated eggs to their friends. We hope you all have a lovely Easter. Well done Reception for returning to school so sensibly and embracing all aspects of school life. We are so proud of you.



Nursery has been retelling "The Easter Story" this week. They completed their individual Easter story booklets to take home and share with their family. They have made some beautiful Easter cards spreading the good news of Easter and helping to celebrate Jesus' new life on Easter Sunday. They have enjoyed lots of Easter crafts, including making these very sweet "rocking-Easter-bunnies!"

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