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*"Called to love as God loves"*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As this week is Holy Week, the children in our Early Years and KS1 attended Mass in church led by the Year Six children. The children re-enacted the events of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey by waving their palms joyfully singing Hosanna. It really was a sight to behold. On Tuesday, the KS2 children attended Mass where Year Six performed a moving liturgical mime "Watch the Lamb". Father Michael and Father Gasper were very impressed with the beautiful singing, the clarity of the readers and the children's knowledge of the Passion Story.

### **Stations of the Cross**

The Pupil Chaplains have organised for each class to design one of the fourteen Stations of the Cross. These have been displayed on the perimeter fence to bear witness to our faith in the wider community during Holy Week. Please, if you get a chance, take five minutes to walk the way of the cross in Christ's footsteps with your child.



### **Catholic Social Teaching in Action**

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the collection of food items as requested by Cornerstones Day Centre. Your response has been overwhelming and I know it will be greatly received by this very worthy charity within our Diocese.



### **Easter Bonnet Parade**

The Early Years and KS1 children were very excited on Tuesday during the Easter Bonnet Parade. Thank you to all the parents who have clearly been busy making beautiful creations for the children. You certainly didn't disappoint. The bonnets were amazing!

The KS2 children were equally busy responding to the Egg in the Box Challenge. The bar was raised again this year with some fabulous creations including Harry Potttegg, Pizza Eggpress, The Eggihad Stadium, Egg Sheeran and an Eggquarium to name but a few. Congratulations to our winners Noah, Rory, Jude, Ruby, Niamh, Layton, Isla and Caitlin. Well done to everyone who took part in the competition.



## Easter Disco

Thank you to The Friends of St Mary's and the staff who attended the Easter discos last Friday night. It was lovely to see the children having a thoroughly fabulous time.



## Uniform Check

Uniform checks will take place during the first week back to school. Please ensure that your child upholds our high standards as they "Dress to Impress" in full school uniform. In particular black school shoes (not trainers or footwear with sports logos) and full PE kits: white round neck t-shirts, black shorts and black pumps. Please see website for details.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Finally, on behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy and holy Easter.

God Bless,  
Ms M. Garvey

*Stay With Us, Lord, On Our Journey*

## Diary Dates:

### April Dates

Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr	School closes
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr	School opens

### May Dates

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday King's Coronation
	KS2 SATs week
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Grandparents' Day
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes

### June Dates

Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jun	School opens
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Y5 Trip to Jodrell Bank
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Y1 Phonics Screening
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Y3 Holy Communion
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	Y3 Holy Communion
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Y3 Holy Communion

### July Dates

Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Y2 Trip
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Y1 Trip Imagine That
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Summer Fair
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Jul	School closes 1.30pm