



Dear Parents and Carers,

In school, it's been a busy half term with World Book Day, Science Week, parents evening, Open Morning, class mass/liturgies, bikeability and Easter productions. Well done to all those in year 4 and 5 who took part in bikeability, your progress was amazing! The week saw some children, who had little riding experience, turning into pro cyclists! You showed confidence, determination and resilience, we are all very proud! Well done to the year 3 and 4s for their performance of Roll back the Stone, this was an emotional, thoughtful portrayal of Jesus' journey to death and resurrection. Congratulations to the soloists, narrators and the brilliant chorus – great job!

Wishing you all a happy and holy Easter break.

Staffing Update

Sadly, Miss Mannion will be leaving us at the end of the academic year. We wish her well as she moves to pastures new. We are currently advertising for a Deputy Headteacher.

Important Notice

We would like to inform you that one of our pupils has recently developed a condition that makes them more susceptible to a number of childhood illnesses that will affect their immune system. We ask that you inform the school office if your child or their siblings have chicken pox (or other common contagious illnesses or conditions) at the earliest possible convenience as a matter of urgency.

Year 6 SATs and Year 1 phonics screening

This year's SATs tests will take place during w/c 14th May 2018 and Year 1 phonics screening w/c 11th June 2018. Please do not make holiday plans, dental appointments etc during any of these dates.

Walking Bus

With spring in the air (post Beast from the East) and the weather hopefully improving, please can I encourage you to drop your child/ren off at the Walking Bus. Not only does this mean less cars travelling down Bracken Rd but there are a number of health, social and emotional benefits for your child: exercising, topping up vitamin D, socialising with friends, practicing road safety etc. Personally I love my stroll into school on a Wednesday and love spending time with the children.

Canaan Trust Sleepout

Two of our former pupils, Freya and Jess (and their mums!), will be sleeping out on the night of 6th April 2018 to raise funds for the Canaan Trust. They have set up a just giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stfranciscrow> if anyone would like to contribute to this wonderful charity, which offer support local homeless people.



Friends of English Martyrs'

My sincere thanks to the newly formed Friends of English Martyrs' who have already hosted a fantastic film night, raising £526 for the school and a book sale raising £86.75! The team of parents have a range of future events planned and will share this information with you shortly. If you wish to take a more active role in supporting the school, please make contact with a member of the office team who will put you in contact with the FEM.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Mann
Headteacher

| SPRING TERM | | | |
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| Mar-18 | | | |
| w/c 26 th | Stations of the cross (pupils only) | | |
| 27 th | Y3/4 Easter production 9.15am | | |
| 28 th | Y3/4 Easter production 6.00pm | | |
| 29 th | Stations of the cross (families welcome) 2.15pm | | |
| | School closes for Easter break 3.10pm | | |
| 30 th | Good Friday (School Closed) | | |
| SUMMER TERM | | | |
| Apr-18 | | May-18 | |
| 16 th | School re-opens | 4 th | Whole school Mass 1.45pm |
| 23 rd | KS2 Curriculum drop-in 9.00-9.45am | 7 th | Bank Holiday Monday (school closed) |
| 24 th | Mrs Chibbaro Class Liturgy 9.00am | 8 th | School re-opens |
| | KS2 Curriculum drop-in 9.00-9.45am | 11 th | Y5/6 Good work Liturgy 2.40pm |
| 25 th | KS1 Curriculum drop-in 9.00-9.45am | w/c 14 th | Sats week |
| 26 th | KS1 Curriculum drop-in 9.00-9.45am | 18 th | Mrs Ellis & Miss Sweeney Good work Liturgy 2.40pm |
| 27 th | Y3/4 Good work Liturgy 2.40pm | w/c 21 st | KS1 Summer Watch Week |
| | | 22 nd | Mrs Pettifer class Mass 9.00am |
| | | 23 rd | School Open Door 8.20-9.30am |
| | | 25 th | Miss Radford/Mrs Oldershaw & Mrs Chibbaro Good work Liturgy 2.40pm |
| | | | Finish for Half Term 3.10pm |

