



OUR NEWS 17/03/23

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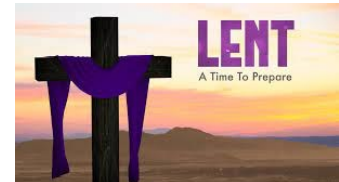


"In the Light of Jesus we Love, Listen and Grow"

This half term has been busy and Christmas seems a distant memory now. We have welcomed new families to our school which is always exciting. We hope they will be happy as part of our Holy Cross Family.

During this half term, we have had visits from people from outside of the trust and all have commented on the family feel of our school. We know this, but to hear it from people unfamiliar with our school is fantastic. As part of our RE and Personal Development curriculum, we had an interesting and engaging visit from a person telling us about their Hindu faith. We value these opportunities for our children to experience the diversity of our world. We have also had parents talk to our Year 6 children about careers, along with Mrs Dolan, Miss Lucas and Mr Morley, who have all had different careers before embarking on the world of education. This is a fantastic way to show our children the opportunities there are for them and the routes into different careers.

When we come back after half term, we will be into the season of Lent. For our Lenten preparation, (almsgiving) our children will be organising different activities to raise money for CAFOD. Their work is vital in reaching out to people living in hard-to-reach places, war zones and those who are discriminated against.



Dates for your diary

Parents' evening 7th March (face to face)
Parents' evening 8th March (online)
Lenten Liturgy 31st March 2.00pm
Break up for Easter (Normal School time)
Pentecost Term begins 17th April
Bank Holiday for King's Coronation 8th May
Key Stage 2 SATS begin 7th May
May assembly 12th May 2.30pm
Ascension Day Mass 10.00am (church)
Leavers Mass and Family Picnic (time to be confirmed)

Chaplaincy team

In our chaplaincy team, we've done a lot of things for our school. We have shared liturgies with different classes and Keystage assemblies but the biggest project was our prayer area. Our chaplains have put up religious pictures that other children have beautifully coloured. Very kindly, a couple of our chaplains have offered to hang up a piece of string and have hung up some religious pictures on the string. So far we have used the space to lead prayer time with other children. We also have awards, and we look out for people who are letting their light shine and are being the salt of the earth for the term. Every 3 weeks, we always plan liturgies with the classes that we have been assigned to do. This is a good opportunity for us to share the word of God.

Eco-Schools

We are delighted to announce we are officially an Eco-School. We have completed our Environmental Review and identified what we have done well and what we need to work on in our school to help the world around us.

What we are doing well:

- Litter picking
- Using recyclable bottles
- Using recycled paper to print on
- Walk to School

What we need to work on:

- Improve habitats for wildlife
- Improving our understanding of how to save energy
- Improving our Lottery Garden

We have begun working towards our new topics of Biodiversity, Energy and School Grounds.

Look out on Class Dojo for pictures on what we are doing.

Best regards,
The Eco Team

