



# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS TRUST

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## ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

### **Jesus Christ has risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

It was with these words that we greeted our children when they returned to school on Monday. They are the words of His Holiness Pope Francis that he shared on Easter Sunday at the beginning of his greeting to the City and The World, *Urbi et Orbi*.

The holiday fell in an unusual way this year, with our celebration of Easter at the very beginning of the children's holiday and we then had two weeks to reflect. We began the new term by considering the empty tomb and rejoicing in the fact that Christ has shown us that death is not the end.

### **Mrs Anne Pendry, R.I.P.**

On Monday we were all greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs Pendry. She was Headteacher of the Junior School from 2001 until 2015.

She was a great servant of Catholic education and many families will have memories of her leadership and kindness. As we indicated in the letter to all families at the start of the week, she was also the leader who appointed many of the current staff in our school, so her legacy continues.

On a personal level, I will remember her as an inspiring boss and a dear friend, and I will miss her terribly.

Please pray for her family at this difficult time.

### **Science Workshop at Trinity School**

On Thursday some of our Year 5 children were invited to Trinity School for an inspiring morning of science and investigation. We have links with Trinity and are able to use some of their specialist facilities, and thank them for their generosity.

### **Equipment for sporting activities**

#### **PE**

A positive change that came from the lockdown was that children now wear their PE kit to school on the day of their PE lesson. However, it must be stressed that PE Kit is *only* to be worn on the day of the lesson, and not on other days of the week.

#### **Swimming**

Miss Aherne has requested to remind parents that children need a swimming hat and goggles for lessons. Many are disregarding this requirement at the moment.

### **Arrangements for the end of the school day**

If your arrangements change for your child at the end of the school day, please inform the School Office. For example, if your child is no longer able to attend an extra-curricular activity, it is important that the organiser is informed so that the register can be amended. This is particularly important for fire safety in the event of an emergency.

### **Assemblies and Liturgies**

Thank-you to the children from Class 4D who presented such a moving and interesting assembly to the school and their parents yesterday. They brought the Gospel alive and reminded us of the important role that the women who were followers of Jesus played at the Resurrection.

The dates for forthcoming assemblies are as follows:

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Class 4T

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Class 3A

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Class 3E

Unless you are told otherwise, assemblies begin at **9.30am**.

### **Achievement Certificates**

The achievement certificates this week are awarded to Emilia in 3A, Indu in 3E, Michael in 4D, Marija in 4T, Mary-Michaela in 5B, Hayden in 5C, Lily in 6G and Nathan in 6P. The Head of School's award goes to Aleksandra in 4D. The swimmer of the week is Anthony in 5B. The Kindness Award this week goes to Victoria in 5B.

Have a restful weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew McDonald

Head of School

#### **Health Advice for parents**

##### **Coronavirus**

*The World Health Organisation now considers the covid pandemic to not be a global health emergency. For advice and support if you suspect someone has covid, please visit:*

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-and-what-to-do/>

***When using a test, check that it is a recent one that is set up to detect new strains of the virus.***

##### **Group A Strep (streptococci)**

Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, but it is highly infectious. Look out for symptoms in your child, which include a sore throat, headache, and fever, along with a fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel. On darker skin the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel. Children with these symptoms should not attend school.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-safely-with-respiratory-infections-including-covid-19>