



# Newsletter

We see Jesus in everything we do

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Dear Parents

Well what a term this has been! Although it has been a relatively short term, Christmas does seem to be an awfully long time ago and we are all, children and staff, ready for a break! The Easter holiday is very welcome!

**A reminder that school closes at 2pm today. Please ensure that all children are collected promptly.**

### Lunchtime Controller Goodbye & Vacancy

We have said a sad goodbye to Marzena Juszcak, one of our fabulous lunchtime controllers today. Marzena has been with us for over three years and leaves us to take up a TA position elsewhere. We are very grateful to her for her dedication to the children and wish her well for the future.

We are consequently seeking a new lunchtime controller from the start of the summer term onwards – a lovely time of year to start this role!! Full details and a job description can be found on the school website. If you think this position might interest you then please contact the school office once we return after the holiday.

### Fund-Raisin

The Friends are very grateful for the £333 collected from the above campaign. The Nightingales were the winning class so well done to them!

### Uniform

Please do refer to our uniform policy over the holiday and ensure that your child is wearing uniform that conforms with our school regulations from the start of

next term. The logos have been creeping back in and there is an abundance of leggings - not joggers - being worn on PE days. We would also request that hair ornamentation is kept to an absolute minimum – there are lots of hair bows and slides that are decorative rather than functional and also seem to be getting bigger and glitzier! Please save these for the weekends.

The children may wear summer uniform from the start of next term – let's all hope that the weather obliges and changes too!

### Walking Bus

A reminder that we will be embarking on a “use it or lose it” review period for the Walking Bus during the Summer term. If more children do not use this facility over the term we will be unable to continue to provide the service. Do please take advantage of it if you can.

### School Lunches

There is a new menu for the Summer term attached to this letter which will include the Grab Bag option to enable the children to eat their lunch in the grounds if the weather is fine.

### Year 2 Cake Sale – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April

There will be a Friends Cake Sale, hosted by Y2, on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April from 2.45pm onwards. Please bring cake donations at morning drop off.

### **Please Be Honest!**

If you are taking your children out of school please do make sure that you are honest with us about the reasons why. We have had several instances across the school this week of parents e-mailing or phoning their child in sick when the children have already told us that they are going away on holiday. In some circumstances, the children get upset or agitated because they think that they have let either you or us down. Whilst we are always vigilant about absence from school, we do not currently impose fines on parents who choose to take their children out of school to go on holiday. Being honest with us sets a good example to the children and reduces unnecessary pressure on them.

### **Save the Date – Parish Youth Event – Sat 27<sup>th</sup> April**

Led by The One Hope Project, there will be an event for young people aged 13 – 30; a day of worship/workshops and fun finding your faith.

Starting 11:30am until 5pm at St Edward's Church.  
Check out The One Hope Project at the church.

### **Maundy Thursday Liturgy**

The Faith Friends prepared and presented a lovely Maundy Liturgy for the whole school and Canon David this morning. It was lovely to share this special celebration with all the children. Many thanks to Miss McGuckian for preparing the children and service so well and to Canon David for his time. The Easter services are listed below for your information.

### **Parish Easter Services**

#### **Maundy Thursday - 28<sup>th</sup> March**

19:00 Mass of the Last Supper St Edward's

#### **Good Friday - 29<sup>th</sup> March**

09:15 Office of Readings St Edward's

10:30 Children's Good Friday  
Stations of the Cross - St Edward's

#### **Solemn Passion Celebration - 29<sup>th</sup> March**

15:00 St Edward's

15:00 St Mark's

#### **Holy Saturday Vigil – 30<sup>th</sup> March**

09:15 Office of Readings

16:00 Blessing of Easter Food

19:30 Easter Vigil

#### **Easter Sunday - 31<sup>st</sup> March**

09:30 - St Mark's

11:00 - St Edward's

#### **Prayers Requested**

There are a few families in our community who are struggling with very difficult circumstances at the moment. Please do say a prayer - and encourage your children to do the same – for the health and wellbeing of all members of our school community during the Easter.

All that remains is for me to thank you all for your continued support and to wish you all a blessed and holy Easter break.

I look forward to seeing you all again on the 15<sup>th</sup> April for the start of the summer term.

God Bless

Sarah Matthews