

Dear Families,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the lovely weather. The children as usual are working really hard and soaring in the knowledge they are gaining. We have had some exciting events recently, all the children enjoyed cooking chicken bhuna masala and the photos below show how much they enjoyed making it.

Well done, to Y3 and Y4 who have lead on our whole school Lent Liturgies. Y4 shared the liturgy on the importance of fasting and Y3 reminded everyone about almsgiving and the value of giving our time to support others. Everyone was asked to reflect on these words "It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving"

On Tuesday 22nd March, the whole school gathered on the playground with Fr. Jonathan + Andrew Wakley. Each class had prepared either art work, a drama scene or prayers, to represent their station of the cross. The whole event was moving and emotional – everyone in school felt the importance of being together and following Jesus's journey from being condemned to death on station one, to station fourteen when Jesus was buried. Fr. Jonathan has also been coming into school to listen to children's confessions.

At St. Mary's we did something new this week, all the Mum's were invited to an Afternoon Tea for Mothering Sunday. WOW – both afternoons went brilliantly well. Everyone commented on how wonderful it was to be in school and spending time with each other. The cake went down well and I know this because it all disappeared! I hope all Mum's have a wonderful time on Sunday. Dads don't worry, we are doing something for Father's Day – you will get your turn!

Our Virtue of this half term is Peace...and so we pray...

God, may Your light guide my day, and your spirit bring me peace.

God, may my sacrifice of today of (state your Lenten sacrifice) remind me of my

dependence on You for all the blessings I enjoy.

Amen.

I wish you all a safe and peaceful Easter break when it comes.

As ever you all remain in my thoughts and prayers.

Take care Mrs R Wheatley Calendar Events

Friday 1st April: Last Day of Term (New Date)

Wednesday 20th April: Pentecost Term Starts

> Friday 29th April Class Photographs

Monday 2nd May Bank Holiday - School Closed

Monday 9th - Thursday 12th May Year 6 SATS week

Wednesday 11th May Year 3 Trip to Woolsthorpe Manor

Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th May Life Education Bus

Friday 20th May School Closed for Inset Day

> Friday 27th May Last Day of Term

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Reception Class: 93.88%

Year 1: 96.55%

Year 2: 97.33%

Year 3: 96.52%

Year 4: 99%

Year 5: 89.33%

Year 6: 94.97%



Congratulations

A special mention goes out to Miss Berridge (Y4 Teacher) who has informed us that her daughter was born on Monday 21st March, her name is Maeve and weighs a healthy 7lbs.



Stations of the Cross

Stations of the cross took place in school on Tuesday





IMPORTANT INFORMATION - CHANGE OF DATE OF INSET DAY

Friday, 1st April, 2022, will now be an ORDINARY SCHOOL DAY. Instead, Friday, 20th May 2022 will now be an INSET DAY. This will be the day when the staff will receive the main part of their training on our new phonics/early reading scheme.

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea





Please see the photos above to see what an amazing event the Mother's Day Afternoon Tea was. It was lovely to be able to invite families back into school. We hope you all enjoyed it.

Roots to Food

Please see the photographs from roots to food. If your children cook these meals at home, please send us photographs.



