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Together we are exploring our special gifts; Together we are growing towards God

Your Tuesday News Date 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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## Lent Update

We are continuing on our Lenten journey under our theme of 'A Time to Grow' by preparing for our whole school Stations of the Cross which will take place on the last day of term. The sunflower seeds that the children all planted at the beginning of Lent are now growing strongly along with the children growing in their love of God as they continue to try to keep to their Lenten promises.



## Stations of the Cross

We are holding our final short reflection on the Stations of the Cross this Thursday at 8:30am in the small hall. Children, parents/carers and families are all warmly invited to come along.

## Mini Vinnies

Well done and a huge thank you to our hard working and dedicated Mini Vinnies for leading such beautiful worships throughout school this Lent. They have all shown great commitment to their exemplary work.

## Lenten Fundraiser - Egg Decorating Competition

The final Lenten fundraiser is an egg decorating competition for ALL children. Details below:

- £1 to enter (Please pay on Parentpay)
- Deadline for entries - Friday 8th April
- Winners chosen by Mr Bullock, our resident Art Teacher
- Winners announced on Tuesday 12th April (last day of term)
- Prizes for 1 winner from each key stage - EYFS, KS1, LKS2, UKS2
- All proceeds will go towards the PFA which in turn will benefit your child's education and school experience

We can't wait to see everyone's EGGcellent ideas!!!

## First Reconciliation

Congratulations to all the children in Year 3 who made their very special Sacrament of First Reconciliation last week in church with Fr. Anthony. We are all very proud of them as they continue on their faith journey. I am indebted to Mrs Heppleston for all her time and dedication that she has given to these children in preparing them both practically and spiritually to make this sacrament.

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%

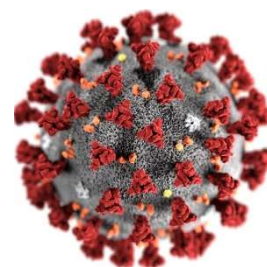


Well done to Year 2 who, against all the odds, managed over 99% attendance last week.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b: 28.03.22.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	88.33	92.92
Year 1	88.31	92.27
Year 2	99.57	95.91
Year 3	89.92	96.15
Year 4	93.04	95.06
Year 5	85.42	94.81
Year 6	96.12	95.23
<b>Average</b>	<b>91.53%</b>	<b>94.62%</b>
<b>TARGET</b>	<b>97.00%</b>	<b>97.00%</b>

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We currently have a quarter of our staff off ill, most of whom have covid. We ask you to please bear with us if communication is not as clear as usual. Our staff team, both at home (if well enough) and in school are working incredibly hard to ensure the smooth running of the school continues during yet another challenging time and that the children are all safe and happy. Thank you as always for your continued support, patience and understanding. If you or your child have any symptoms of Covid 19, we advise that you take an LFD test and remain at home if the result is positive. Thank you again.

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Please note, as is always the case at the end of a full term, the club will be closed on Tuesday 12th April, the last day of term.

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Please note that the multi skills club which was running on a Monday lunchtime and after school on Fridays has come to an end. We apologise for the inconvenience and short notice but this was an outside agency coming in to work with our children and the message from them was simply that they cannot run it in anymore.

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### Dates for your diary:

Date	Time	Event	Where
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	2.00 pm	Mrs Laptew's retirement Mass	Large Hall
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00 am	Whole school Stations of the Cross Led by Year 4	Large Hall
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	3.15 pm	Break up for Easter holiday	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	8.40 am	Return from Easter holiday	

Parent Consultations for Nursery, Year 2, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 are all going ahead this evening and tomorrow evening as planned. However, due to high covid cases we have now had to switch to virtual meetings. A link was sent out this morning for tonight's appointments and a different link will be sent out tomorrow for Wednesday appointments.

Parent Consultations for Year 1 and Year 4 will take place on Tuesday 26th April and Wednesday 27th April. The booking system opened last night at 7pm when a link to book on went out via text message. These meetings will also be held virtually and a link to attend the appointments will be sent out on the day.

Reception Class parent consultations will take place once Mr Duffy is back fit and well. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

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The Book Fair is now in school and will be here until this Thursday. It will be available before and after school each day. By buying books, you are helping us to invest in more quality texts for our library and Accelerated Reader programme as we get a percentage of the profit back to spend on books for school. Thank you for your support.

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There will be no tutoring on Monday 11th April or Tuesday 12th April. Tutoring will continue for two more weeks after the Easter holidays - week beginning 25th April and week beginning 2nd May. As Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May is a bank holiday, children who usually have tutoring on a Monday will have theirs rescheduled if possible. Year 6 children will take their SATs exams week beginning 9th May.

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Parents of children in Foundation Stage and Year 1, please could you return you fluoride varnishing letters before the end of this week. Also children in FS2 will be receiving a letter about hearing tests taking place in school. If you do not want your child to have this done there is a number on the letter to call.

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Please could you check on Parent Pay if you are in arrears for breakfast club, after school club or school dinners. If you are, could you bring your payments up to date as soon as you can. Many thanks.

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**If you are worried or concerned about the wellbeing of any of our pupils, please ask to speak to Mrs Haines, Miss Burgess, or Mrs Laptew**