



# ST. MARK'S R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Headteacher's Message



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all our children and their parents who attended Family Mass on Sunday; the Church was full and our Chaplains led the bidding prayers beautifully. Children from St Mark's also helped with the offertory. It was lovely to see our children making a contribution to Mass so sensibly and reverently. This week, we look forward to seeing how creative our families are when the children bring in their Easter bonnets (EYFS and KS1) and decorated eggs (KS2). Tuesday will be the last chance to send in your 5ps for our 5p trail.

This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week in the Christian calendar. Palm Sunday marks Jesus' joyful entry into Jerusalem on a donkey, welcomed by crowds waving palm branches and shouting "Hosanna". It is a celebration of Jesus as our loving King who brings peace, not through power, but through his sacrifice. Jesus' humble entry into Jerusalem shows that though you are small, you are important to God. In God's kingdom, it doesn't matter how much money you have, or how smart you are, or how important you look to others. How can you be sure? During his earthly life, Jesus ministered to the kinds of people the world often forgets. What's more, Jesus made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem knowing he would sacrifice his life for those he loved. His kingdom belongs to each one of us, and we can welcome him with whatever we have. We remember this as we begin our own Holy Week events, including our Easter liturgies led by Years 3, 4, and 6.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Woodruff

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Class	Attendance
<b>N</b>	<b>95.9%</b>
<b>R</b>	<b>92.7%</b>
<b>Y1</b>	<b>98.3%</b>
<b>Y2</b>	<b>93.9%</b>
<b>Y3</b>	<b>88.1%</b>
<b>Y4</b>	<b>97.9%</b>
<b>Y5</b>	<b>89.7%</b>
<b>Y6</b>	<b>97.3%</b>
<b>WHOLE SCHOOL</b>	<b>94.2%</b>

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** We are aiming to use Studybugs more in our messages to parents, including sending out the newsletter.

**If you have not yet downloaded the Studybugs App, you may not receive these messages.**

**If you are unsure how to do this, please contact the school office.**



### Important Dates for next week

#### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March

- 9.30am Palm Sunday Assembly led by Years 3 and 4. Parents of children in Y3 and Y4 are welcome to join us.

#### Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

- Own clothes for Y1 for best attendance last week.
- 9.30am Passion Assembly led by Year 6. Parents of Y6 children are welcome to join us.
- 5p Trail count up.
- 3.15pm - 5pm Girl's Football Tournament at Moorside

#### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

- Whole school own clothes as a thank you for all our Lenten fundraising.
- Bonnet Parade for EYFS and KS1

EYFS at 2pm

Y1 and Y2 at 2.30pm

**Please note: There will be no early dismissal after the parade.**

- KS2 children are invited to get creative and bring in a decorated egg.

To help us safeguard all our children, could we remind parents, carers and children to please refrain from riding bikes and scooters etc on the school playground. Thank you.

We finish for the Easter break on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 3.30pm

**School will reopen on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.**

