



Nurturing Hearts and Minds

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Dear parent(s)/carer(s),

It has been lovely to be in school during Holy Week, as it has enabled us to take time to reflect on our Easter. Our mass on Wednesday was beautiful, with Y6 readers exemplary and all of our children singing their hearts out during the impromptu hymns!

Year 5 have, today, lead the Easter reflection, The Three Trees, which was expertly dramatised! It is always a poignant moment for us, as staff, when our pupils perform as they did today - time to reflect our own practice, as staff lower down the school marvel at how the children have grown in confidence, ability (and size!) but also the opportunity for us to celebrate what we don't see every day - that our time and efforts do come to fruition. Thank you especially to Mrs McGar, Mrs Ashworth and Mrs Peppard.

I would like to thank all of our parents who completed OFSTED parentview survey - parents are a vital part of our school community, and we need to have feedback to enhance our provision. 24 parents have completed the survey, with 79% stating they would recommend our school, and 21% would not. It deeply saddens me for the children, and all of our staff, Governors and supportive parents, that children are being sent to a school daily that parents would not recommend or where 8% of parents believe their child is not happy or safe. Please, if there is a problem with your child, speak to school staff so that we can make sure that we are supporting them - our number 1 priority is to make sure they are safe; our number 2 priority is too make sure that they are happy and their wellbeing is good.

This week, we have also hosted 3 Fairtrade stalls - we await the final sum, but hope that we have also raised awareness for your shopping list! Today, pupils have arrived in school wearing something red to support our annual The Good Shepherd Appeal - thank you for your generosity again, as we have raised £161.45.

Today we say goodbye to 3 members of staff - Mrs Durkin, Mrs Faizal and Mrs Foy. We wish them all the very best for the future and would like to thank them for all they have done during their time with us to enhance our school and their care for our pupils.

*"May the road rise up to meet you; May the wind be always at your back;
May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His Hand."*

A reminder of masses over Easter weekend:

- Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm followed by Watching until 9pm in St Mary Magdalen's Church



- Good Friday: The Lord's Passion at 3pm in both churches
- Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter at 8pm in St Teresa's Church
- Easter Sunday: Easter Day Masses at 9:30am in St Teresa's Church & 11am in St Mary Magdalen's Church

We return to school on Monday, 20th April, gates open at 8:40-8:50am. Pupils can wear their Summer uniform if they wish. Details are on our school website – please do check the uniform policy before purchasing! [Policies | St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School](#)

Wishing you a peaceful Easter,



Mrs C McKinnon
Headteacher

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