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Dear Parents,

We arrive at the end of term feeling the warmth of spring and full of hope for the light at the end of this extraordinarily long tunnel. The children in Year 5 have worked incredibly hard, with the help of the Year 5 staff team, to tell the story of Christ's journey through each station of the cross, in their words and pictures. The presentation is available on the school website and features a special Easter message for the children from Canon Michael.

Stations of the Cross Presentation

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TXwujz1wA3d3icphWFzKBXP_ZYjs6Lni/view?usp=sharing

Canon Michael's Easter Blessing

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ri1S_9tKOBIS98p9uk4X8CFfEE1pzwMv/view?usp=sharing

Despite the obvious interruptions this term I am delighted with the way in which children have returned to school. We are working extremely hard to narrow any gaps that have emerged through a number of means including a pilot scheme in Year 4 involving Government led tutoring. We will continue with this work into the summer term and beyond.

NEW Multi Sports Clubs starting WB 19th April 2021.

We are delighted to be able to tell you that each Year Group bubble in school has been allocated a slot to attend an after school multi sports club starting WB 19th April. The clubs will be run outside by our PE staff and will feature a number of fun sports activities aimed at getting children active together. The clubs will operate on the following days:

Reception - Monday after school

Year 1 - Tuesday after school.

Year 2 - Wednesday after school

Year 3 - Thursday after school

Year 4 - Friday after school

Year 5 - Thursday before school

Year 6 - Friday before school

"Love proves itself by deeds so how am I to show my love?" St Thérèse of Lisieux



More details about the club and a sign up form can be found by following the link below. Please note that these sessions are free to attend and completely optional. Children attending must complete this form for safeguarding purposes.

Link for Multi-sports clubs

<https://forms.gle/U1QQbPoXKxDaMtwXA>

We will be developing our plan for extra curricular clubs in line with Government guidelines and the local context, over the Summer term.

NEW Early Years Wraparound provision starting WB 3rd May 2021.

Following the success of our Wraparound before and after school club in recent years, we are looking to introduce a new service specifically aimed at children in Nursery and Reception as part of continuous provision from WB 3rd May 2021.

Key Stage 1 and 2 Wraparound provision starting WB 17th May 2021. We are planning to offer a return to before and after school Wraparound services for children in Key stages 1 and 2 from WB 17th May 2021. This coincides with the earliest that indoor hospitality can open as part of the Government road map.

More details regarding the booking, timing and costs of both the Early Years and Key Stage 1 / 2 Wraparound provision, will be shared after the Easter break.

Please note that school Governors have approved the plans above provisionally. The arrangements shared are subject to change should case numbers locally begin to rise. The main priority at this time remains to keep the school open and mitigate against large numbers of children needing to self isolate.

Summer term clothing - with the exception of PE days.

As you are aware, we have currently relaxed the expectations around school uniform as many shops have been closed. With this in mind, we are allowing children to either wear summer school uniform, or if you would rather not buy new uniform for just one term, continue wearing their own clothes. We have a number of items of nearly new uniform that are available for any families who require support. Please contact the school office if we can help in any way.

Please note that PE kits should be worn to and from school on days where the class is timetabled to have PE or 'bubble' Multi sports clubs, for the whole of next term.

We aim to navigate the term ahead safely for both the children and staff in school. We will remain in year group bubbles for the time being and 'unwind' slowly from the restrictions using local and national information to support our decision making.

So much has changed since I wrote a similar message this time last year. However the journey that we take together as we head towards Easter is important to acknowledge. The tensions that exist between the praising of Jesus in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday compared with Christ's crucifixion at Golgotha on Good Friday and His resurrection back in Jerusalem on Easter Sunday, are a lot for us to wrestle with.

School Governors held a retreat last weekend that drew on the mission of Oscar Romero, a Priest working on behalf of the poor and mistreated in El Salvador in the 1980s. I will leave you with something he said before his untimely death, the anniversary of which occurred last week.

“Let us not forget that we are a pilgrim church, subject to misunderstanding, to persecution, but a church that walks serene, because it bears the force of love. “ Oscar Romero

However we walk through these final days of Lent and into Easter. Let us do it with great L.O.V.E!



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