



19.4.2024

Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to welcome the children back after the Easter break. We are now in the liturgical time of Eastertide which lasts until the Feast of Pentecost.

### **Easter Mass**

On Wednesday morning Fr Paul came into school to celebrate an Easter Mass with the children. It was a joyous occasion and the children's responses to Father's questions were thoughtful. Parents and Grandparents as well as parishioners are always welcome to join us at our school masses. Thank you to our Year 5 readers who did a wonderful job proclaiming God's word and to those who served for Mass or brought the offertory.

### **Altar Servers**

We currently have three Year 6 Altar Servers who serve at our Masses. I spoke to Fr Paul about recruiting some more children to the role and I briefly mentioned it to Year 5 in assembly this morning. If any Year 5 children who have made their First Holy Communion would like to see what being an Altar Server is all about, Fr Paul is coming in on Monday lunchtime to talk to the children. He is also looking for children to serve at weekend Masses at St Wilfrid's Church. If your child is interested in serving at school, at church or both and understands that this is an important role, then they can meet Father Paul on Monday lunchtime to find out more.

### **Parish News**

<https://www.stjohnvianney.co.uk/>

### **Lent Fundraising**

I shared with the children in assembly this morning our fantastic final figures for our Lent Fundraising. We raised an amazing £340 for CAFOD and a further £170 for Caritas who are part of the Diocese and the money will go to help those in need in our own Diocese of Shrewsbury. Thank you so much for your generosity.

### **School Building Fund**

Each year we ask for £15 per child to support the Diocese Building Fund. This fund finances important projects in school buildings across the diocese. In recent years we have benefited from it with a playground resurfacing, major improvements to our roof, fencing around the car park, new fencing around Pre School and a new boiler for the Pre School and Reception classrooms. We have also had all the pavements to the front of school replaced. During the Easter holidays we had all the old windows and doors surrounding the courtyard replaced and they are so much better than before. In addition, we had the Pre School and Reception class radiators replaced.

We have also been allocated money to replace our ageing main school boiler which is on its last legs. As a school we have to contribute around £3000 each year to the fund for these projects. In the past we have received enough contributions through the building fund to cover this but in the last few years contributions have reduced and this year we have only had £700 given. If you are able to pay the Building Fund levy of £15 you can find it on School Gateway. We as a school get so much out of the fund for the relatively small amount we are asked to contribute. Please help if you can.

### **Week commencing 13/5/2024**

There will be NO school snack for Years 1 to 6 during week commencing 13/5/2024. This is because it is the Y6 SAT week and we would risk disturbing the children during their tests.

### **Sports Day**

This is not until next half term but I thought I'd make sure you had the date. It is planned for Friday 14th June in the morning for all children, weather permitting.

### **Night Owls Bookings**

Please make sure you book your children in to Night Owls well in advance. We need to ensure that we have sufficient staff on duty for the children attending and there are different ratios depending upon the ages of the children. Most days we receive calls after 2:30pm to book places. This puts a lot of pressure on the Office Staff to

check lists and ratios at one of the busiest times of the day. You also risk there not being sufficient staff and your request being rejected.

### **Uniform**

We have been checking uniform this week as towards the end of the last half term things were beginning to slide.

We are reminding children to take a pride in their appearance by wearing the correct uniform and PE kit and ensuring school shoes are clean.

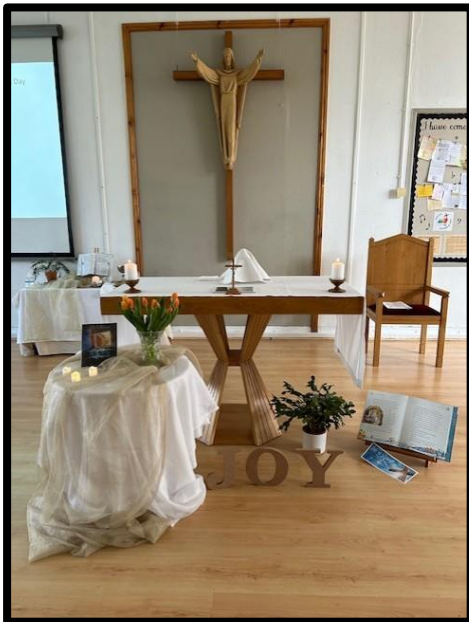
Our School Council would like to hold a uniform sale so if anyone has any clean uniform that their children have grown out of, with plenty of life left in it, please drop it off at Reception and we will get the School Council to sort it and prepare it for sale at 50p an item to raise funds for them to complete other projects.

Have a wonderful weekend.

God Bless,

Justine McEniff

Headteacher



**Easter Mass – 17.4.24**

**"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10**  
love ~ respect ~ responsibility ~ opportunity ~ creativity ~ joy