



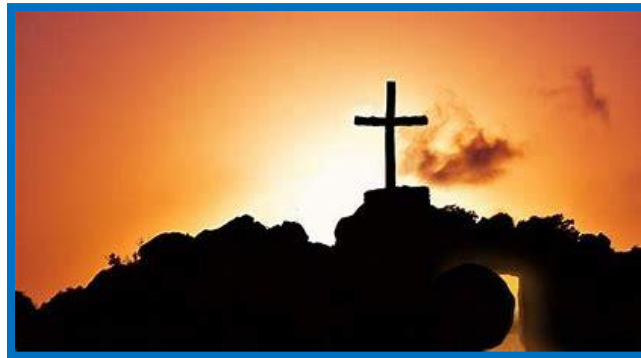
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March Newsletter



"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

John 11:25-26

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we ready ourselves for the celebrations of Easter, it gives us time to reflect on our Lenten journey so far and the incredible spring term we have had. It has been an incredibly busy time in school and as ever the community of St Bernadette's has been fantastic in coming together to raise monies for charity.



Our children have been on pilgrimage to The Cathedral and been an absolute credit to our school. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who made these very special journeys possible. We have enjoyed coming together for our first production back in the church. Beech and Eucalyptus classes portrayed the Easter story with passion and energy. To be able to perform in front of a full church gave them an enormous sense of purpose and pride, their enjoyment was palpable. Thankyou

to the staff, the children and the families whose hard work and efforts ensured a wonderful experience for all involved. Declan, Eucalyptus class shared that his favourite part of the show was the end song and dance – 'Wind, wind & fire, fire. Jack in Eucalyptus class also shared that he found the part where Theo carried the cross realistic and very moving.

Our Lenten preparations have continued in school where we been preparing for Easter with our traditional class assemblies on Palm Sunday, The Last Supper, The Crucifixion and The Resurrection. Apple, Oak and Elm class visited the church and were greeted by Father Peter. Beech, Eucalyptus, Willow and Sycamore classes also attended Stations of the Cross with Father Peter. It has been wonderful to prepare for Easter in a 'normal' way after two years of 'staying safe' away from our beloved church.

Lenten Fundraising

We have had a wonderful response to our Lenten fundraising this year, we are overwhelmed with the support we have been able to give both to the Ukrainian Emergency Fund and the CAFOD Walk for hunger campaign.

Thank you for helping us to adapt and respond to an unimaginable turn of events in Ukraine. Through your donations on our fundraising Fridays we will be sending a cheque for £720.81

For our walk to Jerusalem and back we set ourselves a target of 6572 miles. Despite our best efforts we didn't reach our target but we have managed an impressive 4172 miles. By our estimation we think we may be stranded in Turkey! To walk just 1 mile, 11 laps of our school track is needed. Every member of our school family has made an impressive 'walking' contribution and we have raised an impressive £739.90 for this campaign and it means in our own small way we have provided hungry children with food.

The Easter raffle to raise funds for the Friends of St Bernadette's was a huge success. All classes had 5 Easter egg prizes and 2 hampers up for grabs. In total we raised £411.36. Well done to the winners, Grace, Olive and Emily and to all of our garden entries, all the children received a little gift for their impressive efforts.



Finally, thank you for being truly amazing, as well as raising a phenomenal amount of money, £1892.08 altogether, you have also donated a huge amount of food. This food has provided both Morecambe and Barton Road food banks with the food they need to support struggling families in our own local



community.

TRIPS

As you will have noticed, with Covid restrictions lifting we have been able to arrange a number of trips to enrich and enhance our children's learning and experiences. We have a number planned already for the summer term and we will be asking for volunteers to support trips in the future. Please consider whether able to support us in this way. Unfortunately, due to risk assessment cannot accompany trips where your own children are involved. If you like to accompany us on trips in the future, please let Mrs Maudsley the school office where we will be creating a bank of potential volunteers.



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Hot Chocolate Club

I had a wonderful Thursday this week where I was able to celebrate with 79 children who achieved 100% attendance in the Spring term. As you can see they all thoroughly enjoyed their treat!



End of Term Reports

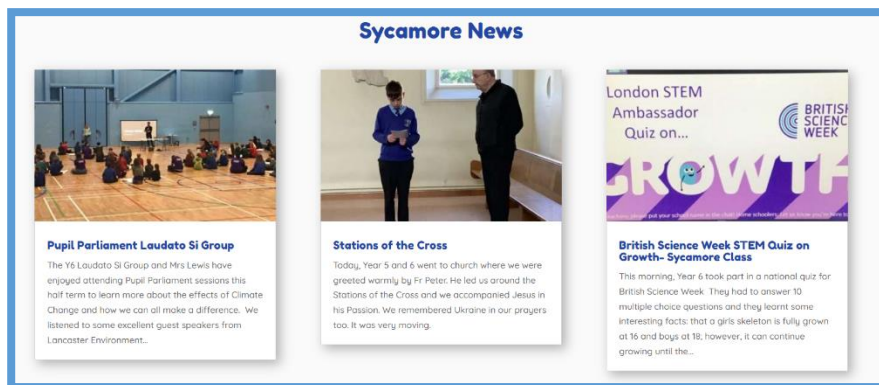
Tomorrow your child(ren) will bring home their 'End of Term' This report will summarise their learning for the year so far. report is in addition to the information given by your child's teacher at parents evening.

Along with your child's report there is also included your child's absence report. I know that this year has continued to be far from normal. That we have continued to exercise caution in regard to potential symptoms of Coronavirus and kept our children home when under normal circumstances, we would have sent them to school. Nonetheless, poor attendance is the main contributor to children not reaching their full potential in school. I have therefore issued absence letters to make you aware of your child's attendance percentage. Reports are printed on green paper if attendance is good, Orange if it has fallen below that which is expected (less than 95%) and red if attendance has been below 90% and considered to be cause for concern.

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class

Website

Our staff have been working hard to update you all on what is happening in their classes and to provide you with knowledge organisers to support your child's learning at home. Please take a look at the class blogs.



This Girl can!



The Year 5 girls attended a girls only sports event at the University of Cumbria.

"We played tag rugby, hockey and gymnastics. My favourite sport was netball" Felicity

"It was really fun, we did lots of sports and my favourite sport was gymnastics." Freya

Easter Bunny Trail



Lancaster BID has organised a free bunny trail around the city centre and the children at St Bernadette's have decorated one of the eight giant bunnies to be found. Can you complete the trail and find Bernie, our St Bernadette's bunny? There is a competition for the best bunny so please vote for Bernie. Those completing the trail can enter into a prize draw for an Easter hamper. Click on the hyper link to access the Easter bunny trail,

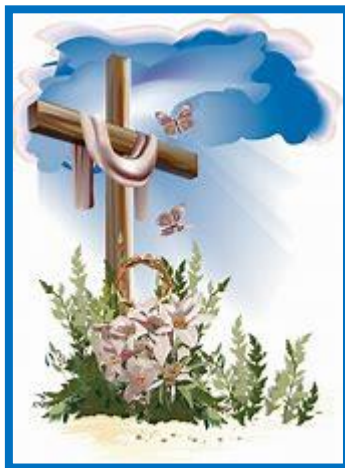
<https://lancasterbid.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/0139-LBID-Easter-Roll-Fold-Web.pdf>

Have fun searching for all the Easter bunnies.

Dates for your Diary

Event	Date
School opens for the summer term	Tuesday 19 th April
St George's Day – If your child attends Beavers, Cubs, brownies or scouts they may come to school in their club uniform.	Friday 22 nd April
Queen's Jubilee Celebration Day and school picnic	Thursday 5 th May
Mental Health Week	Week beginning 16 th May

An Easter prayer



*Lord of life,
 We pray for all who bring your word of life as a light to those
 in darkness.
 For those who bring your word of peace to those enslaved by
 fear.
 For those who bring your word of love to those in need of
 comfort.
 Lord of love and Lord of peace,
 Lord of life,
 Be known
 Through our lives
 and through your power.
 Christ the Lord is risen to-day*

Living with Covid

When we return in April, the majority of Covid restrictions will have been removed as we try to live with the virus going forward. We will be following the remaining guidance at St Bernadette's upon our return.

- If staff or children test positive for Covid 19 they will need to isolate for 5 days whilst they are at their most infectious.
- If staff or children develop symptoms of Covid 19 e.g. temperature or cough we will recommend that an LFD test is undertaken. If the result is negative they can return to school when they are feeling better. If the test is positive the guidance above will apply.

Have a wonderful Easter break with some sunshine, we hope. We will see you all back on Tuesday April 19th when school reopens for the summer term. God Bless,

Mrs Shoulder.



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