

## School News

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## Message from the Headteacher

We have reached the end of a very busy and rewarding term, and the energy and drive from the whole school community has not diminished throughout.

Last Friday, the Easter Bingo event was a huge success and enjoyed by all. It raised over £600 for the school! A huge thank you to Mrs Hickman, Miss Hickman, Mrs Packham, their team of helpers and all that came along for making this event so successful. A big thank you to all families for supporting us.

Very well done to our wonderful PTA, who were serving tea and cakes at Chastleton House on Saturday. Through your help, and kind donations of home-baked goodies, they raised £580. The PTA will be providing their services again, at Chastleton, on Thursday 15th May from 12.30pm. If you are able to help on the day or are able to bake a cake, please do let them know. Their contact details are overleaf.

This week we enjoyed an outstanding performance from Years 3 and 4, who highlighted the true meaning of Easter in their Easter play. They sang beautifully, were so clear in delivering their lines and made us all really proud. A huge well done and thank you to Mr Kinahan Brown, Miss Willis and the team who put it all together.

Reception had a visit from Chipping Norton Fire Service. They spoke to us all about their vocation and how they help the community by advising about fire safety and rescuing people from fires. We had a tour of the fire truck and the highlight was when they demonstrated the fire hose and drenched the cars! A huge thank you to all of the fire fighters, particularly Harvey, one of our ex-pupils, and Dave who organised the trip.

On Wednesday, Years 2 and 3 took part in a Multi-Skills Festival at Chipping Norton School. The children enjoyed an assortment of activities that enabled them to develop skills such as their agility, stamina and ball handling. They worked in collaboration with other schools from the Sports Partnership and were led by the Sixth Form Sport Leaders. It was a delight to see them represent the school and they were commended for their excellent demonstration of the sport values.

We celebrated mass together on Thursday, and in the afternoon welcomed parents and carers in for our Easter craft afternoon. Thank you to all those who were able to attend this - the school had a wonderful 'buzz' throughout and it means so much to be able to bring our community together.

A big thank you to our fabulous PTA for donating the eggs for our Easter Egg Raffle.

Across the term we have enjoyed many art, sports, music and drama events, as well as school trips. I would like to thank all the staff at the school, who provide the children with these vast opportunities. Of course, none of these highlights would be as successful as they are without the support, guidance and encouragement which the school receives from the PTA and parent body. Your children are a credit to you.

I would like to thank our Governors for their continued support, and I am delighted they are so committed to the school and have given up so much of their time already.

Wishing you all a peaceful Easter break.





#### Catholic Life

#### **Chaplains**

This week the chaplains have reflected on Jesus' sacrifice and have created some lovely prayer posters.

### The Prayer

#### Dear Lord.

As we approach Holy Week, please help us to remember our Lenten promises. We also would like to spend more time with you in prayer. Jesus, you chose not to give up even when you were suffering. Thank you for your deep desire to fulfill your mission and bring us salvation. Thanks to your sacrifice, you have restored our way back to the Father.

Love does not give up. Amen.



#### **CAFOD Big Lent Walk 2025**

Thank-you to all those who have made donations so far.

Please continue to support us in our Big Lent Walk. You can make your donation through our school donation page using the following link:

https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/holy-trinity-big-lent-walk-2025

#### Mass

Our next whole school mass will be on Thursday 1st May at 9:15am. Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us.

As a Catholic School in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, we have embraced the Catholic Schools' Pupil Profile, which teaches the children a set of eight pairs of virtues to be internalised and cultivated enabling them to grow in wholeness as fully rounded individuals in the image of God.

This half term we have been: Attentive and Discerning

**Attentive:** We are attentive when we listen to our calling from God to love and serve one another in all that we do. We are attentive to our experiences and can see where they will take us in our future vocations.

**Discerning:** We are discerning when we decide to do the right thing in the interest of the needs of others because we know the positive impact that will have on their lives.





# "Well Done"

to the following pupils who received Learner of the Week awards:

Reception - Penelope Year 1 - George Year 2 - Olivia T

Year 3 - Bam Year 4 - Minnie Year 5 - Marija Year 6 - Liza

Headteacher's Award

Year 3 & 4

Attendance Award

Year 1 - 99%

HT Active Award

**Frankie** 

#### Just a Reminder - PE Kit & School Uniform

PE is a statutory and essential part of our curriculum. It develops essential physical skills but also improves memory, focus, motor skills and mental health, as well as building social skills and boosting self-esteem.

However, not having the correct or full PE kit may result in your child not being able to fully participate in all sporting activities we offer. Also, inappropriate/fashionable or non-fitting footwear may be a health and safety issue.

PE kits are coming home this afternoon for Easter. Please could you ensure your child has a full, fitting and appropriate PE kit (kit list can be found on website - beautifully modelled by the pupils in our photo) kept in school all week where possible, so children can take full advantage of the lovely outdoor weather, and lots of other ad-hoc sporting opportunities the Summer term will bring.

If you have any spare PE kit, we would be grateful for donations for those children who may have forgotten.

Just a reminder, with warmer weather round the corner children may prefer to wear our summer uniform of a blue gingham dress or skirt (they may prefer to wear navy shorts underneath) and grey shorts. Long hair should be tied back and up with blue, plain hair accessories, earrings should be plain and studded and footwear should be flat, fully supporting, plain dark shoes (not trainers or plimsols). Please could all jewellery and smart watches be kept at home.

We would like to thank you for preparing your child to be ready to take full advantage of every learning

opportunity.





#### Attendance Matters

Our whole school attendance for the week is: 95%. We are so close this week to our target of 96%. Thank you so much for your continued support with ensuring your children are in school every day and on time.

#### Amazon Wish List

A huge thank you for the response we have received already, we are extremely grateful for your generosity and support.

https://amzn.eu/3nPmEcA

#### PTA NEWS

**Chastleton Teas on Thursday 15th May** - thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who have been in touch to bake a cake or volunteer on Thursday 15th May. We will collect the cakes at drop off on Thursday morning.

**Donation of Preloved Clothes** - To raise money for the children, we will be collecting preloved clothes. For every kilo collected, will receive 25p. Most school collect around 900kg which is £225, amazing for just having a sort out!

We will be collecting your donations on Wednesday 30th April and ask you to, please, bring them in bin liners at morning drop off.

**Summer Fete** - this will take place on **Saturday 7th June**. Please come forward to volunteer, supply a raffle prize or with any fundraising ideas you may have.

Each year the PTA raises funds to spend on enhancing our children's experience, education and facilities within the school.

Don't forget, you can support the PTA in these two easy ways:

- Need name labels? Buy through Stikins and use code 10091 we will receive 30% of whatever you spend
- Play the lottery at <a href="https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holy-trinity-catholic-school">https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holy-trinity-catholic-school</a> and be in with a chance of winning in the weekly draw. It's only £1 per ticket and all profits come to the school.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| Dates for Lenten Term                                     |  |
|---|--|
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April                            | INSET  |
| Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April                          | Beginning of the Rosary Term   |
| Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April                             | Parent Workshop Part 1 1.45pm 'Helping your child with fears and worries' Empowering parents to manage and understand their child's anxiety. |
| Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April                            | Whole School Art Day   |
| Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April                          | Reception Vision Testing   |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May                              | Whole School to St Joseph's Day Mass   |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May                                | Year 1 Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park  |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May   | Year 6 SATs Week (NEW)   |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May                            | Year 2 Trip to The British Motor Museum  |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May                             | Parent Workshop Part 2 1.45pm 'Helping your child with fears and worries' Empowering parents to manage and understand their child's anxiety. |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May                               | SEN Coffee Afternoon   |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May                              | May Procession   |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May                            | Year 4 Everdon Residential Meeting - 2.45pm  |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May                             | Non Uniform Day - Bring a Raffle Prize   |
|   | Parent Open afternoon 3pm - To View Children's Work (NEW)  |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May                               | INSET  |
| Half Term   | Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May  |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June                             | Whole School Mass  |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June                               | Reception Trip to Cogges   |
| Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> June                             | PTA Summer Fete  |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June | Year 4 Everdon Residential   |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June                              | Sports Day   |
| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June                              | First Holy Communion   |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June                             | Year 1 Class Assembly (NEW)  |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July                             | Whole School Move Up Day (NEW)   |
|   | Year 6 Transition Day (NEW)  |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July                               | Year 6 Transition Day (NEW)  |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July                              | PTA End of Year Disco (NEW)  |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July                              | French Day (NEW)   |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July                              | End of Year Mass - 9am (NEW)   |
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We need volunteers to work alongside some PTA members for our Chastleon Tea events
Plus we need lots of your delicious bakes, cakes and treats

**SATURDAY 29th MARCH 12.30-5.30** 

THURSDAY 15TH MAY 12.30-5.30

Stints of 12.30 -3 or 3-5.30 BUT any hours are really helpful as it's a busy event

Chastleton church GL56 0SU

Last year these two events raised over £1200 which help pay towards the whole school trip to the panto –

Its vital funds for the PTA

Please email the pta on

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with any hours you can help or bakes you can provide