



Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we learn, love and laugh together

Friday 1st April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for accepting our invitation for tea and cake and a visit to your child's classroom. It was really such a pleasure to welcome you once again, we hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did.

Yesterday morning the children from Key Stage One attended church for their First class mass. Mr Taylor and Mrs Mooney said that the children were an absolute credit, and remained so well behaved whilst in church.

Thank you to everyone who supported the children on the **Cafod** sponsored walk. Thanks to your generosity and the efforts of all the children we raised a total of **£1,337.20**. The children have also organised their own fundraising activities raffling Easter Eggs and guessing the number of Mini Eggs have raised a total of **£111**. This is a brilliant effort and will make such a difference. Throughout Lent, our assemblies have focused on our journey to the cross. This afternoon, we gathered together for the Stations of the Cross, a beautiful reflection led by the children. We hope that in the next couple of weeks that they will continue to prepare for the greatest week of all 'Holy Week'.

I would like to extend my grateful appreciation to all the staff for their hard work and dedication throughout what has been another busy term. On their behalf I would like to wish all our families a very enjoyable spring break.

Best wishes

Eileen Murtagh

Attendance

Lower than 90% Attendance Class 3 Class 6	90-95% Attendance Class 1 Class 2 Class 4 Class 5	96-100% Attendance Reception
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Overall Attendance this week is **91.63%**
Across the school, **2 hours and 2 minutes** of learning time was lost this week through late arrivals.

Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning.

- 98%** attendance means **4** school days missed
- 95%** attendance means **10** school days missed
- 90%** attendance means **19** school days missed
- 80%** attendance means **38** school days missed
- 5** minutes late each day means **3** school days missed

Please be aware that requests for children to take holidays during term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.

EYFS

Reception had a wonderful afternoon on Wednesday with lots of enjoyable indoor Easter activities. Such as decorating eggs and chicks, we also did some Easter counting activities in Maths. We played a game of pin the tail on the bunny and completed some difficult fine motor activities that were Easter themed using playdough. The children took part in an outdoor Easter egg hunt, we enjoyed following a trail to hunt for lots of eggs as well as keeping an eye out for the lucky golden egg.



KS1

On Wednesday, we welcomed KS1 parents into our classrooms. They came into the hall for a chat, a slice of cake and a cup of tea. It was great for everybody to be together. We displayed a slideshow of images of the children learning and enjoying school. In groups, parents came into each classroom and assisted with a craft activity. Whilst in the classrooms they could see work, look at displays and explore this environment. To finish the afternoon we had an Easter Egg hunt in the orchard. Everyone went home with a smile on their face, a wonderful afternoon!

On Thursday, KS1 went to Church. For many, this was the first time they had been able to go to St Luke's Church in over 2 years. Thank you to the children in class 2 who lead the mass and read prayers at the front. The children responded well and all did a great job. It was great to see those parents who were able to attend showing their support.



KS2

On Thursday afternoon, we welcomed the families of our KS2 children to take part in an exciting Easter Trail. Scattered around the school grounds were 37 colourful eggs, each of which had a tricky question to answer. After collecting the correct symbols and exchanging them for letters, it was time to put their thinking caps on and rearrange all of the letters to work out the hidden message. Despite the chilly weather, the sun shone and everyone had an eggcellent time!

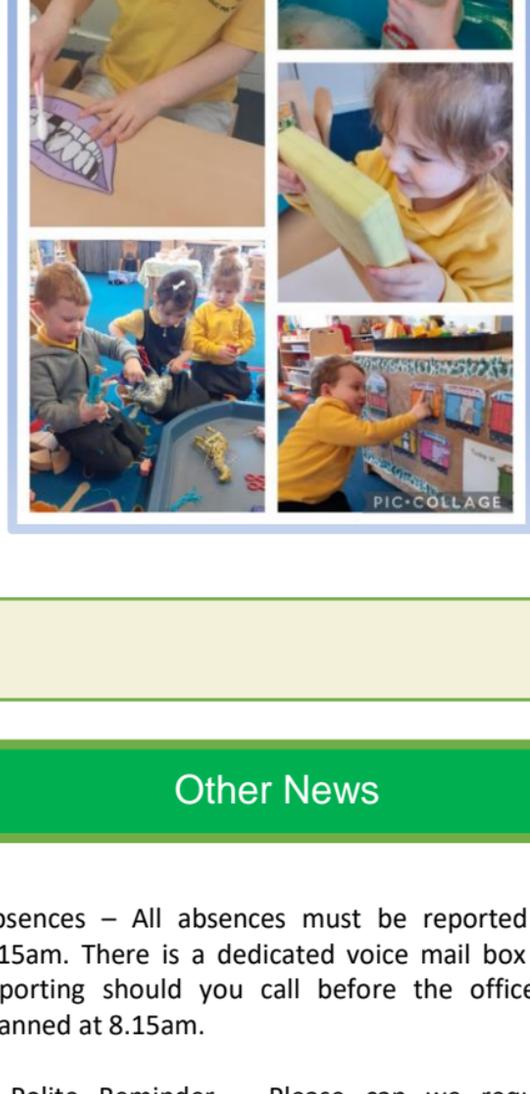
Easter raffle

Winners of Easter Raffle: Elisa Y6 and Niall FS2

Winner of number of mini eggs in a jar (which was 89): Thomas Y5

S4YC Pre School

This week we have been rescuing animals from sellotape and string. As well as emptying and filling containers with soapy water. We have also cleaned our teeth and talked about keeping healthy.



Other News

Absences – All absences must be reported by 9.15am. There is a dedicated voice mail box for reporting should you call before the office is manned at 8.15am.

A Polite Reminder – Please can we request parents not block our neighbours driveways or the roads leading to school at the start and end of the school day, and respect their privacy. We are still able to use the Community Centre for drop of and collections.

As we are now using School Spider as our messaging service, could we please request you check your junk/spam email box for any emails from ourselves via School Spider and if there are any please move them across to your inbox. You should only need to do this once and your email account should then recognise the email as not junk. Thank you.

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