

## Important dates to remember.....

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Bank Holiday Monday – School Closed**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – School Open to Pupils**

We have been busy preparing for Easter in school... Each day we have remembered the events of Holy Week in a very special way. Please turn over to have a look at how we have marked this very special week.



**Parking** - Thank you to all the parents who are observing our new signs & are always considerate of others.

## Weekly Attendance

It is vital that children are in school on time every day. All attendance is monitored regularly. Attendance below 95% may trigger the involvement of other agencies. Congratulations to Class 5B for having 100% attendance this week!

<b>Foundation 2</b>	96.7%
<b>Year 1</b>	99.2%
<b>Year 2</b>	94.9%
<b>Year 3</b>	95.0%
<b>Year 4</b>	90.9%
<b>Class 5B</b>	100%
<b>Class 5H</b>	97.6%
<b>Year 6</b>	95.9%

## GENERAL REMINDERS

**Water Bottles** – As the weather turns warmer, please remember to provide your child with a **water bottle** on a daily basis. This can be any type of bottle. We have bottles available to buy in the school office for 30p per bottle.

**PE Kits** – During the summer term, a number of PE lessons take place outdoors. It is imperative that **ALL** children have a PE kit in school. We sell PE kits, which consist of blue shorts and a white t-shirt via the school office. PE is a crucial part of the school curriculum so please support us with this.

## Summer Uniform

Over the summer term, children are encouraged to wear summer uniform to keep themselves cool.



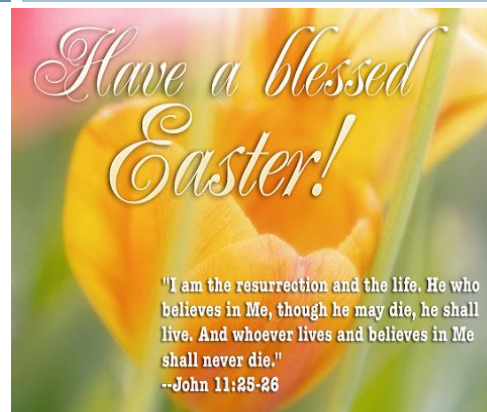
Boys can wear grey shorts (optional), a blue polo shirt or

school shirt, a

sweatshirt, grey socks & appropriate footwear.



Girls can wear a blue and white gingham checked summer dress or grey shorts and a blue polo shirt with a sweatshirt/cardigan, white socks and appropriate footwear. From September, children will be required to wear school shoes and trainers will not be allowed. This is in line with what is expected in the vast majority of primary and secondary schools.



**Year 6** SATS testing will take place week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019. All Year 6 children must be in school.

**Year 2** SATS testing will take place weeks beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May & 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019. All Year 2 children must be in school.

## Term Dates for 2019-20

These can be found on the school website.

**Summer Term Dates** can all be found on the calendar and the events page on the school website.

## Mass Times for Easter

### Maundy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7pm at St Michael & All Angels

### Good Friday

Children's Stations of the Cross at St Michael & All Angels – 12:30pm  
Good Friday Liturgy – 3pm at St Michael & All Angels

**Saturday** - Easter Vigil at 8:30pm at St Joseph's

**Easter Sunday** - 11am at St Michael and All Angels

**I hope you all have a wonderful Easter & enjoy the long weekend! Mrs Ralph**



## HOLY WEEK

**It has been a pleasure and a privilege to be with your children during Holy Week.** The children have learnt about the importance and solemnity of this week as we near the end of our Lenten Journey.

On Monday we started the week in assembly, thinking about Palm Sunday. We discussed how



Palm Sunday marks the start of Holy Week and reminds us of the journey Jesus made on a donkey into Jerusalem. We thought about how people welcomed Jesus as a King and waved palm branches and threw down their cloaks in the path of the donkey as they shouted 'Hosanna'. Palm Sunday was a happy and sad day. Happy because people were singing praises to Jesus and sad because we



know Jesus died less than a week later.

On Tuesday we thought about how on the night before his death Jesus had a final meal with his friends and washed the feet of every person which was a task normally done by a servant. He wanted to show his followers that they should love one another in humble ways.

On Wednesday we thought about the 'Last Supper' Jesus shared with his friends and how Jesus passed round bread and wine. He said the bread was his body broken for them and the wine was his blood shed for them. He was telling them that he was going to die and that when they share bread and wine they should remember him.

Today, Year 6 have led us in the 'Stations of the Cross' and we have remembered the last journey Jesus made before being killed on the cross.

Mrs McKee set up some beautiful prayer spaces around school to help us reflect and think about these significant events.



## Our Value for April is.....**APPRECIATION**

Being grateful (or thankful) means that you appreciate things you have in your life, including the people you have around you.

If you appreciate things, it means you are pleased when you think of all the things you have and you realise how lucky you are.

Next week in school, we will start by thinking about the world around us and all the simple things that we tend to take for granted but should appreciate. We will think about how saying "Thank you" isn't difficult to say but it means a lot to others. Saying thank you to someone doesn't just have to happen when we receive material gifts but also for friendship, care and support freely given to us by others. We need to appreciate our environment, our families, our friends and those who help us in school. A word of appreciation every now and then never goes amiss.

