



Thursday 28th March 2024

Dear Families,

Catholic Life of the School

This week we were led by members of our Chaplaincy team in a reflection about Palm Sunday. We considered why people lay down their cloaks, their prized possession which gave shelter and warmth, on the road to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem. What can we 'lay down' in our lives to welcome Christ fully this Easter?

Year 3 & 4 Easter Production – Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th

We were moved and dazzled by the Year 3 and 4 Easter Production 'Three Trees' this week. The acting and beautiful singing reminds us superbly of God's ability to guide our lives in ways we might not always expect, whilst reminding us of the importance of the Easter story and Jesus' death on the cross for our salvation. Thank you to the children for their hard work and to Miss Addison, Miss Carey, Mrs Florkova, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Turnbull and Mrs Trowbridge for their support in preparing the children so well. Thank you to those who gave to their retiring collection in support of the Catholic Children's Society, the children raised £105.84 from their performances.



EYFS Lenten Fundraising

This Lent, our children have been fundraising to make a difference. They have supported Dacorum Food Bank and CAFOD with the money raised from their Afternoon Tea, they have also done litter picking to raise money for Mary's Meals and as one of the children exclaimed when they reached their total, 'we've fed a child for a whole year!' A super effort from our youngest children! A huge thank you to Mrs Jevon for organising and to the parents and families for your support.

Stewardship of Creation

Well done to our Year 5 pupils who turned faith into action this week as they organised and executed their own fundraiser towards the repairing of our pond-lining to support the wildlife and improve our school environment. A great initiative showing wonderful consideration and care for the world and nature.

School Meals Increase – Effective 1st April 2024

Regrettably, we have been notified by Herts Catering Limited that due to ever increasing costs they will be increasing their prices with effect from 1st April 2024. The cost of a universal infant meal (Reception, Y1 & Y2) will remain the same and is still free for all children in Receptions, Years 1 and 2. However, the cost of a Nursery meal will increase to £2.55 per day and the cost of a junior meal will increase to £3.40 per day. Should you wish to change your child's meal plan please email the office at admin@stmore.herts.sch.uk. Thankyou

Sports Update

Chambersbury 0 - 4 STM

The Year 5/6 girls' football team put on an excellent display against Chambersbury Primary School last Friday. Their 4-0 win has seen them propel into the final after the Easter break.

Goal scorers: Alice x 2, Abi, Isla. Well done to all and thank you to Miss Addison for all your hard work.

KS2 Football Tournaments

This week, children from across our KS2 classes had the opportunity to compete in football tournaments with children from across the local Dacorum area. Thank you to Miss Addison for arranging these and to Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Rogers, Miss Addison and Mrs Morgan for accompanying the children, particularly in the inclement weather!



Thank you

A huge thank you to the STMSA for their hard work and support for our school this term details of which can be found below. We hope you enjoyed the Easter Egg hunt and look forward to future events to enrich the life of our school community.

Attendance & Punctuality

Whole school attendance is at **96%** this week.

Reception	94%	Year 4	98%
Year 1	97%	Year 5	91%
Year 2	99%	Year 6	96%
Year 3	97%		

Well done to Year 2 with the highest attendance this week!

This week we have seen a decrease in the number of 'lates' with 25 instances of lateness recorded across the school, thank you for your support.

Community News:

Prayer at Home

Hopefully you and your families are enjoying the Prayer at Home resources. They are all available on our school website [here](#).

Calendar dates:

Summer Term:

April

15/4/24	<i>INSET Day – school closed to pupils</i>
16/4/24	Start of term for pupils
19/4/24	Nursery offers sent out
29/4/24-3/5/24	Year 5 Bikeability course

May

6/5/24	<i>Bank Holiday – school closed</i>
9/5/24	The Feast of the Ascension – Mass in school @ 2.15pm, <i>all welcome</i>
w/c 13/5/24	KS2 SATs
w/c 20/5/24	Other Faiths learning in RE
21/5/24	International Day – children invited to wear native dress/own clothes
27/5/24-31/5/24	<i>Half term – school closed</i>

Wishing you a happy and holy Easter,
Miss Lally
Assistant Headteacher



Learning to love, live and celebrate as we grow in the knowledge and love of Christ.



STMSA News

✿ Spring Term Update

Thank you to all the support we have received this term. We will send out a full breakdown of what we raised this term after the holidays, including the amount raised by the Easter Trail from today, but so far we have raised £2,200 to date! Thank you to everyone's support on this!

We have also funded £5,800 to the school since the beginning of January:

- a £300 per class contribution towards school trips
- a £100 per class contribution towards classroom resources
- the Rocktopus music workshops for all classes
- continuing 50% contribution towards Forest School
- Science week activities

We hope the children have enjoyed all these activities and we look forward to a busy summer term coming up! We have attached more info on the upcoming events - don't forget to stick the dates in your diaries!

☞ PTA Meeting - Thursday 25th April

We are really excited to start planning the summer events and will be getting together on Thursday 25th April to dive into the details. We hope to see you there!

Year 5 Pond Fundraiser

A big thank you to our amazing Year 5 children for organizing and running today's Pond fundraiser! Your dedication and enthusiasm have been truly remarkable. We can't wait to see the final tally of funds raised for the pond liner over the holidays!

