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Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

I write to you for the final time this term as we journey through this special Holy Week towards Easter.

**Holy Week & Lenten Worship:** This week the school has come together to focus upon the important events of Holy Week and reflect upon the significance of these. Children from Key Stage Two led us on Monday, as we focused upon the journey that Jesus made this week, from his joyous entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, to the sharing of bread and wine during the Last Supper and his arrest and sentencing to death. Yesterday staff led pupils across the school, as we journeyed the Stations of the Cross and reflected upon these events and how we can take Jesus' pain and sacrifice to shape our lives and how we treat each other.

As a school, we especially think about how we can follow Jesus in the service of others and to be the messengers of hope, peace and forgiveness that Pope Francis asks us all to be.

**St Joseph's Penny and Easter Egg Tombola Collection:** I would like to say a special thank-you to all of our children and families for your kind and generous donations towards St Joseph's Penny during this Lenten season. We have raised £692.24, which is a fantastic amount that will go to this very worthy charity. Once again thank-you for your generous support with this collection. It continues to remind us all of the importance of thinking about the needs of others.

**Gardening Club Fundraising and Pupil Profit Initiative:** A sincere word of thanks for your support with our Gardening Club raffle over the last few weeks. We have managed to raise approximately £200 to contribute to equipment and plants, bulbs for pupils to use over the coming months.

Yesterday pupils across Y5 and Y6 held the first Eco-Refill Shop from 2:30pm selling products such as hand-wash, shower gel, washing liquid, detergent and fabric conditioner etc... Thank you so much to those who were able to support this important pupil led project. A reminder that we are aiming to encourage recycling, reduce single use plastic, provide a quality product and provide our children with enterprise and business experience.

The next Refill Shop will be after the holidays. We will communicate the date and time of this after the Easter break. We look forward to your support with this important school project.

**EYFS Open Evening:** A reminder that during the first week back we will hold our EYFS Open Evening on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April from 3:30-5:30pm. This will provide an important opportunity for parents and children of a Nursery and Reception age from September 2024 to explore the setting as well as meet and chat to staff.



## Our Lenten Journey through Holy Week

**"The Word of God invites us to connect our ears to hearts, and our hearts to our hands, in order to do good deeds."**

**Pope Francis**



School closes today at 1:30pm. **A reminder that we return to school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April after the Easter break at the normal time.**

All Y6 Booster clubs will run as normal the first week back [Wednesday and Thursday] with parents able to book on after-school clubs for the following week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> April.

We have provided the gift of a chocolate egg to all of our children across the school today as they break for their Easter holiday. I hope everyone enjoys this!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank-you again for your continued support during this spring term.

Finally, I would like to wish our children, you and all of your families a very restful, happy and holy Easter break.

Take care and God Bless!

Mr Sutton

