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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 and Lenten Worship: We have come together this week, to focus and reflect upon the important events of Holy Week and the significance of these. Holy Week is a very sacred week. Not only do we remember the events of Jesus' final week on earth and His journey to the cross, but through Faith, we participate and share in them.

On Monday, children from KS2 led our whole school liturgy, as through Gospel Readings, reflection and hymns we remembered Jesus' joyous entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, hailed as the Messiah and the King who would liberate Israel. We reflected on the Last Supper, the sharing of bread and wine with His closest friends and of Jesus the Servant King, washing the feet of His disciples as an example to them and to us. His arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane and the denial of Jesus by Peter, led us to today and the Stations of Cross service that we have held this morning.

Our journey through the Stations of the Cross and reflections upon these events provide a focal point for 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 messengers of peace and forgiveness during this Jubilee Year as Pilgrims of Hope.

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, particularly your support of our Easter Egg Tombola yesterday.

We will share the final amount with you after the holidays, but once again thank-you for your generous support with our collections. It continues to remind us all of the importance of thinking about the needs of others.

Reception National Offer Day: Yesterday we emailed all parents of pupils in Nursery to provide a guide, next steps and advice regarding the Reception Place Offers for September, which have been shared today. Please refer to the email if you require any further support and as always school will assist in any way we can upon our return, on Monday 28th April.

Y6 Booster and After School Clubs: All Y6 Booster clubs will run as normal the first week back. Please see the additional letter for our after-school club offer for this coming half term. All after school clubs will begin on the first Monday back, due to it being a shorter half term.



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 1:00pm. A reminder that we return to school on Monday 28th April after the Easter break at the normal time.

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 a holy Easter break.

Take care and God Bless!

Mr Sutton

