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Dear Parents,

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Tuesday 19th April, 2016

This week's Statement to Live By is:

I know when to ask for help and who to ask for help from.

Summer Fair – Saturday 18th June

It is that time of year again when the PTA are stepping up preparations for the summer Fair on **Saturday 18th June**. Over the coming weeks they will be asking for your support in providing various items – your kind deeds will be rewarded with House Points for your children!

Volunteers to help on the day are always welcomed – please let us know if you are available to help in any way.

- w/c 6th May - teddies in very good condition **50 House points per teddy**
- w/c 13th May - decorated glass jars (such as a jam or coffee jar) filled with items such as sweets, hair accessories or let your imagination go wild (as long as non-perishable!)
- w/c 20th May - items for the coloured tombola stall in the school's house colours from **KS2 ONLY** such as toiletries, small toys etc
- Friday 3rd June - Non uniform day in return for a bottle - alcoholic/non-alcoholic for the bottle tombola stall
- Friday 17th June - cakes/buns to be requested from **KS1 ONLY**, paper plates will be sent out w/c 8th June

Thought of the week:

On Friday we celebrate the feast day of St. George, who is the patron saint of England. His emblem, a red cross on a white background, is the flag of England, and part of the British flag. St George's emblem was adopted by Richard the Lion Heart and brought to England in the 12th century. The king's soldiers wore it on their tunics to avoid confusion in battle.

Who was the real St George and what did he do to become England's patron saint?

St George was a brave Roman soldier who protested against the Romans' torture of Christians and died for his beliefs. The popularity of St George in England stems from the time of the early Crusades when it is said that the Normans saw him in a vision and were victorious.



As Friday 22nd April is St George's Day celebration in school– all the children in **St George House can wear red** (jeans are fine) they will be first into lunch and get extra playtime on this day.



Dates

Tuesday 19 th April	School reopens to children
Tuesday 26 th April	Class Photo's
Tuesday 26 th April	Reception class trip to Canon Hall Farm
Friday 27 th April	High Five netball competition
Monday 2 nd May	May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 3 rd May	Netball competition
Tuesday 3 rd May	Fun Run small group of children key stage 2
Tuesday 3 rd May	Marian Service Year 4
Thursday 5 th May	After school club used as polling Station
Friday 6 th May	Good Shepherd service at the Cathedral
w/b 9 th May	Year 6 SAT's week
w/b 16 th May	Walk to school Week
Wednesday 18 th May	Year 4 Magna Trip
Thursday 19 th May	Reception New Parents Meeting

I hope you all had a lovely Easter and got chance to enjoy the break. I can't believe that the summer term is upon us already!

Praise Assembly

Year	Well Done Certificates	Writing Certificate	Merits	Good Samaritan
R	Zara Taunt	Victoria Mae Xenikaki	Olivia Idacyk	Peace Mabilia
1	Albi Sykes	Kevin Paul	Alex Wade	Libby Charlton
2	Caitlin Kelly	Orla Robinson	Archie Else	Maria-Eliza Xenikaki
3	Dominic Ritchie	Evie Powders	Olivia Kosciak	Kuba Pajakiewicz
4	Isabelle Pilkington	Happiness Mabilia	Anna Kelly	Maddie Berry
5	Charlotte Benson	Abraham England	Robyn Jamieson	Leon Gunjal
6	James King	Georgia Opare Amo	Tracey Ocran	Evie Bentley
Dinner Time		Emily Acha & Grace Harrison		
Attendance		Year 2		
Punctuality		Reception & Year 1,2,3,4,5,6		
House Winner		St David		
Head Teacher Award		Swimming Gala Team		
After School Club Awards		Ethan Powders & Caleb Horsfall		

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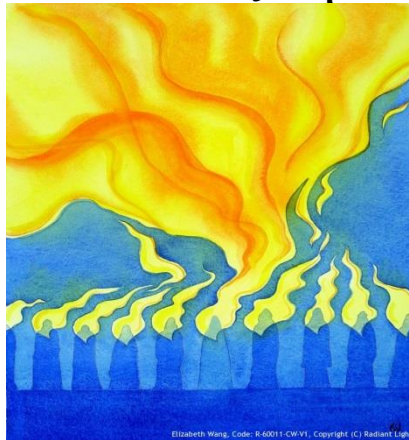
SUMMER TERM 1

Dear Parents,

As we return to school the Church is celebrating the great feast of Easter – Jesus risen from the dead. This celebration goes on until the feast of Pentecost (Sunday 24th May), the birthday of the Church. At Pentecost we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit who empowers and enables us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Christians believe that it is the Holy Spirit who gives life to the Church. The symbols of wind or breath and fire speak of this life-giving and creative energy present in everything we do, empowering us to live the life Jesus calls us to. During this half-term the Church dedicates the month of May to Mary, Jesus' mother. It would be useful to reflect on the special relationship between the Holy Spirit and Mary through reading Luke's account of Mary's role in the Nativity of Jesus and by reflecting on Mary's role as the first believer – the first disciple – of Jesus.

We hope, as always, you find this newsletter interesting and informative. Please keep us in your prayers as we support your children in their Religious Education.

'Come, Holy Spirit'



Fill the hearts of your faithful

Dates from the Church's calendar:

12th April Second Sunday of Easter
13th April St Martin
19th April Third Sunday of Easter
21st April St Anselm
23rd April St George, Patron of England
25th April St Mark, Evangelist
26th April Fourth Sunday of Easter
29th April St Catherine of Siena
1st May St Joseph the Worker

3rd May Fifth Sunday of Easter

7th May St John of Beverley
10th May Sixth Sunday of Easter
13th May Our Lady of Fatima
14th May St Matthias, Apostle
17th May The Ascension of the Lord
24th May Pentecost Sunday
25th May St Bede
27th May St Augustine of Canterbury
30th May The Yorkshire Martyrs

31st May Trinity Sunday

Nursery and Reception— New Life

“Jesus’ life, death and resurrection are the central event of all human history and at the heart of faith”

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This half term, the children in the Nursery and the Reception classes will be learning about new life. They will learn about the story of the empty tomb, and learn that Jesus appeared to his disciples. The children will begin to understand the special gift of joy and peace that Jesus gave to his friends (John 20: 19-21) and can give to us as well. They will hear the story of Jesus going back to his Father and learn that one day we shall hopefully go there too.

At home you could help your children by:

- planting an Easter garden
- looking for signs of new life
- practise the Sign of the Cross, ‘Our Father’ & ‘Hail Mary’
- encouraging them to write their own prayers



Year 1—The Resurrection

“Jesus’ Resurrection ... is the source of our future resurrection: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.”

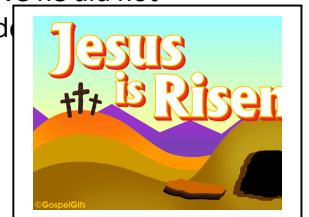
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Year 1 will learn that Jesus appeared to his disciples in the Upper Room and will think about the times when they have experienced great joy and surprise. They will learn that Jesus helped his disciples to understand that he was risen from the dead and was with them (John 21: 9-14) and this made them very happy. They will learn that when Thomas heard that Jesus was alive he did not believe it. They will also become aware that sometimes, like Thomas, we don’t understand what is happening.

At home

You could help your children by:

- reading stories from the Bible about Easter and Pentecost



Year 2—Eastertide

“It is the Holy Spirit who forms and guides God’s people to know God and enter into communion with God through Jesus Christ.”

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Year 2 will learn that Jesus rose from the dead and still lives with us. They will learn that Jesus told his disciples that he would go back to Heaven but promised that the Holy Spirit would come. They will learn that Jesus ascended into Heaven and promised to return again and that this gives us hope. They will also know the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles at Pentecost and know that the Holy Spirit is promised to us.

At Home

You could help your children by:

- talking about how the Holy Spirit helps us
 - having a close look at the Paschal (Easter) Candle when at Mass
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Year 3—Celebrating Easter & Pentecost

“God’s Self-Revelation is perfected in us by the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, promised by Jesus and revealed at Pentecost.”

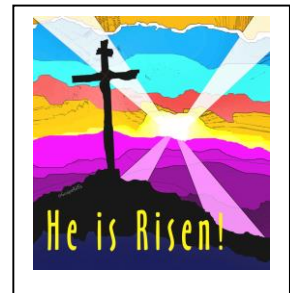
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Year 3 will learn that God the Father raised Jesus from the dead on Easter Sunday. They will learn that because Jesus rose from the dead we too will rise from the dead. They will hear the story of the appearance of Jesus on the road to Emmaus and to Thomas. They will also hear and reflect on the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

At Home

You could help your children by:

- talking to them about how the Church celebrates the resurrection
- reading the story of Pentecost with them
- discussing with them what they would have felt if they were one of the Disciples



Year 4—The Mission of the Church

“Through the Church Christ fulfils and reveals God’s plan to unite all things in him. Christ gave his Church a structure in calling and choosing twelve apostles. With them and their successors he shares his mission, his power and authority. In the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost the Church was revealed and its mission to the nations was begun... The ultimate purpose of this mission is to share in the communion of life and love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.”

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Year 4 will learn that Peter was chosen by Jesus to play a special role in the Church and that Jesus gave his followers a mission – to spread the Good News to others. They will learn that Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to help his followers and that Pentecost was the beginning of the Church. They will learn about the missions of Peter and Paul and about Stephen the first martyr of the faith.

At Home:

You could help your children by:

- discussing with them the life of St Peter and that he was the first Pope
- reading the missionary journeys of St Paul in Acts of the Apostles (Ch 16 ff)
- visiting www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link



Year 5 –Life in the Risen Jesus

“Prayer is a living relationship with God in, with and through Jesus Christ. All prayer, whether private or public is God’s gift, the action of the Holy Spirit in us and an expression of this living relationship. Prayer is an expression of the universal search for God and of the response of faith to God’s Self-Revelation”

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Year 5 will learn the story of the appearance of Jesus to Mary of Magdala and learn that the risen Jesus is present among us in different ways. They will learn about Jesus’ teaching on, and example of, prayer and have a better understanding of the Lord’s Prayer. They will learn that we can pray in different ways.

At Home

You could help your children by:

- reading and discussing the story of Mary of Magdala
 - talking with them about prayer
 - making time for prayer together
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Year 6 –The Work of the Apostles

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.’ Strengthened by this mission, the apostles went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it.”

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The children will learn how the apostles changed when they received the Holy Spirit. They will reflect on the power of the Holy Spirit working in the apostles and think about how the Holy Spirit can help them today. They will learn about the character of the first Christian community and read about the special role that Peter and Paul played in spreading the Good News.

At Home

You could help your children by:

- visiting www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link
- reading the story of Pentecost with them and discussing how the apostles changed
- discussing what they have learned about the Holy Spirit and how they can apply this to life

