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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. We have 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 towards the cross on Good Friday. Children from Year 6 led KS1 & 2 in a liturgy focusing upon these very special and significant events. As a school we especially think about how we can follow Jesus in the service of others and to be the messengers of love, 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. A fantastic **£727.73** was raised in total. Special congratulations to **Mr and Mrs Gaj** on winning the Chocolate Hamper kindly donated by Ryder and Dutton.

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.

Y4 - Parent Meeting

On Monday, we hosted a meeting for all Y4 Parents, focusing upon the Multiplication Tables Check that the children will complete in June. During the meeting, staff provided key information concerning resources, guidance and advice. A summary and handout from the meeting has been emailed to all parents in Y4 as a follow-up. Please do not hesitate to contact Miss Dobie and Miss Taylor if you require any further information regarding this.



We are looking to change our school payment system from School Spider to School Comms. This is part of Parent Pay for those parents who have secondary school children. **We will need all parents to download the app** as this will be our method of payment for School Meals, Breakfast Club, After School Clubs & School Trips. We will also be using the app as our way of communicating with you through text and email. Please keep your eyes peeled for more information coming very soon. Thank you!

Health & Wellbeing

Health & Wellbeing is vitally important to us all. Each newsletter we will direct you to advice, tips and other activities to promote a healthy lifestyle for every member of the family. You will find this link and others on our website under Health & Wellbeing.

This week's activities are making healthy breakfast choices ...

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/breakfast/>



Plastic Bottle Tops!

Next half term, a small group of children will be completing a piece of ocean themed artwork to enter into the Sea Life Sea Savers competition. The piece of art will be created from bottle caps so we would be grateful if you could send any clean plastic bottle tops into school with your children. Thank you!



Author Visit

On Tuesday 18th April we are so lucky to have the Manchester poet, Matt Goodfellow in school, where he will be reading and performing his poetry and delivering a number of workshops for the children. On that day, his books will be available to buy in school, where they can be signed by Matt himself.



Football Courses for Reception to Year 6 children

Earlier this week we emailed you information regarding football courses that are being run by Football Coaching Development for children in Reception to Year 6. Please read the email for further information or contact 07856 315 637 at Football Coaching Development.

After School Clubs

We will be providing information about booking places for After School Clubs after half-term.

You can book your child's place for Little Sports Coaching at <https://www.wearlsc.co.uk/book/?venue=380>

Some of our wonderful work this week ...

The Nursery children are enjoying our fine motor Easter table! We are developing our grip by using the tweezers to place the objects into the baskets/buckets!



Year 1 enjoyed looking at our local environment and completing a traffic survey as part of their Geography lessons!



Year 2 have been learning how to read and write quarter to and quarter past time!

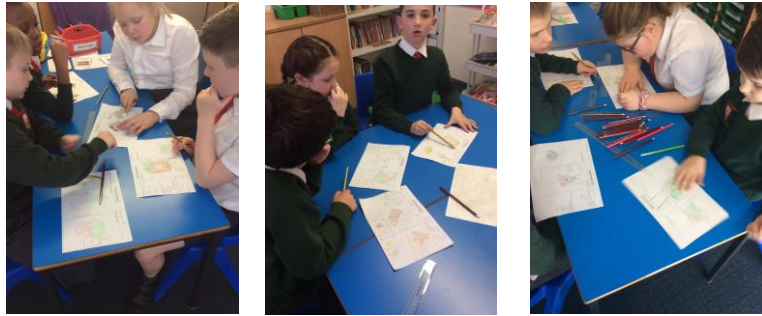


Year 3/4 have been carrying out an investigation to see how much air pollution is around our school!



Some of our wonderful work this week ...

Year 4T have been working together to design their own bird houses for our school grounds!



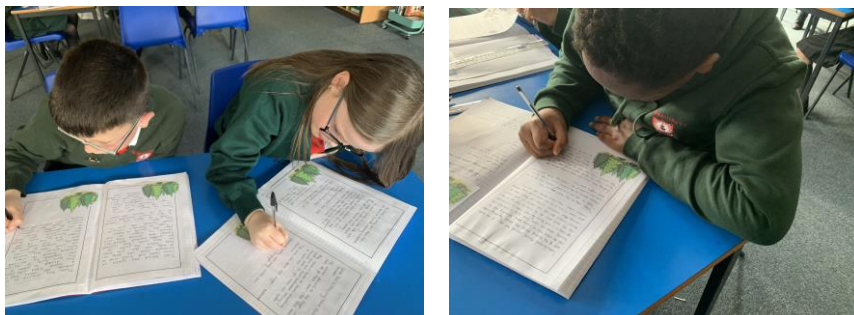
The children in Year 5 had a wonderful time exploring the art and sculptures at Yorkshire Sculpture Park!



It was lovely to watch the children in KS2 take part in the choral speaking this week. They shared a range of poems and entertained with their performances!



6G have been writing setting descriptions that convey action, movement and tension. We have been inspired by the adrenaline fuelled sci-fi adventure story Crater Lake!



Attendance

1/2M are this week's "Class Attendance Winners" with an excellent 98.6% attendance closely followed by 2R with 97.9%

NurW	Nur/RecH	RecM	1J 93.7%	1/2M 98.6%	2R 97.9%
3S 93.5%	3/4D 94.2%	4T 96.4%	5M 93.9%	5J 94.5%	6G 96.5%
6W 94.5%					

When one class wins the "Class Attendance Winners" twice during a half-term they will receive a special reward!

Who will be next week's "Class Attendance Winners" ... see next week's school newsletter!



Y3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Clarity	Elliot C Durel	Alex Feranmi	MJ Sophie





STARS OF THE WEEK

NurRech: Rec: Y1J:	Y1/2M: Evan S Y2R: Sarah A Y3S: Bonita C	Y3-4D: Louie Y Y4T: Denise W Y5J: Whole Class	Y5M: Whole Class Y6G: Mikey L Y6W: Jenson T
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Watch this space for when our next stars will be announced!



Important Dates



School closes on Thursday at the earlier time of 1pm. We return after the Easter break on Monday 17th April with the start and finish times as per this term.

Thursday 6 th April 2023	School closes at 1.00pm for Easter
Monday 17 th April 2023	School opens 8.55 a.m. after Easter Holiday
Monday 17 th April 2023	Reception places offer day from Manchester LA
Monday 1 st May 2023	School closed May Bank Holiday
Monday 8 th May 2023	School closed Bank Holiday for King's Coronation
Tuesday 9 th – Friday 12 th May 2023	Year 6 SATS Week
Friday 26 th May 2023	School closes for half-term
Monday 12 th June 2023	School opens after half-term
Week of Monday 12 th June 2023	Year 1 Phonics Check / Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Year 6 Residential
Friday 7 th July 2023	Summer Fayre 3.00 – 6.30 p.m.
Friday 21 st July 2023	School closes for summer break
Tuesday 5 th September 2023	School opens after summer break

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

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

