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Newsletter

Dear Parents

As we approach the Easter holidays, the children and staff have enjoyed a busy Holy Week in school. It has been delightful to hear them talking about the Easter Story and discussing their plans for celebrating Easter. The Diocesan RE Adviser visited yesterday and praised the children's exemplary behaviour and their high levels of religious literacy. The children she interviewed (some of Y5 and 6 Prayer Council) told her, "I am proud to come to Cardinal Newman School because children are taught to respect each other." They also praised their teachers, informing her "Our teachers are very kind and helpful." Of course, we know this already, but it is always good to hear from the children!

During Holy Week, the children have been reflecting every day on the different stages of Jesus's journey to the cross. YR and Y1 presented a Palm Sunday liturgy to the whole school and Y2 and Y3 told the story of the Last Supper. Year 5 led a Stations of the Cross liturgy for the whole school and we have also looked forward to the moment of the Paschal candle being lit at the Easter Vigil Mass. We talked about Jesus's cross pointing the way to heaven and linked this to the candle on our school badge leading us to the kindly light of Jesus at Easter.

In our final assembly today, we celebrated the work of Mrs Mae Pells (Y4 teacher) who is retiring after a long association with the school and Mrs Jo McLeod (Y4 HLTA) who leaves us today for pastures new. We congratulated Miss Sophie Hart (Y5 teacher) on her forthcoming wedding over the Easter break. After Easter, we will welcome one new part-time teacher: Mrs Emma Sharpe, working as a job-share in Y4 with Mrs Sarah Chaudoir and three part-time TAs: Mrs Louise Cronin (Y4 TA Thursday and Friday), Mrs Freddie Driessen (1:1 TA in Y5) and Mrs Carla Santos (1:1 TA in Y1). We look forward to welcoming them to the team.

It only remains to wish all of you a very happy and blessed Easter. I hope you will enjoy some wonderful time together as a family and I look forward to hearing all the children's exciting news on our return to school.

All best wishes for a lovely Easter

Catherine Burnham



