

The Cathedral Catholic Primary School, Lancaster, LA1 3BT

Newsletter 22nd March 2024

Unlocking potential together in faith and love



Mrs Holt's End of Term Message

As this is the last newsletter of Spring Term, it has given me time to look back and reflect on what a busy and joy-filled term we have had. We have enjoyed visits and visitors especially our Mother's Day celebration. Thank you for all the parents who filled out our annual questionnaire. It was heart-warming to read such positive comments and we really appreciate any ways we can improve. We will publish the results after Easter.

Next Monday at 2pm, we will gather as a Cathedral family, as Year 3 and 4 will help us to remember the events of Holy Week. This is always such a moving way of thinking about Holy Week and it would be wonderful to see parents joining us. Please do try and take time as a family to come to Mass times in Holy week and Easter. The times are below.

Thank you to all the staff who have worked tirelessly over the last term and to you, parents and carers for your ongoing support.

I hope you have a restful and blessed Easter and we will see you back on Monday 15th April. God bless.

Stars of the Week

Rec- Gary
Year 1-Remi
Year 2- Pippa
Year 3- Jenna
Year 4- Demir
Year 5- Oscar
Year 6- Lucia

Punctuality and Attendance

Reception- 91%
Year 1-92%
Year 2- 95%
Year 3-96%
Year 4- 93%
Year 5- 91%
Year 6- 92%
Whole school-94.5%

Be in the line for quarter to nine!!

Book Fair

Thank you for your generosity at the book fair because of this we have been able to buy over £400 of books for the library and class libraries. It was lovely to see children reading books as they left. Here is a selection of the books we have bought so far.

Lent – CAFOD Fundraising: Easter Egg Raffle

Thank you for all your support for our Lent CAFOD fundraising this term. Raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle are still available at £1 per ticket. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term and all money raised will go to our Lent CAFOD Collection. School staff have donated a wide range of Easter Eggs for the raffle.



Palm Sunday Mass – Sunday 24th March at 10:30am in the Cathedral



Thank you to those children in Key Stage 2 who have volunteered to read part of the Gospel together at Palm Sunday Mass this weekend. Please can children be at the Cathedral for 10:20am – they don't need to wear school uniform. Key Stage 2 children will sit together at the front of the Cathedral. Children in Key Stage 1 will go to children's liturgy and then return to sit with their families. Mass will finish around 11:45am. Thank you for your support in this.

Easter Holidays

A reminder that we finish school on Wednesday 27th March at 1:30pm. School will re-open Monday 15th April 8:35am.

Holy Week Reflection – Monday 25th March at 2:00pm in the Cathedral

We hope parents and carers will be able to join us for our Holy Week Reflection in the Cathedral which will be led by pupils in Years 3 and 4, supported in singing by the rest of the school. Our children have been working hard to prepare for this liturgy so that it can be a special time of prayer and reflection for all.

PTA Easter Egg Hunt

Monday 25th March 3.15-4pm. We will be having an Easter Egg Hunt in the KS2 School Playground after the Easter reflection. Can you find all the different coloured eggs or even The Golden Egg? If you would like to join in please pay £2 on ParentPay. Children must be with a parent/carer.

Volunteers are needed on the day if you can help-please contact the school office.
Many Thanks.



Mrs Speak

Mrs Speak is going on maternity leave next Wednesday. We will wish her all the best and we will keep you updated with baby news. We will miss her but she will be back to see us all soon.

Whole School Mass to Celebrate Easter – Thursday 18th April at 9:15am in the Cathedral

We hope lots of parents and carers will be able to join us for this whole school Mass which will be a celebration of Easter and we will pray for God's blessing on our summer term.

Positive Parenting

First session is on Thursday 18th April 9.05am. It will be lovely to see some friendly parent faces there. Please do come along and join us.

Football tickets

On the 23rd March, Lancaster City will host Marine FC at the Giant Axe, kick off 3:00pm



We are hoping to create a real atmosphere at the ground and involve as many of our community partners as possible.

As part of this, we would like to offer schools a 50% discount on adult admission to the game with all children under 12 free with accompanying adults. Please use the code 2303 to get the discount.

Holy Week Services in the Cathedral and at St Thomas More

We hope you have a happy and blessed Easter. Here are the times of services during Holy Week (next week):

Holy Thursday

Diocesan Chrism Mass – 11.30am
Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7.30pm

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross – 10.00am
Good Friday Liturgy – 3.00pm

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil – 8.00pm

Easter Day

Mass at St Thomas More – 9.30am
Mass in the Cathedral – 10.30am and 6:30pm

Diary Dates For Summer 1

Monday 25th March – Year 1 visit to Lakeland Oasis

2pm – Year 3 and 4 lead Easter Reflection in the Cathedral. All parents welcome to help us think about Holy week.

Easter egg Hunt run by the PTA Parents must be with their child/ren £2 per child

Wednesday 27th March – Easter egg raffle drawn

Finish school for Easter at 1.30pm

Monday 15th April School opens at 8.35am

Tuesday 16th – Pupil Parliament

Wednesday 17th April – Year 4 to Castlerigg

Thursday 18th April – Positive parenting course starts in the hall 9.05am

Friday 19th April Y2&3 Blackpool Zoo trip

Thursday 25th April – Reception visit to Lancaster Castle

Session 2 positive parenting.

Monday 6th May – BANK HOLIDAY School shut

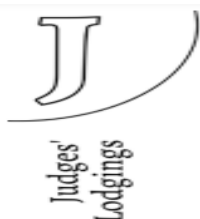
Friday 10th May – Reception stay and play 2pm

11th May – KS2 SAT week – all Year 6 children need to be in every day please.

May 22nd and 23rd – Art exhibition

Friday 24th May – Sports day at Uni of Cumbria

School closes for May half term.



Spring at The Judges' Lodgings Museum

Easter Holiday Craft Workshops £2 per child

Cracking good family fun on Fridays in the Easter holidays.

No booking required.

Drop-in between 11am - 12.30pm and 1pm - 3.30pm.

Chick Cards, 29 March

Make your own special 3D springtime greetings card.



Egg-cellent Eggs, 5 April

Take a mindful moment to relax and decorate an egg with a hypnotic display of colourful dots.



Crafty Characters, 12 April

Let your imagination run riot creating weird and wonderful egg characters!



Plus try our delicious easter trail around Judges Lodgings finishing with a special chocolate treat! £1 per child.

Normal admission charges apply.

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**Easter
Healthy Holiday
Activities**



**FREE
Holiday Activities
Lancaster Central
Library**

**Thursday 4th April
Friday 5th April
Monday 8th April
Tuesday 9th April**

10.00 am - 2.00 pm

A healthy lunch will be provided
during the session.



Come and join us for oodles of fun during the Easter Holidays ... learning and playing some of the coolest, smartest, fast witted and amusing board games from across the world. Games that are easy to pick up but hard to put down! The cornerstone of our "Learn to Play, Play to Learn" motto. With lots of new games hot off the press, robotics, coding and problem solving our mind-bending puzzles are guaranteed to make you smile! With a few Easter themed titles to eggcite and entertain! Make your move and come join us ... take on your friends, make some new friendships and have a wonderful time! Free spaces available for all Primary and Secondary School aged children and young people in receipt of free school meals and children and young people who have Special Education Needs or Disabilities. Why don't you hop along and join us!



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