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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"He effected a wonderful exchange with us through mutual sharing: we gave him the power to die; he will give us the power to live" (St. Augustine)



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God of love

We pray for peace in our world, and an end to war.
Instead of hatred, let there be love.
Shelter your children and protect us.
Guide us and keep us from harm,
so we can build a world of love and live our lives in
peace.
Amen

PALM SUNDAY



The Gospel this week for Palm Sunday is one of two parts where we see how fickle humans can be. At first we have the joy, the sheer delight of a crowd of people who are worshipping a man they have seen heal, cure, save and help. Then we see the same crowd turn on Him and call for His blood. This reminds us of our own failings, how easy it is to be swayed by a crowd, how hard it is to stand alone against prejudice and jealousy. As we head very swiftly towards the climax of the Church's year let us

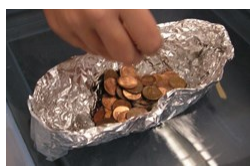
hope that we find time to remember all those who face hatred, war, injustice and that we unlike the crowd stand our ground for humanity and love in the image of our Divine Saviour Jesus Christ.

HEADS UP

St Simon

This week, they wrote a balanced argument about whether Capital Punishment should be reintroduced in the UK. St Simon enjoyed discovering the 'kidnapper of the cleaner' using

Forensic Science e.g. fingerprints, PH scale, ink type and fibre. In Science, they did an experiment to see how many two pence coins a tin foil boat could fit and whether surface area and shape effects the amount of coins it can hold. Thank you for reading the newsletter and have a happy Easter holiday.



STAFFING UPDATE

Very sadly we say goodbye to Mrs Stagg who is leaving us to start an exciting new venture, Baby College West Berks and North Reading. We take this opportunity to wish her everything of the best and thank her for all she has done for our St Paul's Community. We welcome back Mrs Williams from her maternity leave.

<https://babycollege.co.uk/location/baby-college-west-berks-and-north-reading/>

WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER

99% Attendance Owl awarded to St Simon's Class for week ending 22nd March 2024

95% Whole School attendance for week ending 22nd March 2024

EASTER GARDEN COMPETITION

The school councillors are organising an Easter Garden competition and would like as many children as possible to create a beautiful Easter Garden and bring it into school in the first week after the Easter Holidays.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March

Thurs 28th 1pm END OF TERM

APRIL

Mon 15th INSET DAY—School closed to pupils

Tues 16th Pupils return

Wed 17th Whole School Mass at St Joseph's

Sat 20th 10.30am First Holy Communion Session

Sat 27th 10.30am First Holy Communion Session

MAY

Sat 11th First Confessions at Church

Mon 13th SATs Week

Sat 18th First Holy Communion

Fri 24th Sports Day followed by Family Picnic

Mon 27th HALF TERM Week

JUNE

Mon 3rd INSET DAY—School closed to pupils

Tues 4th Yr6 Moving UP Photo

Mon 10th Class Photos

Tues 11th Yr5 Trip to Ure Museum of Greek Archeology

Wed 12th Yr6 Trip to Ure Museum of Greek Archeology

Fri 21st Fun Jar for Crazy Hair

Fri 28th Mass for St Peter and St Paul at school

JULY

Mon 1st Yr6 Douai Mass time TBC

Fri 5th Dress Down for Bottle Tombola

Fri 5th Family Fun Night (3.30—7pm)

Mon 22nd Leavers Mass 10am at Church

Wed 24th 1pm END OF TERM

PTA USED UNIFORM SALE



The PTA will be holding a 'Good as New' uniform sale after school on Friday 19th April on the Infant Playground.

SUMMER UNIFORM

When we return after Easter we will be entering the Summer Term and are all hoping for warmer weather! Please find below a reminder of what children should wear as part of their summer uniform:

Boys Grey trousers/shorts, white open neck aertex or polo shirt, Royal Blue pullover, Grey socks, dark shoes.

Girls A royal blue gingham dress, royal blue pullover or cardigan. **Girls in Year 6 only** may wear white open neck short-sleeved tailored shirt or polo short with grey skirt.

ECO WARRIORS

With Easter fast approaching and spring in the air, Mr Hegarty, our Chief Eco Warrior, has set us a fun task, to encourage insects into our gardens, if we are lucky enough to have one. 'Apart from Honey Bees, insects help pollinate many plants and flowers in our gardens. Below are three links that show us how to make different types of 'Bug Hotels'. They can be as quick and easy as you like, or you can decide to build a more permanent Bug Hotel, with an adult's help. I hope you make one!

Bug Hotel Links:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Smy_9vgN39A

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OexxoXo9uFk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-5FEsrwG510>

WEDNESDAY MORNING MASS

St James' Class walked to Mass on Wednesday 27th.

The whole school will be attending Mass on Wednesday 17th April.

CELEBRATION OF THE WORD

During Lent, our Mini Vinnies lead our Monday Celebration of the Word. You can find a copy of the readings and prayers on our website each week.

<https://www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk/page/?title=Our+Prayer+Life%3A+Lent&pid=757>

YEAR 6 CHARITY DAY

Last Friday, the Year 6's put in extra hard work for their Lenten Charity Day. Each of the House Captains ran stalls in the hall, whilst the rest of the Year 6's were busy selling cakes or doing the Charity Walk with pupils in the other year groups.

Every Year 6 pupil should be very proud of themselves as they have made a tremendous effort to raise £247.46 for CAFOD. This, in addition to the proceeds from their busy sales of raffle tickets, will go to CAFOD.

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

OFFICE HOURS—Mon—Thurs 8.00—3.30pm,
Fri 8.00—8.15 and 8.45—3.30pm

ROSARY

Weekly Rosary Group will be held at 9am each Wednesday. It is a very informal group, our prayers last only around 15 minutes, all parents and carers are most welcome, just turn up after dropping off children.

END OF TERM

Reminder that Term ends at **1pm today**.

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