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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"In our day, then, it is decisive that we Christians cultivate a gaze full of hope and work fruitfully in response to the vocation we have received, in service to God's kingdom of love, justice and peace. This hope – Saint Paul tells us – "does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5), since it is born of the Lord's promise that he will remain always with us and include us in the work of redemption that he wants to accomplish in the heart of each individual and in the "heart" of all creation." (Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for 61st World Day of Prayer For Vocations 2024)



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

Alleluia He is Risen!!



In this week's Gospel we are reminded of the great significance of the Resurrection. Jesus appearing to His disciples at first frightens them as they feel He may be a ghost. The fact that he comes suddenly, although the doors were locked, indicates that his presence is now of a different kind. Understanding them as ever, He eats with them and lets them touch him, to prove to and reassure them of His humanity. As he shows them the wounds in his hands and feet their fear turns to a mixture of joy and utter astonishment. They can't believe their eyes. It is important to recognise that it was indeed the Risen Christ who opened the minds of the apostles to understand the Scriptures. It was the Risen Christ who explained the words of the prophets of the Old Testament that the Messiah had been foretold and that He was indeed the fulfilment. It was the Risen Christ who made then witnesses to the message of repentance and forgiveness that we must continue to bear witness to today.

HEADS UP

St Bartholomew

In Maths, they enjoyed learning about ratio and proportion. During English, St Bartholomew discovered their new topic, they learnt about Greece and the Trojan horse. They learnt about Eastertide in RE and they also celebrated Jesus' Resurrection by going to Church on Wednesday.



SEMANIARIAN OF THE MONTH



Owen Duggan is in his second year of training for the priesthood, studying at Oscott, Birmingham. His home parish is St Mary's Gosport. Owen says he was aware of his calling from a very early age and this became fully evident at the time of his Confirmation when he was just 13 years old. He always had great admiration for the role of the priest in bringing people to God. Owen spent sometime working in our Diocese then five years with a Franciscan community here as well as in Italy and the Philippines. Of living in a seminary he says it's great to be in a Christian community but a bit like being back at school! Owen asks that we pray to our Lady for her support and guidance to all Seminarians.

97% Attendance Owl awarded to St Barnabas Class for week ending 28th March 2024

93% Whole School attendance for week ending 28th March 2024

SUMMER UNIFORM

We are now in the Summer Term and are all hoping for warmer weather! Children may continue to wear their winter uniform until it is warmer.

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.

WEDNESDAY MORNING MASS

The whole school walked to Mass on Wednesday 17th. Yr5 children read the readings and bidding prayers beautifully and the whole school were very quiet and reverent throughout Mass.

St Barnabas Class will be attending Mass on Wednesday 24th. Parents and families are welcome to join them.

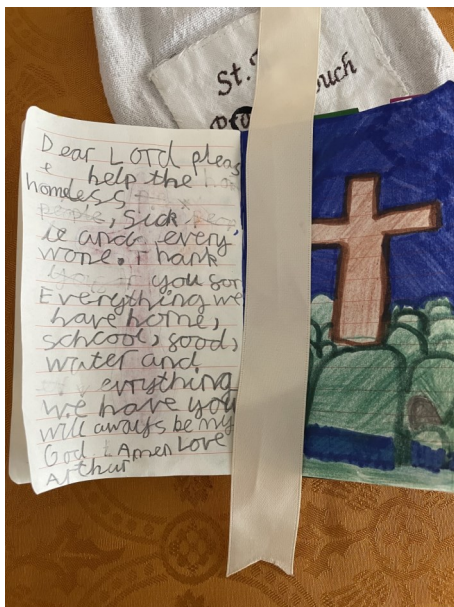
TILEHURST DROP IN CENTRE

'Welcome Wednesday' & Foodbank

Our school is supporting the recently launched Tilehurst Drop-in Centre & Foodbank which helps about 20 struggling local families. They are very grateful for the donations of our parents and staff to sustain them. The foodbank is currently short of cereal, packet/tinned soup, pasta sauce, tea (80 teabags), coffee (200g jars) and sugar (250g packets). We take some of our older children to the parish centre every two weeks or so, they help with the donations and chat to the local people who attend. If you know of anyone locally who may benefit from either from receiving provisions or the social aspect of the centre, please do let them

PRAYER POUCHES

Children take it in turn to take the Prayer Pouch home each week, to say/write a prayer with their families. This is an example of a prayer from last week. These are presented during Celebration of the Word on a Monday morning.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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.

ST GEORGE'S DAY - Tuesday 23rd April

Children are invited to wear their Rainbow/ Brownie/Cub or Scout uniforms to school on Tuesday.



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.