

Dear Parents,

Earlier this week, as we entered Holy Week, all of our KS2 children visited St Mary's church to experience an interactive Easter story. The Road to Easter exhibition provided the children with the chance to engage with and reflect upon the Easter story and some of the significant events in Jesus' life. They journeyed through 6 reflection points and listened attentively to the details being shared. They joined in the retelling of stories with actions, wrote prayers and created flowers to add to a new life garden.

This morning, Fr Sean joined us as the children in Year 3 shared with us the Stations of the cross, a form of



prayer traditionally used in Lent. The whole school were so reverent as they listened to the readings, looked at images representing each of the 14 stations and then watched the children's re-enactment of Jesus' passion.



Thank you for all your support with our Lent fundraising project. Through your generosity and the children's commitment to almsgiving and making small sacrifices throughout the season of Lent, they have steadily helped us add to our collective total. Last week's count up saw us having raised £361.41 so far. Having now reached the final week of Lent, we will do one last count and announce our final total at the start of next term.



Diary Dates

EASTER HOLIDAYS

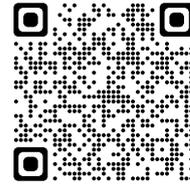
Fri 12th & Mon 15th April	PD days (children not in school)
Tue 16th April	Children return to school.
Tue 16th April	Second hand uniform sale—3:20pm
Thur 24th April	EY Farm trip
Fri 3rd May	Bishop Peter is visiting



The gerbils have names!

Thanks to the children, we had a huge amount of name suggestions for our two new gerbils. Scan this QR code or use the link to find out what happened when we let the gerbils pick their own names!

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Garden tools

Mrs Vince and her gardening club members are looking to see if anyone has a garden fork or spade that they are no longer using and that could be donated for them to make use of. As we head into the summer term, they have more work to do in the school garden and some extra tools would be of great help. They are also looking for some more watering cans too. Any donations would be gratefully appreciated. Thanks.



Year 4 Haka

The children in year 4 have been working incredibly hard this half term learning all about the Haka, a traditional genre of Māori dance. There has been much chanting, use of facial expressions and physical movement to display strength, power and unity. The hall was filled with the whole of year 4 on Friday as they came together to perform their Haka routine to their visiting 'tribe'. There were many staff who looked on with great interest to see their final performance.



Rocksteady gig

Last Thursday we kick started our morning with the our spring term Rocksteady gig. The children who have attended Rocksteady lessons over this past term performed with their fellow band members and the rest of the school enjoyed soaking up the atmosphere and the musician's enthusiastic performances. The crowds cheered as they recognised the songs being performed. Many of the band members have been performing with their bands over a number of terms and it's been great to see their performance skills and confidence grow over the last three terms. We're already looking ahead to the final gig of the year at the end of the summer term. Thank you to the huge amount of family members who filled every available bit of space in the hall and who enjoyed the performance too.

