

### Note from the Head

Welcome back after the Easter break, I hope you managed to have some peace and quiet during the break. We have got off to a great start this week with the children eager and enthusiastic to learn.

The weather is bright and sunny and though this is quite a short half term we have a lot to focus on with the Year 6 SATs, Mad Science club, Forest School in KS2 and even an archaeological dig planned!

### Father Henry

Father Henry has now moved on to his new cover position at Holy Family in Southport. We would like to say a huge Thank you to him for the way in which we made us feel so welcome and the joy which he brought to the Mass.

The children have enjoyed spending time with him as he has supported many School Events in his short time here. Father Henry leaves us with fond memories which we celebrated as a whole school at Mass on Thursday at the end of which we gave gifts and made a special card to say Goodbye.

We look forward to welcoming Father O'Shea who will be with us from tomorrow to celebrate Mass and who will soon become an integral part of St John's

### Fire Safety

Year 2 and Year 6 enjoyed a fire Safety talk this week delivered from the Firemen and women who taught the children about how to stay safe in the home

### School Menu

If your child has returned their lunch menus these have been updated onto the system for the next three weeks.

### Themed School meals

We have two themed events approaching: 80th anniversary of VE Day on May 8th and National Dinosaur Day on May 15th. If your child does not usually have a school meal and would like one on these days then please return the letter to the School office. Letters will be sent out next week.

Friday 4th April



### Mass times

Sunday 09.00 am      Saturday 06.30 pm

**27/04/25    Second Sunday of Easter**

***Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31***

The Mass Readings for Sunday highlight Jesus' incredible love and mercy for humanity. The readings emphasise the power of God working through His children, the need to let go of doubts and embrace the mysteries of God, and the importance of sharing the message of Jesus' love and mercy with others. The themes focus on the loving mercy of Jesus, letting go of doubts, the power of God, revealing Jesus' identity, and the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Approaching the Gospel with children

The disciples are frightened and lonely and so they have locked themselves away. Jesus appeared in the room and said: "Peace be with you." The disciples were filled with joy that Jesus had risen from the dead and was with them again. Thomas wasn't there with the rest of the disciples when Jesus appeared. He refused to believe Jesus had been there until he saw for himself.

We all have times when we can be a bit like Thomas. When we find it hard to believe in God and his love for us. Times when we are not really sure if God really is here with us. But God is always with us, even though we can't see him.

Peace can mean different things to different people. What does peace mean to you?

There are many places in the world right now where there is conflict and war. Millions of people have had to leave their homes. Many have fled to other nearby countries.

Let us remember in our prayers this week everyone who is affected by war, and all the people who are working to support them. We pray that God will give them courage, strength and hope at this difficult time.

We also pray for world leaders to make the right decisions which will help to bring peace.

We can try to share peace in our lives. We can try to make things right when we have argued with a friend or family member. We can try to talk to people calmly when something upsets us or makes us angry, rather than shouting or stamping or being violent. We can stand up for what is right and help others who need some extra support.



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### A message from the Family Hub

*Don't forget its our One Stop Shop next Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May at Family Hub & The Zone.*

We will be launching our long awaited TakeAway service in May. This new service means that if a family attends the One Stop Shop and the agency they need aren't available, we can complete a small referral form and send to the agency on the parents behalf.

We have implemented a Buddy System which has been working really well. All families are greeted at the door by a Family Support Worker who will complete a quick initial assessment to unpick their particular needs. Once this is complete, the Buddy will support them to access all of the services that they need to see.

We do know that the main Zone can become very noisy during the event and can feel overwhelming for your families so we can now provide private quiet spaces for them to be seen.

### Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 22nd April - Mad Science Club starts - 3:20 - 4:20

Thursday 8th May - Class 3 Forest School

Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May is KS2 SATs week

Wednesday 21st May - Class 4 archaeological dig

Thursday 22nd May - Half term achievement assembly

Friday 23rd May - School closes for Half Term

Wednesday 11th June - Year 6 Cathedral choir

Friday 13th June - INSET day

Thursday 19th June - Whole school Maths Day

Tuesday 24th June - Sports Day

Friday 27th June - Summer Fair

Wednesday 16th July - Year 6 leavers evening

Thursday 17th July - Year 6 leavers trip

Monday 21st July - End of Year assembly 2:30

Tuesday 22nd July - School close at 1:15 for Summer

