

## Note from the Head

Well that is another term completed and what a busy half term it has been! With trips and themes days, fundraising and forest School - the curriculum has been packed with opportunities to learn, discover and create.

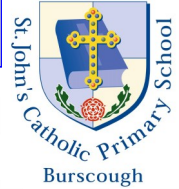
The children of St John's have worked incredibly hard. As I'm new to Headship, I have had many School Advisors and Education Officers visit me and when I take them on a tour of the school they are always so impressed by the calm and ordered classrooms, the positive attitude towards learning, the well behaved, enthusiastic and happy children and the bright welcoming classrooms.

Class 4 held a very thoughtful prayer session on the Stations of the Cross on Thursday. The oldest children of the school led the younger ones on a journey through the stations with scripture readings and prayer cards to reflect on the journey taken by Jesus. This was a really special and peaceful moment for the school to take time out and reflect on the meaning of Lent.

If you have a child in the juniors and have any spare time over the Easter Break then why not consider a visit to the Metropolitan Cathedral? As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, the children were incredibly knowledgeable on their recent visit and impressed the staff with their own understanding of the picture, statues and features - your child can certainly take you on your own self led guided tour!

Easter Bingo on Wednesday was as always, a fun and packed event. It was lovely to see so many ex pupils return to school for an event which they love and holds special memories for them. I love bumping into past parents in the Village and catching up on the progress of our past pupils. Our school really is a wonderful place to be and I'd like to take this moment to thank you for all of your continued support and wish you a very Happy Easter.

**Friday 4th April**



### **Mass times**

Sunday 09.00 am      Mon - Fri 09.00 am  
Saturday 06.30 pm

**06/04/25    5th Sunday of Lent**

***Gospel Reading: John 8:1-11***

The readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent emphasise that God sees us in our weakness and suffering and offers us salvation. The passages invite us to look at the past, recognize the possibility of a new way, and experience joy amidst sorrow. They also highlight the need to let go of worldly values, embrace life in Christ, be aware of our own sinfulness, and embrace new beginnings by releasing the hold of the past. Approaching the Gospel with children

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The scribes and Pharisees bring a woman to Jesus who has done something wrong. The law says that she should be punished, but the Pharisees ask Jesus what he would do. Jesus says that the person who has done nothing wrong themselves, should be the person who throws the first stone at the woman.

We have all done things wrong. Jesus knows that none of us are perfect. He forgives us for the things that we have done wrong and no matter what he always loves us. But he also asks us to change, to try our hardest not to do the wrong thing again.

Jesus asks us not to judge people who have done something wrong, because we all do wrong things sometimes. Instead we should try to forgive them, as God forgives us. But we should also try to help them see that they need to change, so that they no longer hurt others.

We all have times when we are treated unfairly and it hurts. We also all have times when we are not quite as nice to others as we should be.

Let us try to forgive those who treat us unfairly and to follow Jesus' example of love for all people. But let's also try to make a change – to do what is right, and to help others to feel God's love in the way that we treat them.

### SATs Bootcamp.

The following children are top of the leader board for their points earned in the SATs Bootcamp challenge!

**1st - Matthew**

**2nd - Christopher Dylan**

**3rd - Penny**



### Lunchtime Award

**The following children have been chosen by the Lunchtime Supervisors for wonderful behaviour!**

**Class 1:** Kendall

**Class 2:** Lea

**Class 3** Emilia

**Class 4:** Jake



### 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

