

### Note from the Head

What a special assembly we had on Thursday! It was lovely to see the effort the children had put in to be able to speak, sing and create pictures to show how much they value the special women in their lives. We have shared pictures onto our school Facebook page. I hope you all have a lovely weekend with your children.

### Good Shepherd stalls

The Year 6 children will be leading this event on Monday morning with lots of stalls for the children to play on. Every stall is 20p with money raised going to CAFOD. Please send your child with loose change for them to be able to participate.

### Easter Bonnet Parade

This ever popular event is at 2:30 on Tuesday - you are all welcome to come along and watch the children from Nursery, Reception and Year One.

### Easter Bingo **\*\*Don't Forget!\*\*** Wednesday 2nd April

This event is now available for you to book through the SCOPAY app. The cost is £5 per family which gives one book of tickets, additional books are available to purchase online and on the night. There will be a raffle on the night for a drinks hamper - tickets for the raffle can be bought from the office from Monday

### School uniform

In the interests of hygiene, children with long hair should have it tied back for school - children work in close proximity at their desks and it can be difficult for others when long hair is hanging over the children's workbooks.

We have also had a few instances recently where children are playing and the length of their finger nails is causing harm to others - Can you please check the length of your child's fingernails and trim if possible.

### Whole school Mass

To mark the end of term, the whole school will attend Mass at 9am on Thursday. You are all welcome to join us to celebrate Mass with Father Henry before we break up for Easter.

**Friday 28th March**



### **Mass times**

Sunday 09.00 am      Mon - Fri 09.00 am  
Saturday 06.30 pm

**30/03/25 4th Sunday of Lent**

***Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32***

The readings for this week emphasise the loving and forgiving nature of God. The first reading describes the Israelites' celebration of Passover and the end of the manna as they begin to eat the yield of the land. The second reading urges us to be reconciled to God, and the gospel recounts the parable of the prodigal son, highlighting God's abundant mercy and forgiveness. The themes encompass leaving behind old ways, embracing new habits, understanding the generosity of God as our Father, and embracing the sacrament of reconciliation.

### Approaching the Gospel with children

A man had two sons. The younger son took his half of his father's money and went off and spent it all. When the son had run out of money, he set off home to see his father – to say sorry. On his return, the Father was so happy that his son had returned to him, safe and sound, he forgave his son for all that he had done and invited everyone to a big meal to celebrate. The elder brother was angry that his father was throwing a party. But the father reminded his older son that he loved him very much and that everything that he had would belong to him one day.

God loves us all. When we say sorry, God forgives us for the things that we have done wrong, just like the father in this story forgives his son. God is always happy when we come back to him

The father in Jesus' story welcomed his son back to share in the feast, even though he had not always done the right thing. God welcomes everyone to the feast. It doesn't matter who we are, where we come from or what we've done, we all have the right to share in the food that God has given for all people.

So this week, we can do our best to say sorry for the times when we haven't done the right thing, especially when we haven't shared very well with others.

## Early Help - How we can work with you and your family

### What is Early help?

Every family goes through challenging times at some point. Early help means working with you and your family so that small problems don't become big problems.

Early help is for everybody, for families with children and young people of any age. It's your choice whether to have it or not.

### Why would I want early help?

There are lots of reasons why people look for early help. It could be that you're worried about your child's health, development or behaviour, or how they're doing at school. It may be that you're worried about money or housing and how that is affecting your family. Maybe your child or family is affected by domestic abuse, drugs, alcohol, or crime. Perhaps your child is a carer for their SEND sibling, or maybe you've had a bereavement in the family that's made life a challenge.

### Where can I get early help?

If you feel you and your family might need support to solve some problems, please do not hesitate to contact school.

### What will happen when I ask for early help?

I will give you a call or you could come into school and we will talk about the problems you're experiencing. I will ask what help and support you think you might need. This is called an early help assessment.

Early help assessment is nothing to be worried about. It's just a conversation to work out how to help you determine what it is you feel you need support with and how this can be done. You can talk about things that are going well and things that you're proud of as well as things that you're finding a challenge.

We will also discuss your child or children in your family to make sure they understand how they are feeling and anything they think they might want some help with.

*For more information, please look at the school web - under the 'Key Information' tab' you will find a link to our Early Help offer\**

## Lancashire Hub

Next week sees the return of the ever popular One Stop Shop at the Family Hub & The Zone in Skelmersdale **Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> April 9am till 12pm.** No appointment is necessary and they have representatives who can support with issues relating to :

- SEND
- Benefits & Housing
- Children's emotional health and wellbeing
- Adults emotional health and wellbeing
- Groups activities for young and old locally
- Adult education
- Domestic abuse
- Children's health and development.



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### Dates for your Diary

Mon 31st Mar- Y6 Good Shepherd stalls

Tues 1st April - Easter Bonnet parade 2:30

Wed 2nd April - Easter Bingo 3:30

Thurs 3rd April - End of term achievement assembly 2:30 You are all welcome to attend

Fri 4th April - School closes for Easter at 1:15

### SATs Bootcamp.

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

**1st - Matthew**

**2nd - Daniel**

**3rd - Christopher Dylan**



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

**Class 1:** Mollie

**Class 2:** Savannah

**Class 3:** Calleigh Mae

**Class 4:** Christopher

