

25 March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of the Spring Term I would like to thank you for your continued support. It has been a pleasure to welcome you all into school to share in the success of your children so far this year through Parents Evening and our Easter celebrations. Your children are a real credit to you all. We still have Year 1 and Reception Easter celebrations to look forward to!

Easter Cheer thank you

A huge thank you to Our School Council and Mini-Vinnies for organising the fundraising for this year's Good Shepherd appeal. Thank you to Miss Miller and Miss Proud too! They raised an amazing £450.35. The week was rounded off with our annual Easter Egg competition which was a great success and there were some very clever ideas! Well done to all the winners!

Swimming Success

As I shared with you in the last newsletter our swimming team made it to the South Tyneside finals which were held last week. Both teams represented our school with exceptional behaviour and determination. One team achieved 5th place and there were individual medals awarded. Congratulations to everyone involved!

Football Success

Congratulations go to our boys A team who won the Gidney League this year and have been unbeaten throughout. What a fantastic achievement!

Reminder – Year 6 Parents

Year 6 parents are invited to a Coffee Morning on the 26th March at 9.10am to be held in the Junior Hall. This is in support of transition to Key Stage 3.

Parent Governor

As you are aware we currently have a Parent Governor vacancy on our Governing Body. Information regarding this will be emailed out today in preparation for after Easter. Thank you to those of you who have shown an interest. It is greatly appreciated.

Reconciliation

Please remember our Year 4 children as they make their First Reconciliation in school this week with Fr Simon. This is a very special time for them as they journey towards their First Holy Communion Day in June.

Holy Week Services at St Aloysius and St James

Maundy Thursday 7pm St James

Good Friday 3pm St Aloysius and 3pm St James

Easter Vigil Sat 6pm St Aloysius

Easter Sunday 9.15 am St James 11am St Aloysius

Mrs Marriner: Year 4 parents

I would like to inform you that, sadly, Mrs Marriner is leaving us on the 26th April as she has decided to follow a different career direction. In her time with us she has been an outstanding teacher and I'm sure you will join me in wishing her all the very best for the future where I know she will be amazing!

Mrs Petty, our Assistant Headteacher, will be teaching in Year 4. Mrs Petty is an experienced and outstanding leader. Miss Tate, our student teacher, will also be based in this class as we welcome her back for her final placement. Mrs Petty and Miss Tate will work with Mrs Marriner before she leaves to ensure a smooth handover. I am very confident that the Year 4 children will continue to thrive in the Summer Term.

End of Term

School closes for this term on **THURSDAY 28th March at 1.15pm**. Your children can be collected from the yard in the usual way.

May I take this opportunity, on behalf of all staff and Governors, to wish you all a very Happy Easter and we welcome children back on Monday 15th April.

Carole Godfrey
Acting Executive Headteacher