



ST JOSEPH'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL
Part of the Edmund Rice Family

10th April 2019

Dear Parents,

After a very busy term we are all looking forward to celebrating Easter.

During the past weeks of Lent, the children have had time to raise money with their Lenten activities and also to take time to reflect and pray about Jesus journey to the Cross.

The EYFS have spent time listening to the Story of Holy Week and we have re-enacted Jesus Journey to Jerusalem and his act of love as he washed his disciple's feet. One of the Reception children being willing to have their feet washed as part of the Last Supper Story.

Every child has had the opportunity to place their prayers and the things which they were not proud of on a red ribbon which has then been tied to a large Cross to represent the blood that Jesus shed for our sins.

The children have just completed the annual sponsored 'Spell Off' and lots of thinking and brain power has gone into the heats and final 'Spell Off'. The winners received Book Tokens and the runners up an Easter Egg.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to the fun of the Easter Rabbit Hunt, the Easter Hat Parade and the Jar Tombola; all of which will see us reach the end of term.

I trust that you will find a moment to relax and enjoy Easter.

Uniform

Could I please just remind you about our uniform again. We are proud of our uniform which makes us so distinctive, therefore, we do ask that children come to school in the correct, clean uniform which is clearly labelled with 'stich-in' name tags.

During May, when the weather gets warmer we expect that everyone is in Summer uniform. All boys with the exception of Prep 6 should be in uniform grey shorts - NO Combat Shorts (with outer side pockets) please.

We ask that all children are in shoes **not** boots, unless permission has been granted on medical grounds.

Hair Cuts

Please can you ensure that boys have a conventional haircut and not a 'fashion cut' that involves short shaving or 'tram lines'.

Girls with shoulder length hair should have it tied back in plain black or red bobbles.

Catholic Life

The school continues to be very grateful to Father Glover for supporting the school and for continuing to pray for us.

We are looking forward to celebrating with all those members of the school family who will be receiving the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation later in the Summer term. We wish them every blessing.

On 5th May we celebrate the Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice who was the founder of the Congregation of Christian Brothers. We will be celebrating Mass with the Edmund Rice House members from St Joseph's College on 7th May at 1-30 at ST Teresa's Church.

Healthy Snacks

Please can children bring a healthy snack into school. We ask that children are not sent to school with chocolate or crisps but save these for home.

Road Safety /Parking

Thank you for your continued support as members of the school family lobby the Local Council about parking near the school.

Thank you for your continued support for the school.

As we approach the events of Holy Week and once again think about the sacrifice that Jesus made on the Cross I pray that you will know the Hope that the Resurrection brings.

I wish you a very blessed and joyful Easter.

Catholic Easter Prayer

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son
has given us new life and renewed hope.
Help us to live as new people
in pursuit of the Christian ideal.
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it.

Source: New Saint Joseph People's Prayer Book



God Bless.

Yours sincerely

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