



St. John the Evangelist Catholic Academy

"Lord be thy word my rule."

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we draw to end of a very short term, it has been lovely to celebrate the achievements of our children.

Today is a sad day as we say goodbye to Mrs Oakes who has worked in our school for 20 years. I am sure you will all join me in thanking Mrs Oakes for all of her hard work and dedication during her time at St. John's and wish her a wonderful retirement, enjoying time with her family and friends. After Easter we welcome Miss Grant to the school, who will work in our school office with Mrs Walklet. Again, I am sure you will all join me in welcoming Miss Grant to the school.

Thank you for your generous donations for our fundraising this half term for Father Hudson's (non-uniform day, collection bags and the class chocolate hamper raffles). The hampers will be drawn in the assembly today.

A huge well done to all EYFS and KS1 children and parents for your Easter bonnet creations. Thank you to the PTFA for the donations of prizes for the Easter bonnet parade and the KS2 egg design and rolling competitions.

KS2 children have led our Lenten prayer sessions which have really supported the children's spiritual development as we approach Holy week and Easter. As we approach Holy Week, I would encourage you to take a moment with your families to reflect upon the journey that Jesus made which began on Palm Sunday. I would encourage you to continue this journey with your children by sharing in the parish Masses over the Easter weekend. Please see the times below.

Day	Church	Time
Palm Sunday Sunday 24 th March	English Martyrs, Biddulph St. Joseph's Goldenhill	9am 11am
Maundy Thursday Thursday 28 th March	Mass of the Last Supper English Martyrs, Biddulph	7.30pm
Good Friday Friday 29 th March	Family Stations of the Cross St. Joseph's Goldenhill	12 noon
Good Friday Friday 29 th March	St. Joseph's Goldenhill English Martyrs, Biddulph	3pm 6pm
Saturday 30 th March	Easter Vigil Mass St. Joseph's Goldenhill	7.30pm
Easter Sunday Sunday 31 st March	English Martyrs, Biddulph St. Joseph's Goldenhill	9am 11am

I thank you for a wonderful term and we look forward to welcoming our children back to school for the summer term on Monday 8th April.

I wish you a very happy and holy Easter.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Rigby
Principal
