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I AM STRONG THROUGH JESUS CHRIST
TO THE BEST THAT I CAN BE
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Newsletter 26

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Dear Parents and Carers;

Easter Celebration

I have decided to delay sending the weekly newsletter until after our Easter Celebration so that I can thank those involved and share an insight to those parents who were unable to attend.

As always in schools, the message of Easter has to be given to the children early as we are all on holiday for the actually observances. However, this does not detract from the importance for the children. I was delighted to be part of a special celebration this morning, full of the reverence that the occasion demands.

We must all thank Father George for his leading of the liturgy and blessings to all present. I hope that for all those present it was a focus and will allow us to understand the Great Feast in a deeper way.

Each class had an important part to play in delivering the message, and it was wonderful that they were so well supported by parents and family.

Many thanks to Ms Tsiama, our RE leader, and all the staff who worked tirelessly to make sure that the children were prepared. We were blessed with the support of our PTA, the St Cyprian's Fellowship, and parents past and present who helped with flowers.

It is through shared liturgy that we truly become a community.

Health Alert

This week we have had several incidences of children vomiting. It is clear that there is an infection passing through the school. Please take care to limit the spread of this by keeping your child away from school if he or she vomits, and until the sickness has passed.

Easter lunch

On Wednesday we welcomed many parents in to school to share a special lunch with the children. Whilst we are still in Lent, so fish was the main offering, it was good for us to eat together before Easter and to make a special occasion for the children. Many thanks to Mrs Georgiou and her dedicated team in the kitchen who produced beautiful food.

Safeguarding – interesting initiative about mobile phones

There was an article this week from the BBC about steps being taken in the Netherlands to safeguard children from excessive use of mobile phones. Please take time to have a read. It is clear that many European countries are starting to arrive at a consensus around phone use and this may be the route that legislators in the UK begin to take:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cpqxjwvvyl4o

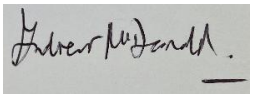
Inter-faith learning
On Monday the children from Crete Class visited the Central London Gurdwara in order to deepen their understanding of the Sikh people in London. They followed Santorini Class last week. We were delighted by the welcome we received and it was an important step for the children to learn about how another faith group bears witness.

Poem of the Week
After the school closes for the holiday, we will all be observing Palm Sunday and the Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem. The most famous poem for children about this part of the Easter story is 'The Donkey' by GK Chesterton. It is a beautiful piece of writing that describes the scene from the point of view of the poor and often-derided donkey. It takes lots of explaining but is worth sharing with your children at home: https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/47918/the-donkey

Assemblies
When we return to school after the Easter Holiday, the following classes will be sharing assemblies:
1st May – Ithaca Class
8th May – Zakynthos Class

Next week the children will be in school from Monday 30th March until Wednesday 1st April.
School closes on Wednesday 1st April at **1.30pm**. Please note the slightly earlier time than the usual.
Our focus will be Great Lent and preparation for Easter.

I wish you all a restful weekend.
Yours faithfully,



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