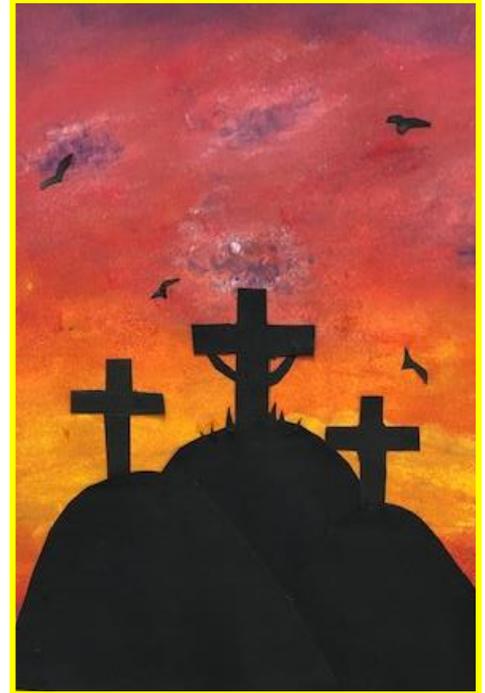




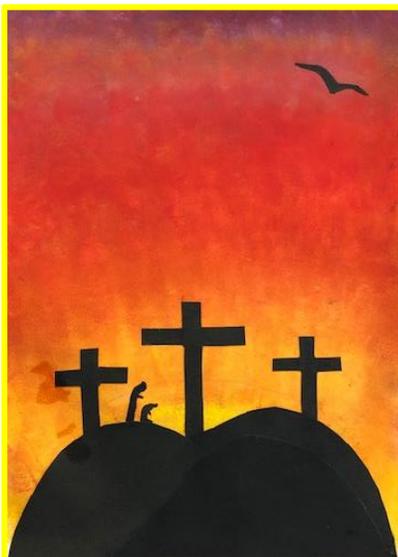
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1st April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,



Our preparations for Easter were supported by our Be Spirited Day on Tuesday. Our pupils showed how reflective they are and how creative and resourceful in thought and actions. The theme this year was the Cross and activities

included the Stations of the Cross outside (despite the chillier weather) and some wonderful art work. Year 6 created the Cross pictured and Angel (top right) and Kai (bottom left) from 6J the silhouettes. Well done to all our pupils for their beautiful art work on a special day.



Rainbow Day and World Earth Day

Our next themed day is World Earth Day on Friday 22nd April. This coincides appropriately with the Parents Association's Rainbow Day for which children are invited to wear as many colours of the Rainbow as possible. This is always extremely popular and colourful and fits



perfectly with our planned Geography and Science learning activities for the day. The PA will come and

count the colours on each child so children can earn sponsorship that will go to enrich your child's school experience.



Covid Update

Our school guidance will be updated after we have received the latest Government guidance. Our aim is to continue to provide education without disruption and school life as normal as possible for children. Disruption to school life through staff absences has been higher this term due to Covid as the country tries to "live with Covid". We are all now faced with a situation where lateral flow tests are no longer freely available and hard to find. We are, as always, indebted to the sensible and considerate actions of our parents in keeping the school as infection free as possible.

Key points for the new term are:

- gates open at 8:40 with children expected to be in class by 8:50 (five minutes earlier).
- we will keep the five minutes difference at the end of the day (Yrs 3&4 3.15 and Yrs 5&6 3.20).
- parents will be asked to judge when their child is fit for school after having Covid (no prescribed number of days for isolation).
- we will continue with ventilation in all rooms (and carbon dioxide monitors); our enhanced cleaning routines.
- our staff will continue to wear masks should they wish to do so – though not mandatory.
- Breakfast Club arrangements remain the same.

We will monitor the current rate of Covid in the community before relaxing some of our precautions in school such as whole school events. We are aware that there are some vulnerable members of our community – children, adults and their families – and small considerations can make a big difference.

Merit Certificates

Well done to the following children who have been selected by their class teacher for being shining examples of our Mission Statement – *Growing together in love and learning as followers of Jesus.*

3Anning	Luna Cowman Daly	For always being a supportive learning partner.
3Nightingale	Aiden Murphy	For his lovely writing of a newspaper report and excellent attitude to learning all week.
4Jemison	Olivia Byrne	For her fantastic progress shown in her Reading assessment – all her hard work is paying off!
4Attenborough	Aoife-Amelia Kelly	For her enthusiasm in her learning and for always sharing her knowledge – and for making Be Spirited Day so special.
5Mandela	Poppy Griffen	For putting extra effort into all of her learning and for always bringing positivity to the classroom.
5Einstein	Adam Bowers	For being an enthusiastic learner. Thank you.
6Johnson	Angel John	For her beautiful art work that was inspired by the Cross on Be Spirited Day.
6Martin Luther King	Beau Dolt	For taking risks this week in his learning, particularly in music.

Sports Fixtures and Events

The boys from Year 4 and 6 went to Dacorum Network football tournaments this week at King's Langley Secondary School. Unfortunately, all of our teams were unable to progress to the final stages in fiercely contested events, but it wasn't for lack of effort.

Our Year 6 'A' team started off with a 6-0 win but obviously used up all our goals in the first match as we were unable to find the net in the next three games. The 'B' team enjoyed two wins but also suffered two defeats so also came up just short.

In the Year 4 tournament, we experienced similar results. The 'A' team lost their first game 2-0 to a very strong St Paul's side. We then suffered two 1-0 defeats in games that we dominated, but just couldn't find the net. We won the last game 4-0 but alas, it was too late. The 'B' team drew their first game 1-1 but then suffered three narrow defeats. Well done to all those who took part for showing maximum effort.

First Communion suits

One of our parents has given us two suits (one without trouser) but including ties, waistcoat, jacket and shirt. They were used once by their boys in previous years and are in perfect condition. There is also a pair of size 3 smart shoes. If one of our First Communion pupils could make use of these, please do contact our office to collect. They are both suitable for average age 7 – 8.

DSPL – Delivery Special Provision Locally

Our school is supported locally by DSPL who provide advice, workshops and activities for families with children who have additional needs of any kind. They also signpost families to a range of services and activities. Their website is full of information for parents: <https://dacorumspl.org.uk/online-resources-for-parents-and-carers-2/> and is well worth a look.

Afterschool clubs for next term

These are provided by outside providers and parents should sign up directly with them. Links are provided on the Wednesday email and on our website. APEX are also running a holiday camp at St Cuthbert Mayne throughout the holidays. Please visit their website for details.

Early finish TODAY

We finish at 1.40pm for Years 3 and 4 and at 1.45pm for Year 5 and 6.

Lenten Boxes – please remind children to collect any coins they can for the Diocese Lenten Appeal and bring their boxes in after Easter. The Catholic Children's Society is the nominated charity.

I hope you all have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable Easter and come back healthy and ready for the summer term.

Best wishes

Mrs Smith
Head Teacher

