



St Peter's News



31st March 2023

No assembly this week—certificates and house points return after the Easter holidays.

This week in school...

Dear Parents and Children,

We have had a wonderful, reflective week in school. We put aside all the busyness of the last week of term to spend some time taking part in the traditional devotion of the Stations of the Cross. Each class prepared a piece of artwork depicting one Station which was then displayed in the hall, and each class then visited the hall to share this important time.

Although it is not yet Holy Week in the Church's year, we have used this week to walk with Jesus from his arrest to his crucifixion in the first part of our Easter play. Classes took it in turns to portray the key events of Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday before moving onto the Last Supper, the Agony in the garden, the trial of Jesus, the journey to Golgotha and finally Jesus' crucifixion. Our Easter Play is always a powerful event and the children were reverent and thoughtful and spoke their words clearly for all to hear. We will celebrate Jesus' resurrection on our return to school with part two of our Easter Play. Thank you to Mrs Hall and the RE team for all the hard work they have put into making this week a prayerful time.

We send our very best wishes to the children who are making their First Holy Communion this weekend at St Michael's. Receiving the Eucharist for the first time is a very special day. We hope you enjoy the celebrations with your families.

It has been such a fantastic, yet extremely busy, spring term and I would like to thank all the children and staff for their hard work, and our parents for your constant support of our school. Please remember that Monday 17th April is an Inset Day and school is closed to children. I wish you all a happy, holy and restful Easter, and look forward to seeing you in the summer term.

Best wishes,

Richard McKenzie
Headteacher

From Sunday's Gospel...

This coming Sunday is **Palm Sunday**, the start of Holy Week, during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross, and anticipate his Resurrection at Easter. The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Gospel ([Matthew 26:14-27:66](#)). Together, Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study can ever explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us; all we can do is reflect on the salvation that He has won for us. Please take time to read the Gospel with your child.



Summer Uniform

When we return after Easter, children can wear their summer uniform. Full information can be found on our website.

Please remember that children should only wear watches with plain straps. They may also only wear plain gold or silver coloured studs or 'sleeper' hoops which fit snugly around the ear lobe, and they must be able to remove them without adult help since the wearing of earrings during any form of physical education is not allowed. Children should also not wear nail varnish at school. Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied up. Thank you.



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School Safeguarding Team

If you are worried
about something
that your own, or
another child has
told you, or you
think that they may
be at risk of harm,
please contact our
Designated
Safeguarding team:

Mr. McKenzie
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(Deputy DSLs)

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Supporting Families

We are able to offer
support to families
experiencing
financial or other
difficulties.

Please contact Mrs.
Walsh our [Family
Support Worker](#) in
confidence and we
will do what we can
to help you.

Stations of the Cross

All this week, our children have been following the way of the cross by visiting our Stations of the Cross in the hall. Each class created some artwork based around one of the stations, and as they visited them, the children heard part of the Gospel story, reflected on its meaning and added symbolic items to their Pilgrim Packs. Thank you to Mrs Hall and to Mrs McWilliams and to all the children and teachers for creating these amazing pieces of artwork.

"The love Jesus had came closer to my heart". "I felt inspired to pray to Jesus more, because that is what we did". "I felt sad because Jesus died". "I felt focussed because I was learning more about Jesus' death"



Good Luck Mrs. Hall

Mrs Hall is hoping to complete the Brighton Marathon on Sunday 2nd April to raise money for Parkinson's UK. She has been training hard for the last few months and has the aching legs and feet to prove it! You can donate to Mrs Hall's JustGiving page by [clicking here](#).



A message from Mrs Hall: Thank you so much to all who have sponsored me - I am confident that the wonderful support from our St Peter's family will help me to cross that finish line! It is greatly appreciated!

Happy
St George's Day!!



St George's Day Celebrations

The feast day of St George, patron saint of England falls on a weekend this year, so we will celebrate it in school on **Monday 24th April**. To commemorate this special day, we would like to invite everyone to wear something red, white or both (e.g. hair band, t-shirt, hat etc.) alongside their normal uniform. Please wear the rest of school uniform as normal.

FOSP News

School Disco tickets now on sale!

Friday, 21st April

YR & Y1: 3:20pm-4:45pm

Y2 & Y3: 5pm-6:15pm

Y4, Y5 & Y6: 6:30pm-8pm

It will also be a mufti day so YR and Y1 children can come to school ready for their disco.

Buy tickets online here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fosp-events/>

We will need lots of volunteers to help with this event. Please sign up here: volunteersignup.org/E3BHH





Holy Week

From the Gospel readings:

Next **Friday, 7th April**, we commemorate the **Passion of the Lord**. According to the Gospels, the morning after Jesus was betrayed by Judas, he was brought before the governors and was convicted of proclaiming himself to be the King of the Jews. Jesus was sentenced to death on a cross. Good Friday is the most solemn day of the year for Christians. This is the day when we remember how Christ died on the cross for us. We remember the suffering He endured for our sake. We are reminded of the depths of His love for us. Families that are unable to attend a service at church may like to use this simple, [at home service](#) based on a shorter version of today's Gospel ([John 19:23; 25-30, 41-42](#))



On **Sunday 9th April**, we celebrate **The Resurrection of The Lord**. In the Easter Gospel ([John 20:1-9](#)), Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb and we hear about how the disciples found the tomb empty three days after Jesus' death. We are also told that they do not yet understand the Scriptures or that Jesus had been raised from the dead. Throughout the Easter season, we will learn more about how the disciples came to believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead. You may wish to pray together using today's psalm, Psalm 118: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."



Holy Week Services in our Parishes

Our Lady & St Peter's Leatherhead	
Good Friday	7 th April
Morning Prayer	9.45 am
Stations of the Cross	10.00 am
Children's Stations	12 noon
Confessions	2.00 - 2.30 pm
The Lord's Passion	3.00 pm
Holy Saturday	8 th April
The Great Vigil	7.00 pm
Easter Sunday	9 th April
Holy Mass of the Resurrection	8.30 am
	10.00 am
	6.00 pm

The Parishes of Fetcham & Effingham			
Good Friday 07 April	9.15 am	OLOS	Office of Readings
	3.00 pm	HS	Celebration of the Lord's Passion Followed by Confessions
Holy Saturday 08 April	10.00 am	OLOS	Office of Readings
	10.30-11.15 am	OLOS	Confessions
	5.00-5.30 pm	OLOS	Confessions
	8.30 pm	HS	Easter Vigil New Evangelisation of our diocese
Easter Sunday 09 April	9.00 am	OLOS	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	HS	Peace in the World

HS = Holy Spirit, Fetcham OLOS = Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

St Michael's, Ashted	
HOLY WEEK	
Monday 3 rd April: 9.30am	
Holy Thursday 6th April: 8pm Washing of the feet.	
Good Friday 7th April: Stations of the Cross at 2pm & Passion Ceremonies at 3pm.	
Saturday 8th April: 8.30pm Easter Vigil & Reception of the Sacraments.	
Easter Sunday 9th April: 8.30am & 10.30am	



Family Day

Good Friday
7th April
from 1:30pm

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC
CHURCH, ASHTEAD

Join us for a fun afternoon.

1:30-3pm - Easter Crafts and
Treasure Hunt in the hall
£2 per child (cash please)

2pm - Stations of the Cross
in church

3pm - Mass

4pm - Tea & Hot Cross Buns
served in the hall

We hope you can join us!



Dates for your diary

17.04.23 INSET DAY - School Closed for children

18.04.23 All children return to school

19.04.23 Local School Infant Singing Festival (Y2 children) at St Peter's

21.04.23 FOSP Easter Egg Hunt in school

21.04.23 **FOSP** Mufti Day and Disco (after school) - details to follow

24.04.23 St George's Day Celebration in school - wear something red or white (or both!) with your normal uniform

NEW

25.04.23 Years 5-6 Girls' Football Tournament @ 12.30pm (Oakfield School)

26.04.23 Years 5-6 Boys' Football Tournament @ 12.30pm (Oakfield School)

01.05.23 May Day Bank Holiday - School Closed for children

03.05.23 **FOSP** Bag2School clothing collection - details to follow

03.05.23 Year 5 Poplar Class Residential Visit to YHA Holmbury St Mary's (returning on 5.5.23)

08.05.23 Additional Bank Holiday to celebrate Coronation of King Charles III - School Closed for Children

09.05.23 Year 5 Hawthorn Class Residential Visit to YHA Holmbury St Mary's (returning on 11.5.23)

19.05.23 **FOSP** Quiz Night

23.05.23 Y6 Leavers & Class Photographs

26.05.23 May Procession in honour of Our Blessed Lady

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June - Half Term Holiday

12.06.23 Years 3-6 District Sports @ 4pm (King George V Playing Fields)

26.06.23 Years 3-6 District Sports (Reserve Day) @ 4pm (King George V Playing fields)

21.07.23 School Closes for the end of the School Year at 1pm

National Emergency Alert

Information for survivors of domestic violence

A nationwide trial of the Government's Emergency Alert system is set for the early evening of **23 April**. Mobile phone masts in the surrounding area will broadcast an alert and every compatible mobile phone or tablet in range will receive the alert. Your mobile phone or tablet does not have to be connected to mobile data or wifi to get alerts. The siren-like sounds will occur even if the phone is on silent mode; however, alerts will not be received if a device is turned off or in flight mode.

Survivors of domestic violence, who may have a hidden phone

because of an abusive partner may be vulnerable as a result. If anyone has a secret mobile phone hidden from an abusive partner, remember to switch off or put in airplane mode or the phone will be activated with the loud alert on the evening of 23/04.

You can opt out of emergency alerts, but the government advises you should keep them switched on for your own safety. To opt out Search your settings for 'emergency alerts'. Turn off 'severe alerts' and 'extreme alerts'.

If you still get alerts, contact your device manufacturer for help. Visit gov.uk/alerts for more information.

