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Thursday 1st April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We reach the end of a fairly unusual term in good spirits as it is beginning to look like we are moving out of severe lockdown restrictions and more back to a regular pattern of school life. We cannot afford to be too complacent though, and will maintain covid-safe practices throughout the Summer Term. This will include the staggered start and finish, and social distancing, until half term at least and likely for the remainder of the school year. It is lovely to see the children enjoying the warmer weather recently,, including using the field at lunchtimes this week. It always feels like Spring has properly arrived once we get onto the field. I'm looking forward to a successful and exciting Summer term, after the challenges that we have all faced since Christmas, and, indeed, all year. We'd also like to thank you all for your support for us. It means so much.

Parent Consultations

These take place on 27th and 29th of April via Zoom. I will send a reminder out about how they will work after the Easter holiday and the teachers will send out their class zoom links. Please make sure you have booked your appointment using the online booking link and login. If you have any problems, please email the school office.

Praying through Lent

We encourage you to support your children's journey in their faith by attending the Holy Week services in your parishes, either physically or virtually. St John the Baptist broadcasts its services through [Livestream – St John the Baptist Catholic Church, Purley \(\[johnthebaptistpurley.org.uk\]\(http://johnthebaptistpurley.org.uk\)\)](#) then click on the link.

The Way of the Cross

We joined Indigo Class this morning via Zoom as they led us in a very moving liturgy of the way of the cross. What struck me was the power of their pictures which they used to illustrate their understanding of the meaning of the stations of the cross. Its been said before, but a picture can paint a thousand words. Indigo class led us very reverently and allowed us the time to 'walk with Jesus' as they put it. If you weren't able to join us, I have saved the pictures from the liturgy to a PDF file which is posted on the newsletters section of the website, and attached for ease of viewing. I recommend you look at them; perhaps as a focus for your own family prayer. If you do so, don't flick through them; spend a minute studying the picture carefully as you will see in them the real emotional connection to the events that he children have made. Well done Indigo Class.

Friends of Margaret Roper Easter Egg Colouring Competition

Thank you everyone for your responses to this – we had a great deal of entries. And, of course, it fell to Miss Holloway and I to take on the difficult job of trying to decide on winners! It was so hard as we had such a variety and all the entries were great and obviously had taken a lot of time. But, in the end, we had to have two winners form each class. The results are at the foot of the newsletter – very well done to them. If you didn't win, children, we're sorry but we loved your entries.

A big thank you also to Janet Dawson for running a 'pre loved' uniform stall yesterday. I know many parents found this opportunity very helpful.

Schol uniform

While I am on the subject of school uniform, we move to summer uniform from the start of the new term. However, be aware that the weather in April can be changeable – people keep talking about snow, so ensure your child is warm enough, as we will have classroom windows open for ventilation. We have been understanding about uniform that you have not been able to easily replace owing to the shops being closed, but as this opens up we expect a return to smart uniform as soon as possible. Once the barbers and hairdressers open up I imagine they will be very busy for the first few weeks!

Easter Holiday works – Volunteers sought to help out

I'm very grateful to the parents who have volunteered to assist and give a little time on the 13th and 14th April to help with the jobs we want to get done around the nature pond, a bit of exterior painting and gardening.

So far I have about 4 or 5 volunteers for the Tuesday and the Wednesday. That's amazing but we could do with a few more to make the jobs go quicker. If you do have any time, on those days, even a few hours, please email me to let me know. I'll set up all the logistics and let everyone know the details of how we are going to work by after the Easter weekend.

head@margaretroper.croydon.sch.uk

Easter Reading Challenge

We thought you might enjoy doing a little extra reading over the Easter break. Please find attached to the newsletter an Easter Reading Challenge. We want to issue certificates, so please let Miss Holliday know how you got on with the challenge. Email violet@margaretroper.croydonsch.uk

Dogs at school

Thanks for the feedback regarding our consultation about our dogs policy. We are currently reviewing this and dogs are prohibited from the site at this time. I plan to have an update (or a 'pupdate' sorry everyone - couldn't resist) at the start of next term. If you still want to let me know your thoughts, please feel free to email me.

Clubs next term

We are pleased that we will be able to offer some outside extra-curricular clubs next term. Attached to this newsletter please find the clubs matrix for the Summer Term. While there are still some restrictions, we have worked hard to think through what we can offer. Please note the following carefully:

- All clubs have to be outside, owing to continuing rules. This will be until at least June. Therefore, if it is raining the club may need to be cancelled. We will make this decision on the day, based on what the weather is like after lunch and the forecast for the afternoon. If the club needs to be cancelled, we will parentmail out to inform you. You will then need to collect your children at the usual end of the school day.
- The subscription club provided by external coaches (Skillz) may continue if there is rain. This decision will be made jointly with the Skillz team.
- Other clubs will be provided by staff from our school. In order to maintain bubbles, each teacher will work in a club with their own class. Some teachers are working in tandem with a peer from another year group. So, for example, Miss May and Mrs Chandler are working together to provide a Forest School/Nature club which will consist of two bubbles (Reception and Y1) working separately but together.
- Year Six will be considered one bubble for outside clubs. Year Six will be separate bubbles in classes indoors as they have been this term and before.

- Because of the start of term and the need for teachers to be available for Consultations in the week commencing 26th April, teacher led clubs will start in the week commencing 3rd May and run on weeks of 3/5, 10/5, 17/5, 24/5 (half term) 7/6, 14/6, 21/6, 28/6, 5/7.
- For this term we will not be making any cover charge for teacher led clubs. Skillz will still make their charges as they are an external provider.
- To book a place at the club provided by your child's class teacher, please email them on their class email; for instance, yellow@margaretroper.croydon.sch.uk Please do this over the Easter holiday. Your child's class teacher will then review the number of applications and email back to confirm a place by the end of the first week of the new term. It is possible that some clubs might be over subscribed. If this is the case, the class teacher will email all applicants with an outcome, having drawn places by lottery.
- Cross country club, which will be run by Mr Mooney, does not require any booking and is open to all families. Just show up and run. This is every Monday and Wednesday morning from the start of term. It's a family keep fit, so parents are welcome to run with children, social distancing will be maintained. Pupils will need to come in their PE kit if they are running and stay in it for the day, transferring to their class line at the start of the day. (Mr Mooney needs to lose some lockdown weight, so will be trying to run each morning too!)
- To reserve a place at Netball Club, which will be coordinated by Mrs Piper, please email office@margaretroper.croydon.sch.uk . Netball will be offered in two bubbles, Y5 & Y6.

I'd like to thank the staff and Mrs Piper for stepping up to offer clubs. We will follow covid secure practices throughout. If you have any questions please email us and we will try to help.

Happy Birthday this week to: Thandi Year 1, Alex Year 6, Nathan Year 4

Happy Birthday during the Easter Holidays to... Josiah Year 4, Aadhish Year 1, Laurence Year 5, Matilda Year 6, Quincy Year 1, Anna Year 1, Zoe Year 1, Lawrie Year 5

Stars of the week

Congratulation to all our stars of the week:

Class	Stars of the week
RED	Rocca & Luca
ORANGE	Isla & Isaiah
YELLOW	Eddie & Gabrielle
GREEN	Jacob & Sophie
BLUE	Sorcha & Anna
INDIGO	The whole class for their efforts in the Liturgy
AMETHYST	Chanelle & Florence
VIOLET	Ruby & Aiden

We hope you have a Happy Easter and a pleasant break.

Mr Mooney & Miss Holloway

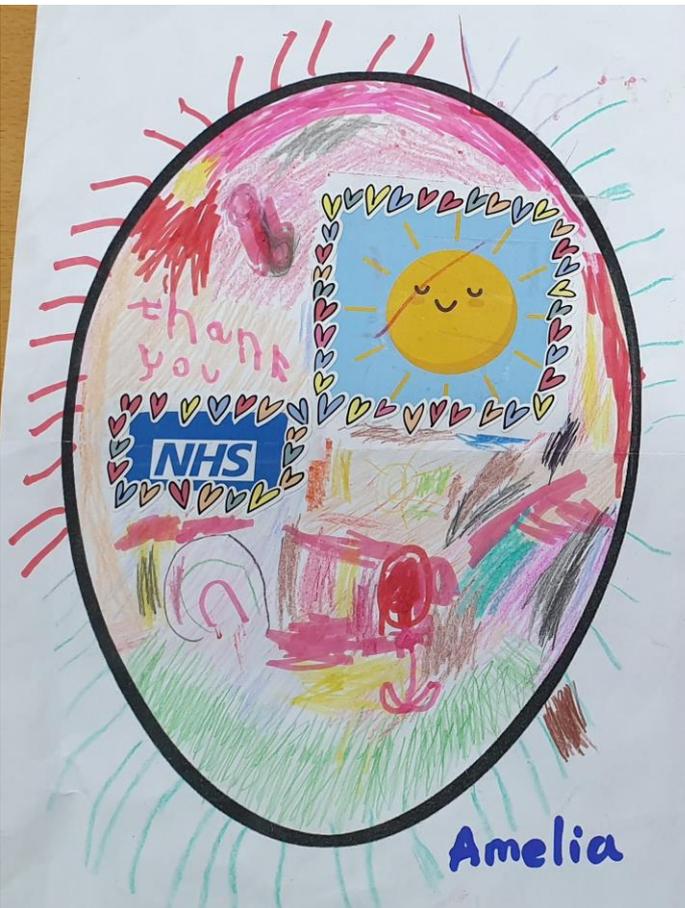
Easter Egg Competition winners - overleaf

Attachments:

Clubs Matrix – Summer Term

Easter Holiday Reading Challenge

Indigo Class Way of the Cross



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Year 1



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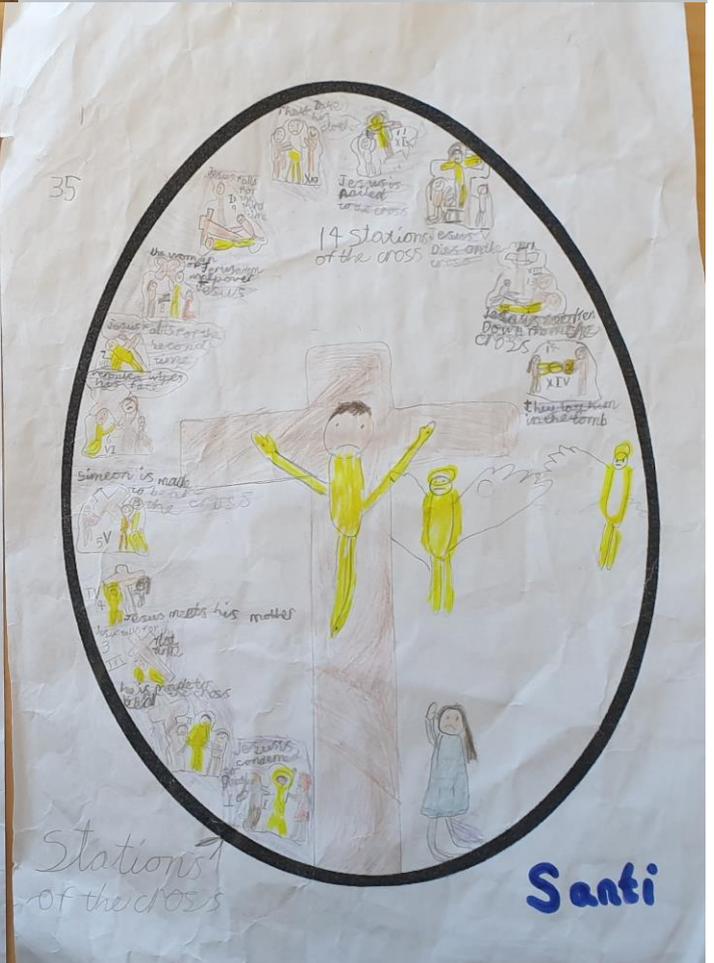
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year 4 / Blue class



Marissa



Nathan

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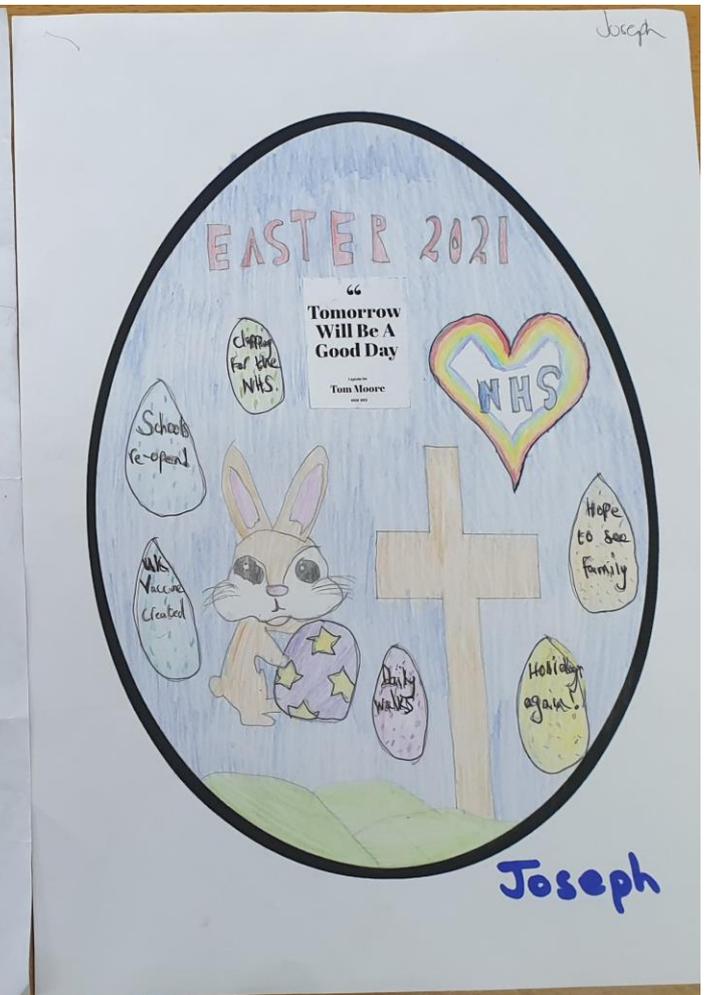
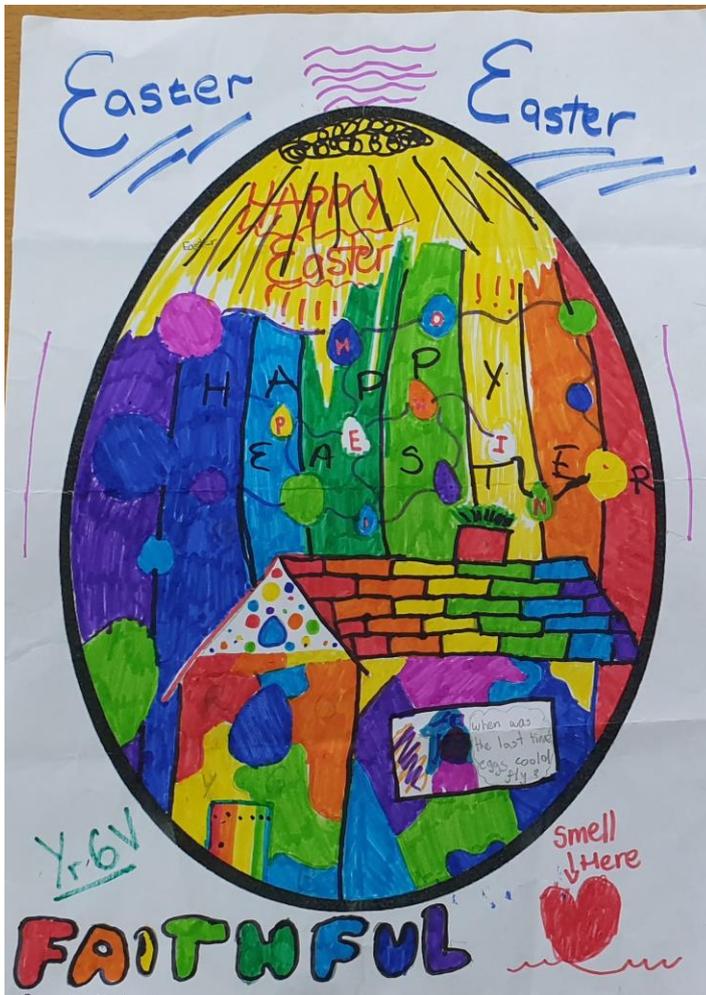
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We thought you might like to see some of our Easter and Holy Week displays from around the school



Caring, Learning and Achieving together as part of God's Family



WALL: Interpret the meaning about Palm Sunday.

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