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Dear Parent/Carer,

John 12:20-33

Jesus Predicts His Death

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." ²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

²⁷ "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

³⁰ Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up^[a] from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

During this season of Lent we follow Jesus all the way to the cross, where we will stand beneath it, together. In the face of the world's many ways of death (e.g., poverty, economic collapse, hunger, sickness, war) we are drawn even closer to Jesus.

Email Addresses

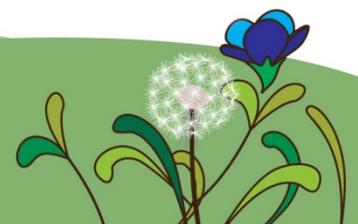
As you might remember we surveyed parents about the best way to regularly communicate with you about what is happening in the school. The majority of parents chose email communication. As a result, we are requesting an up to date email contact for all parents in order put this this system into place. A form was sent out last week in order to complete this process; if you have not already returned your form please arrange to do so as soon as possible. If you do not have a form please speak your child's class teacher.

Year 1 Easter Performance

In KS1, the year 1 children will also remind us of the sacrifices made for us during this special time in their KS1 Easter performance on **Tuesday 27th March 2018 at 9:15 am**.



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Holy Week Assemblies

In order to focus our minds on the Passions of Christ the children will remind us of the very important moments including his death and resurrection in a series of assemblies as follows:

Friday, 23rd March 2018 at 9:05 am - Year 3 Holy Week assembly

Monday, 26th March 2018 - Year 5 Holy Week assembly

Wednesday, 28th March 2018 - Year 4 Holy Week assembly

Thursday, 29th March at 9:05 am - Year 6 Holy Week assembly

Parent's Conference Meetings

The parent's conference meetings for **years 1-6 are scheduled for Wednesday, 21st March 2018 and Thursday, 22nd March 2018**. The parent's conference day for **Nursery and Reception will be on Friday, 23rd March**. **There will be no school for Nursery and Reception on this day** to allow for appointments with the class teacher and/or teaching assistant throughout the day.

World Book Day - Dressing Up

We have been able to review the school diary and are able to move **World Book Day to Friday, 13th April**. I hope you will join us in supporting this day as it is a lovely day for the children and staff.

CAFOD Lenten Appeal

Poverty is not a part of God's plan. As Catholics we should not give up on the poorest people. The aim is to **'give it up'** this Lent to support CAFOD in the work they are doing to fight hunger and malnutrition in Zimbabwe. The children will have an assembly on Wednesday 28th February, with a representative from CAFOD, who will share the story of Marian who did not have enough to feed her family which resulted in her older son, Tawanda, being malnourished. CAFOD partners trained Marian and her community to set up and maintain a vegetable garden. Now, she and her neighbours can feed their families and make an income. Her youngest son, Svondo, is growing up strong and healthy.

After the assembly, each child will be given a **'Give it up'** envelope and encouraged to choose something like sweets; crisps, or any other treat, give it up and donate the money they save. These envelopes should be returned with their donations by **Friday, 23rd March, 2018 (please note date)**.

This year, for every pound donated to CAFOD, the UK Government will contribute a pound, up to a total of £5 million. Let us work together to take on the challenge **'to give it up'**

N. Scott
Head Teacher



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