



# Easter 2017 Newsletter

## Wishing you a Happy and Holy Easter

### Holy Week

#### Easter Mass Times in Billingham

**Palm Sunday**—palms blessed and distributed at all Masses.

**Maundy Thursday**—Mass of the Lord's Supper St John's Church—7.00pm

**Good Friday**—Children's Stations of the Cross Holy Rosary Church—10.15am

**Good Friday**—Celebration of the Lord's Passion Holy Rosary Church—3.00pm

**Holy Saturday**—Easter Vigil St Joseph's Church—8.00pm

**Easter Sunday**—St John's Church—10.00am (NB No evening Mass.)

"To experience Holy Week is to enter more and more into God's love and self-giving".

*Pope Francis*

This week has provided us with the opportunity to celebrate with each other as we remember the Easter story. If you were able to join us for your child's class liturgy we do hope you found it an opportunity to reflect upon the message of Easter. If you were unable to attend we will be uploading some photographs onto the gallery on the school website.

Many thanks to all the children for sharing their talents with such reverence and respect.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who continues to support our school—governors, staff, parents and carers and a special thank you to Fr Butters for his continued support of our school and parish.

*Wishing you a Happy and Holy Easter  
Mrs Sinclair*

### Summer Uniform

Children may wear summer uniform after the Easter holidays—weather permitting!

Red checked dress / grey cardigan/  
sweatshirt

Grey trousers / shorts / skirt / white or blue  
polo shirt/sweatshirt

Please avoid buying opened toed sandals as they can pose a health and safety risk. Can you please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled.

*Many thanks for your co-operation.*



### Easter Fayre

We would like to thank everyone who supported the Easter Fayre in any way. It was a fantastic event with a great atmosphere. The amount raised on the day was in excess of £2,500. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Friends of St Paul's for all their efforts.

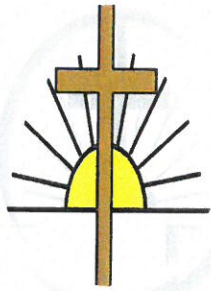
With your generosity and the continued support of the Friends of St. Paul's we are hoping to purchase ICT resources to enhance the learning opportunities for all the children.

**We return to school on Monday  
24th April 2017**



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**He is Risen**

### Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaires. We are currently collating the information and will feedback to you once this is has been completed. Where possible, we will use this information to improve procedures and policies.

### Sporting Success

During the term the children have enjoyed lots of sporting opportunities. We have had much success with both boys and girls football teams reaching the Stockton Schools Finals. The boys' teams also finished second and third in the Football League table. In the Cross Country event four children qualified for the Tees Valley Finals with Isobel Herbert from Y6 winning her event. Isobel also represented Stockton in the Tees Valley Swimming Gala. The Netball Team came second in the Stockton Schools Netball final.

### Lenten Charity Fundraising

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Lenten fund raising this year. The Silver Fish coin collection raised £80 for CAFOD.

Thanks also for your generosity in supporting our collection for Billingham Food Bank.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Wilson on the birth of her baby son - mother and baby doing well! We would like to welcome Mr Farley who will be teaching Class 6 to the end of the Summer term.

Congratulations also to Mrs Peacock who has been acting Deputy Headteacher since September; we are delighted that this position has become permanent.

### Easter Story Bags

Children from Year 1 and Year 2 had the opportunity to take the Easter Story Bags home to share with their families. The bags contained a small cross, Easter story book, candle, purple cloth and leaflet explaining how to use the bag. We have received positive feedback from the children, telling us they enjoyed sharing the Easter Story with their families at home.

Children from Key Stage 2 took home a prayer bag with a focus on the life and works of Oscar Romero. This was to raise awareness that this is the Centenary Year of Oscar Romero.



### Stockton Children's Book of the Year

Well done to Eve Connor and Oliver Bennett from Year 6. Eve was the overall winner of the 'Best Book Review' award and was presented with her award by the author. Oliver was awarded the 'Most Consistent Effort' award. These are fantastic achievements as schools from across the Stockton area entered this competition. Well Done!