



Dear Parents and Carers,
 We started this week with a lovely Lenten service led by the Year 5 children at the Annunciation church. It was a prayerful occasion, and we are very grateful to the staff and children who worked so hard to prepare this. Year 5 led the same liturgy for the whole school on Thursday morning.



As promised, some photos and comments from Year 2's Great Fire of London Day last Friday. Kit in 2MS writes: 'I liked the part where we got to watch the drama because Samuel Pepys found his servant looking in his desk and slammed it down to make her jump.' Alice in 2NW writes: 'I liked dressing up and pretending we were back in 1666.' Maja in 2NW writes: 'I enjoyed the fact that we got to be part of it – they let us join in the show!'.



Sowing the Seed

We had such a lovely afternoon on Wednesday for our Sowing the Seed sale! It was so lovely to see the children working so well together and looking after one another, as well as helping others in our wider local, national and global community. We have now added together the totals raised on the day and through the sponsored events:

- [Reception – Hope for Food](#) - £518.50
- [Year 1 – Mosaic](#) - £349.43
- [Year 2 – Little Lives](#) - £221.69
- [Year 3 MyTime Young Carers](#) - £364.89
- [Year 4 – Julia's House](#) - £433.75
- [Year 5 – RNLI](#) - £337.02
- [Year 6 – Diverse Abilities](#) - £742.57

So, as things stand, the total raised so far is a fantastic **£2 967.85!** We will leave the fundraising links above open until the end of the Easter holidays just in case there is any more sponsorship money to come in. We are so proud of the children and their efforts to help others this Lent!



Prayer stations

This morning the children spend time with their prayer buddies thinking about Lent and Holy Week. They all wrote a 'Sorry' prayer which we burnt to show God will forgive us. Each child was given a tiny cross which they can keep at home or attach to a bag. Thank you to the Year 6 Chaplaincy team for planning this.

Spring Treat Day

We will be celebrating Easter and all things Spring on Wednesday, 15th April. The children can wear mufti, and we have lots of activities planned for them. Parents and carers of children in Reception are

invited to come in to the Key Stage 1 playground at 2.30pm for an Easter bonnet parade!

School Crossing Patrol

Please note there will be no lollipop lady on Monday 13th or Tuesday 14th April.

Clubs

Code club and choir both start on Friday 17th April. All other clubs start the following week, w/c 20th April.

Library

There is lots going on at our local libraries this Easter – please click here <https://drive.google.com/file/d/14rmLwMYEqz3EhAWMPaywXA0HDZZ93kdH/view?usp=sharing> to see their newsletter.

Hot meals deadline

The deadline for ordering hot meals for the first week back is midnight on Monday 6th April. If you haven't ordered by then, please remember to send your child in with a packed lunch for the first week back.

UNICEF Soccer shirt competition

Finley's Auntie (in 3NL) is the lead of Soccer Aid for UNICEF and has told us about a young creator's competition to design the mascot shirts. If you would like to find out more – have a look at this link.

https://www.socceraid.org.uk/youthcompetitions/?utm_source=ig&utm_medium=social&utm_content=link_in_bio

International Language and Culture Day

On Wednesday 22nd April we will be celebrating our diverse school family with a day of celebrations in school. The children are invited to come to school in clothes that celebrate the place their family comes from – whether near or far - and share some information with their classmates. At the end of the school day, we are hoping that we can all share some food from our various home nations (I will be making some sausage rolls!) by each family bringing a plate of food to bring and share. We will send out some more information after the holiday, including a sign up list so we can plan. Please get thinking about a dish you would like to bring (no nuts of course). We will also be looking for some entertainment, so if your children would like to sing or dance, we will be looking to put that together too.

Uniform

After the Easter holidays, the children can wear summer uniform – this is a dress with a **small navy** check, or white short sleeve shirt with grey shorts or trousers, navy pinafore (KS1) or navy skirt (KS2). **If children are wearing a shirt, they MUST wear a tie.** Open-toed sandals are not suitable for school for safety reasons.

Dates for your diary:

Mon 13 th April	8.40am	School starts again for children
Tues 14 th April	4.30pm	Year 5 residential meeting for parents and carers
Wed 15 th April	Am	Year 3 Swimming Lessons begin
Wed 15 th April	All day	Spring Treat day
Wed 22 nd April	All day	Language and Culture Day – more info to follow
Fri 24 th April	Am	Choir to Bournemouth Performing Arts Competition at Christchurch Priory.
Mon 4 th May	All day	Bank holiday – school closed
Tues 5 th May	Am	Year 5 to Residential
Wed 6 th May	Pm	Year 5 return from Residential

Wishing you a very Happy Easter and a lovely break with your families,

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