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Gospel Reflection



On Sunday we celebrated Palm Sunday, where we remembered when Jesus rode into Jerusalem and was welcomed by joyous crowds of people waving palms and shouting “hosanna”. It could seem strange that we remember Palm Sunday and how much the crowds loved Jesus, when only a few days later we are remembering the betrayal, death and resurrection of Jesus.

We have been exploring with the children how we would welcome him if Jesus was arriving into our town today? We have been thinking about how can we welcome Jesus into our lives now?

We had two Gospels on Sunday, the second referring to how Jesus was arrested by Pilate and how Barabbas was chosen to be freed by the crowds, instead of Jesus. We hear of how Jesus has a crown of thorns placed upon His head and how Simon of Cyrene helped Him to carry His cross to where He would be crucified.

I often wonder how Simon would have felt about helping Jesus at this time; terrified, I should imagine, that he might be in trouble if he did help, but also if he didn’t.

The children have been going to the Church in class and year groups this week to give them the opportunity to walk the Stations of the Cross and have been invited to think about how they can also help others. We have been thinking about how dangerous it was for followers of Jesus at this time, but how brave his friends were and how strong their faith was.

As Lent draws to a close and Easter arrives, may I wish you all a wonderful Easter time with your families and an opportunity to reflect on the wonderful gift that we have received.

God bless

Mrs Oppé

Word of the Week



Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. Isaiah 50:7

This week at St. Anthony's



The school participated in "Wear a hat day" for brain tumor research.

Thank you to all those who took part. As you can see, there were some great creations and a very personal tribute was made by Avneet in 6 Paul whose brother Samraj successfully beat his brain tumor.

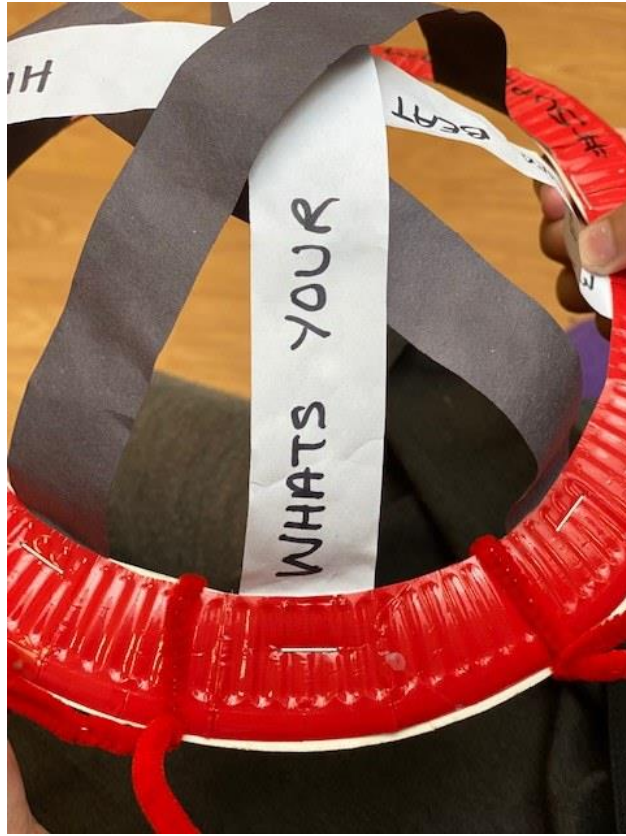


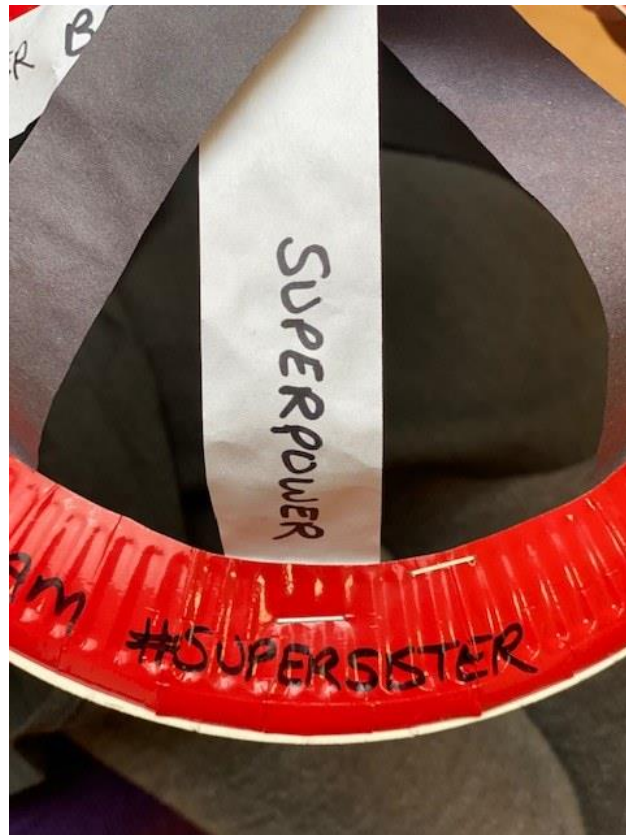
1 - 3 Jonah made a wonderful Easter scene











Year 6 have been using the Greta Speech to inspire them to be active global citizens and designed some posters on saving the planet and climate change.







Star of the week 26th March

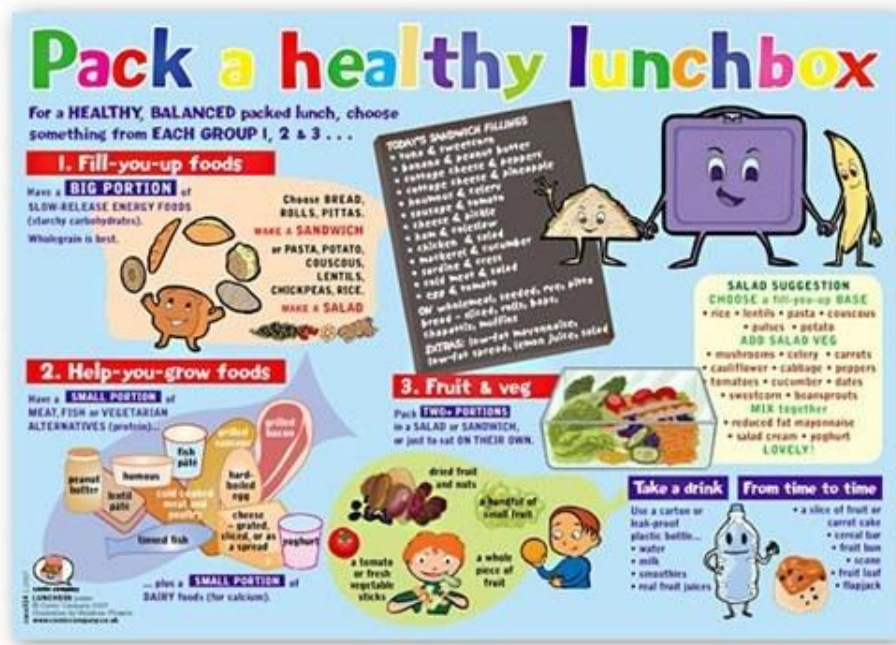


CLASS	Name
Nursery	Franciszek
Reception Noah	Mia
Reception Abraham	Kaiaan
1 Mark	Fabian
1 Ruth	Ella K
1 Moses	Lilly J
1 Joshua	Alex
2 Gideon	Amiyah
2 David	Ella
3 Daniel	Maya
3 Jonah	Blanca
3 Esther	Filip
Eden	Armaghan
4 Magdalene	Blanka
4 Elizabeth	George
4 Baptist	Prabjot
5 Luke	Bartosz
5 Peter	Alex D
5 Matthew	Mateusz K
6 Catherine	Nathan
6 Paul	Avneet G
6 John	Zara

Nursery



Now is the time to apply for Nursery spaces. Our Nursery is thriving and we have an excellent team of dedicated staff. We have spaces for 30 hours and are exploring our options for two year-old spaces. Please contact the school office for more information, or to express your interest for two-year old spaces.



1 - We promote a healthy living and eating life style for all our children. The children learn all about what foods to eat in order to get the best out of our bodies and brains and become the best learners we can be. We would really appreciate the support from home in also promoting this message. Please do not put chocolate and high sugar/salt products in your children's lunch boxes. For some ideas and guidance please see the website and posters below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

Virtual prayer group & Prayer of the week



At St Thomas Academy Trust, we are running a virtual prayer group, anonymously praying for our children, families and staff in the community. All staff, governors, parents/carers and parishioners are invited to be involved. If we have enough volunteers, it is hoped that each person would be asked to join the group twice a year. The group will meet at 7pm (lasting appx. 20 minutes) on the first Monday of each month. If you would like be part of this prayer group, please email Nikki Tew at ntew@stanthonys.slough.sch.uk

Jesus, we love you and have placed our hope in you. We join the woman of Bethany in honouring you as our king. As we recall the events of Holy Week and remember the pain and suffering that you endured for us, please keep us close to you and faithful to your call. Amen.

Thank you & Happy Easter



We would like to thank you once again for your continued support during the last few months. It has been a difficult time for all but we can hopefully now see light at the end of the tunnel.

We wish you all a Happy Easter and hope you have a lovely break with your families.

God bless

Messages and Reminders



RAPID COVID-19 TESTS NOW AVAILABLE FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE

Whole families and households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, are now able to test themselves twice every week from home.

Rapid testing detects cases quickly – in under 30 minutes – meaning positive cases can isolate immediately. This can be the difference between children being able to stay in school, or a class being sent home due to an outbreak. It could also be the difference between a workplace having to close for a period, or being able to stay open and running.

How do I get home testing kits?

There are 3 different options on how you and your household can get tested: 1. Order kits to test your household by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> 2. Find a local site to get tested at by visiting <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites> and entering your postcode to find your nearest testing site 3. Find a local site where you can collect tests by

visiting <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/> and entering your postcode to find your nearest collection site.

Please do not contact the school for home testing kits as they are only available by these 3 options. We do not hold any testing kits on school premises for our families.

#feedbackFriday

We would love to hear your feedback! It is so nice to talk to you on the gate and hear positive feedback about the online learning. Please email:

catchup@stanthonys.slough.sch.uk

With feedback and messages for our school, children, learning and community and it will be shared via Twitter on feedback Friday!

Its good to talk!

Times are hard for lots of us at the moment and there is no harm in admitting that and asking for help. Talking Therapies is a free NHS service here to support the residents of Berkshire aged 17+ who may be struggling with difficulties including: low mood, anxiety and stress at this unprecedented time.

If you are in need of support you can call the Talking Therapies admin team on 0300 365 2000, alternatively you can [Sign Up](#) via their website referral form.

End of term finishing times and the return to school

On Thursday 1st April we will be finishing at the usual staggered end times, rather than finishing early as we felt that keeping times the same would make things easier for families. All children are to continue to come in to school at the usual staggered start times after Easter. **Year 6 are to come in at 9.00am from Monday 19th April.**

After School Clubs

These are now live on ParentPay. Spaces are limited and strictly first come first serve.

Workshops

We will be running some virtual workshops for parents in the new term, details to follow.

Week commencing 26/04 Reading and Phonics

Week commencing 03/05 Writing communications

Week commencing 10/05 Maths

Respecting staff members

Please remember how hard our staff members work for your children. There have been a few incidences recently where, unfortunately, our staff have been left feeling upset and embarrassed by unkind and unpleasant language and behaviour towards them at the gate. If you have any concerns, please do share them in a respectful manner with the office or SLT. Many thanks.

Safety at the gate in the morning

There is increasing concern being raised about the safety of children coming into schooling the morning, where cars are pulling to the school car park. Please wait on the grass or pavement either side of the gate and leave the gate clear for passing traffic. We want to make sure that children and adults are safe at all times, please support us with this.

Helmets

If your child is cycling to and from school it is imperative that they wear a helmet. We have had a lot of children not doing so over recent weeks and we cannot stress the importance of this enough.

Vacancies

Please keep viewing the website for any current vacancies at our school.

Lenten Appeal

Contact us



We always welcome your feedback and hope we can answer any questions you may have. Although the office is currently closed, we will still answer emails and phone calls.

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Our lovely staff are joining CAFOD Walk for water for our Lenten appeal. If you would like to sponsor them please do using the following link: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-anthonys-walk-for-water>