

## **Holy Week**

This week we have gathered together as a community to celebrate Holy Week.

Year 4 began our week of celebrations with their enactment of Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem. They sang, danced and acted out this aspect of Holy Week with conviction and enthusiasm.

As a school we celebrated Passover. IN groups where each year group were represented and Year 6 taking on a leading role, we learnt all about the symbolism and words of Passover and reflected on how Jesus shared a Passover meal with his disciples and share this last meal with his friends.

On Wednesday Year 5 lead us in a liturgy with the focus being the Last Supper. During this celebration the children sang beautifully with soloists, small groups and the whole year group making a lovely sound. Unfortunately Father John was detained at the cathedral so we were unable to have a full mass but the children adapted their planned celebration to accommodate with Mr Jukes taking on a leading role.

Finally today, Year 6 have enacted the Crucifixion. This was a very moving, prayerful and profound celebration. The children were so mature in their singing, speaking and acting. They left many of us in tears as we contemplated the supreme sacrifice made by Jesus.

The Entry into Jerusalem and Crucifixions have been recorded and shared with parents via Seesaw.

I would like to thank all the staff and the children for their tremendous efforts and for all the parents and family members who came along to join us in this most special of weeks.

## **Lenten Fund Raising**

Thank you all for your donations to last week's cake sale for CAFOD. It was a resounding success.

We raised £490 from the cake sale.

We have also sold some knitted chicks provided by the CAFOD group in the parish. They were so cute and a great hit with staff and pupils. I know that the Parish were delighted.

Congratulations to Archie McGregor-Bailey who ran his own cake sale for comic relief and raised over £400 for this very worthwhile charity. Amazing job.

## **Uniform**

When we return after Easter, Children can wear our summer uniform. This is gingham dresses for girls and shorts for boys if they wish to.

They may continue to wear the winter uniform if they wish to.

Please name all items of clothing.

### **Surprise Visit**

We had a surprise visit on Tuesday by Mr Sweeny, the first Head Teacher of St Edmund Campion School.

It was a joy to see him, he is such a humble man. I was delighted to be able to tell him about the ex-pupils who had been to talk with the children, he remembered them all.

When I told him that they had all shared how important their friends from SEC continued to be to them and what they remembered most about school was the ethos and atmosphere, Mr Sweeny said that this made him 'feel very proud.'

What a legend Mr Sweeny is.

### **Return to School**

We return to school on April 15<sup>th</sup>. We take this opportunity to wish you a very happy and Holy Easter holiday and we look forward to seeing you at the start of the new term.

### **Parish Newsletter**

<https://parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Newsletter-First-Week-of-Eastertide-Easter-Week.pdf>

### **Upcoming Event**

- 28.03.2024: Last Day of Easter Term
- 15.04.2024: Return to School
- 16.04.2024: 3B Resurrection Assembly 09:30
- 16.04.2024: 3F Resurrection Assembly 14:45
- 16.04.2024: Parents Association Meeting 18:30 (All Welcome in school)
- 19.04.2024: Cake sale to raise money for Mental Health (Mrs Blake daughter, Kathleen, will be running for this charity)
- 20.04.2024: Girls football tournament at St Peters, Ruddington.