

Update

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***'The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need.
He lets me rest in fields of green grass and leads me to quiet pools of fresh water.
He gives me new strength.'* Psalm 98 v 423 v 1-3 (Good News Translation)**

It was great to see families in Church for the Ash Wednesday service. As we move into Lent, this is an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of Easter. One of our traditions is for the children to build an Easter Garden to take up to Church. Please read through the newsletter to find out more about them and when they need to be in school - Dave.

1. Thank you! The bake sale last week raised a wonderful £262.84 which will help pay for the costumes and scenery for the upcoming Y4 Drama performance of Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. All of the children will get to see the Year 4's perform – so listen out for their reviews!

2. Polite Request: Please think about where you park at the beginning and the end of the school day. Unfortunately we have received complaints from our neighbours regarding blocking driveways and parking on the zig zags at the top of the hill. Access is required for both Pulford and Leighton Middle School in cases of emergency *at all times of the day*. Wherever possible please make use of the Duncombe Drive car park.

3. Keeping Safe Online: As many of you will be aware, there have been numerous reports in the news regarding online safety. The computers and iPads here at school have strict filters in place meaning that children do not have access to YouTube. Please keep an open dialogue with your child/ren about keeping safe online at home, and keep an eye out for the E-Safety Bag that your child will be bringing home during the course of the year. There are some helpful hints for online safety for you to consider with your child.

4. Red Nose Day 15th March 2019: This year the school council have purchased Red Noses for all of the children. Please be aware that the children will still be coming in to school in their uniform. The price of the noses have increased. To cover the cost of the noses we are asking for a minimum donation of £1.50. Please bring in the money on the day (you can come in to the office and 'tap' if it's easier) and the noses will be given to the children at the end of the school day.

5. Look Out! Look Out! Nits are about in KS1, please check your child's hair and treat where necessary. We also have a confirmed case of Chicken Pox in Pre-School.

6. Spares: If you have any spare socks (especially boys) or black plimsoles in size 1, 2 or 3 we would be grateful to receive them for our spares cupboard.

7. PTA News: The next PTA meeting is today - Tuesday 12th March, 7.30pm in the Staff Room. All are welcome to come and support the new team. Uniform orders are now being fulfilled by a different volunteer who will be in on a Monday and Wednesday.

8. Easter Gardens: Every year the children are encouraged to make an Easter Garden to bring into school and be set on display up at All Saints. This is a lovely tradition for the children to show what the Easter story means to them. The garden needs to be approximately the size of a shoe box and can be made of anything – in previous years we have had gardens made of LEGO, chocolate crispies, soil, stones, grass, sticks . . . just let their imagination do the talking! The Easter Gardens need to be brought into school **on the first day back after the Easter break**, 24th April 2019 ready for the whole school service that morning.

9. Donations Needed! If you have any full size Pringle type tubes, please can you bring them in to school for Pre-School. Also, our traditional Maypole needs a 'spruce up'. If anyone has any plastic yellow and white flowers to adorn the top of the pole, please can you let the school know! Thanks!

10. Family Services at All Saints Church: The next few Family Service dates are as follows – it will be great to see you all there! 17/03/19 11.15am All Age Worship, 31/03/19 11.15am Mothering Sunday All Age Communion, 14/04/19 10am Palm Sunday Parade starting at the Market Cross with the service following in All Saints Church – Donkeys too! 21/04/19 Easter Sunday 11.15am Messy Mass.

11. Fully Funded Mental Health Awareness Courses For Parents: With the governments drive to improve understanding of mental health issues there are some fully funded courses available to parents. They range from understanding learning difficulties, autism; young people's mental health, challenging behaviour and safeguarding. They are provided through AIM qualifications. They are quite intense and take 6 weeks to complete (mostly on-line with reading matter provided). Please see the poster in the display board outside of the front office if you are interested and contact Mrs Rees (via the school email address, or call in to the front office) if you would like to be put in touch with them.