

Thursday, 6th April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we finish for the Easter holidays, we would like to reflect on our very busy term.

Our Holy Week was respectfully portrayed, through actions and prayers, by the children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. It was the first time we have celebrated Holy Week in church rather than in school; the Easter story seemed more poignant. Thank you to all the staff who worked tirelessly to support the children during this significant week of the year. Thank you also to the parents/carers/grandparents and friends, of St Bernadette's, who joined us during this special week.

We have very much appreciated all the messages and continuous support that many of you have extended to us over this term. It is so important that school and home work together for the benefit of your children.

When we return after the Easter holidays, on the 17th April, the children will be able to wear their summer uniforms. Year 6 SATs week commences Tuesday 9th May. Please could parents make sure their children are in school, all week, during SATs week. The Year 2 SATs are ongoing throughout May. We will also be celebrating St Bernadette's feast day (16th April) when we return to school. On Monday, children will be completing work about her life and on Tuesday 18th April we will have a treat afternoon, followed by Manfredi ice cream.

We sadly say goodbye to Mrs Barnes who retires after a very long service of over 25 years to St Bernadette's school. She has taken on so many different roles during her time in school and we thank her most sincerely for her dedication and the support given to children, staff and parents alike. As many have said this week, '**Mrs Barnes is part of the furniture'** and we will dearly miss her. Mrs Barnes was presented with several gifts from Governors, staff and parents. We wish her well as she starts her new adventures, beginning with a trip to Australia to visit her baby granddaughter and family.

On behalf of all the staff, we would like to wish you a peaceful and Holy Easter and we look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for our busy summer term ahead.

Yours sincerely, Alexís Satterthwaíte



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