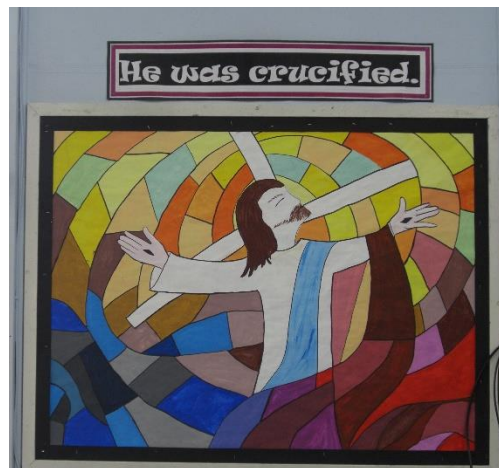


## EASTER 2015



Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Dear Parents

If I had written this letter last week I would have probably mentioned the warm spring weather but there has been a definite change and I leave it up to you as to whether summer uniform will be appropriate for the first week back. Please note that all children should be in summer uniform (please see the uniform list on the school website for details) by 5<sup>th</sup> May. Please ensure everything is named for the start of the term as the children do get warm when playing outside in the summer term and the lost property box is always full of unnamed cardigans and sweaters by half term. Girls must wear white socks with their summer dresses and although boys do not have to wear shorts their socks should be dark brown. Hairbands and bobbles should also be in the school colours of blue, brown or yellow. Thank you for your support in this matter. I am now aware that there are some problems with the quality of the yellow sweatshirts and the zips on the school coats. I'm sorry some parents have been having problems so I have asked the uniform suppliers to come into school after Easter to see if we can resolve these issues.

### **Examination success**

100% pass rate for the senior school entrance examinations again this year with several children being awarded significant bursaries based on academic achievement. All children have been offered the state or independent school of their choice for September. They, and Miss Farrow, are ready for their Easter break and look forward to their trip to Robinwood in May. We are very proud of them all.

### **PTFA Easter Fair**

On behalf of the PTFA I would like to thank you for your support at the Easter Fair, £1223.65 was raised for school funds and Mrs Duxbury would like a special mention for the School Council who gave up their time during the day to run their toy stall raising £135 for Francis House children's Hospice.



In this special commemorative year the Eco Council were really proud to be asked to plant poppy seeds at the Fusiliers Memorial Forest.



### Staffing

Mrs George continues to make a good recovery and we sincerely hope that she is given the all clear during the Easter holidays. I would like to thank Mrs Oldham for all her efforts over the last few weeks, we hope to see her again soon. We were glad to welcome Miss Flye back into school to cover Miss Cooper's absence and both Miss Cooper and myself would like to say thank you for your good wishes during our recent recovery. We are both glad to be back and I would like to thank Mrs Baumber for all her efforts during my absence.



### Book Week 2015

Thank you for all your efforts with helping the children to dress up for Book Week and for all your support for the Book Fair which enables us to buy new books for the school library and to support class curriculum topics. Year 6 helped with setting up and running the Fair but a special mention to Amy who really did go the extra mile-well done!

Book Week is a wonderful opportunity to focus on the sheer pleasure of reading, and to celebrate the fact that our children really do love books and love reading and sharing stories.

*'There's no place like home...'*

Lucy, Year 4

### BCPS Annual School Survey for Parents

The survey will go online this Thursday until 24<sup>th</sup> April. We really do want your feedback.

Thank you to all the EYFS parents who completed their questionnaires this month, all comments are welcome but the obvious appreciation for all the hard work of the early years staff was much appreciated.

### September intake

We do have places available in Nursery and Reception for September. If you know of anyone who may be interested then please let them know that they can visit school at any time.



### Dance challenge



Earlier this month our street dance instructor, Martina, entered a group of junior girls to take part in a Dance showcase at the Grange Arts Centre in Rochdale *'the girls danced extremely well and were impeccably behaved as always'*. Well done.

### Winning House

Easter treats for all the children in St. George 2040 house points earned this term! Congratulations to captain Ethan and all the children this house.

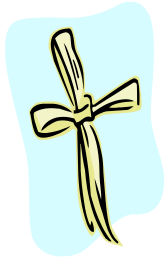
### Visits

A superb effort and outstanding singing from the choir at the Ramsbottom Music Festival and in our Easter Mass this term.

### Diary dates-changes

These are listed at the end of this newsletter but I would like to draw you attention to the change of dates for our summer production. These were tentatively set at the beginning of the academic year but were always dependent upon the pianist's availability. I can now

confirm that the summer production will be **Annie** and will take place week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> June. The afternoon performance will take place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> and the evening performances will be on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Once Miss Farrow has conducted the auditions and cast the parts she will write to the parents of all the children involved to inform them of the rehearsal schedule.



### **EASTER**

We were delighted to welcome Father Paul into school this morning to celebrate our Easter Mass. It is clear that being with the children is so very important to him and through his warm and friendly words he shared the Easter message and reminded us all that God's love never leaves us. Thank you to everyone who joined us.

On behalf of all the staff and the children I wish you all a very happy Easter holiday.

Yours sincerely

Anne Dean



## Diary dates

### April

20<sup>th</sup> **School re-opens**

Extra-curricular Running club for Years 4, 5 and 6

Football for Years 2 and 3

21<sup>st</sup> Years 3 & 4 History Alive! Day

Year 4 swimming begins

24<sup>th</sup> Year 6 class photos

27<sup>th</sup> Safer Cycling begins for Yr6

28<sup>th</sup> Year 4 swimming begins

### May

4<sup>th</sup> **Bank Holiday School closed today**

6<sup>th</sup> NSPCC talk for Years 5 & 6

13<sup>th</sup> Year 6 trip to Robinwood

14<sup>th</sup> Reception class assembly

22<sup>nd</sup> **School closes for half term**

### June

1<sup>st</sup> **School re-opens**

4<sup>th</sup> New Entrants' morning

15<sup>th</sup> Healthy School week

18<sup>th</sup> Years 4/5 class assembly

Transition to Year 1 meeting, *more information to follow*

20<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) Choir singing as part of Bandemonium

24<sup>th</sup> Beech House Athletics meeting

25<sup>th</sup> Bolton School Sports Festival *Year 5 involved*

26<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports Day *more information to follow*

29<sup>th</sup> **Annie** afternoon performance

### July

1<sup>st</sup> **Annie** evening performance

2<sup>nd</sup> **Annie** Evening performance

6<sup>th</sup> Summer reports

8<sup>th</sup> End of year Mass

10<sup>th</sup> Leaver's Assembly

**School closes for the summer break**