

28<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents

**Assemblies** - Yesterday it was Holocaust Memorial Day and we marked this by an assembly on Monday. The children learned that six million Jewish people were killed during World War II and that sadly discrimination still happens across the world for all sorts of reasons. The children were told to use their voice to speak out against injustice, humiliation and hatred. Watch the clip:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bAWZcjUSTjQ>

On Tuesday, Miss Smith read a story called 'I am special, I am me!' by Ann Meek. She spoke to the children about how we are all unique and made in God's image and likeness. Our differences are what make us all so special and this should be something to celebrate. The children gave some thoughtful suggestions about what they could do if ever someone is unkind to them. Also, how they can show kindness and love to others by doing small gestures e.g. smiling at someone and saying please and thank you.

On Wednesday,

Mrs Koumpi (pronounced Koobi) led an assembly using the story of the bucket filler that Mrs Weston had read to the infants a few weeks ago. She linked the story to how we are Sacramental People, which is our current RE topic. You can watch the assembly from this link

<https://www.loom.com/share/46e916bf4dd64ebf859101a560af8c7f>

**Advance notice of term date change** – We were told to add a day off in lieu of the Queen's platinum Jubilee. I chose Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. However, this is actually only a half day and I have been told I have to change it to a full day. Therefore, school will be closed on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May so we have a slightly longer bank holiday weekend. We will now finish for summer on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 1pm (not Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>). Apologies in advance for any disruption this may cause.

**Bird watching** – The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is asking everyone to spend an hour this weekend looking for birds in their garden or at the park. If you have time, count how many birds you can see over a one hour period and find out what species of bird it is. The information then needs to be sent to the RSPB – see the link <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/birdwatch-your-results/>

**Coffee and cake morning** – Anna, St Monica's Parish catechist, has invited The Friends to lead another tea/coffee/cake morning after 9am and 10.30am Mass this Sunday (30<sup>th</sup>). If you're able to make some cakes or join them for refreshments, please do so. All donations of money will be going directly to The Friends, which the school can then use on resources for the children.

**Request for bottle/carton tops** – Year 4 are doing an art project using recycled materials to make sculptures. They need as many bottle tops, milk carton tops or other lids of jars that you can find! Please would you send them in with your child and they can be passed to Year 4!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards  
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