

Chancellor of the Exchequer visits Holy Family!

On Friday 14th May we welcomed the Chancellor of the Exchequer Phillip Hammond to our school. Mr Hammond was invited by the governing body to come to look at the wonderful work our community has done together and to talk about the future of education. Mr Hammond went on a tour of the school and spoke to many children from Reception to Year 6 before enjoying some true Holy Family hospitality of tea and lemon drizzle cake in The Star Suite. The photographs below show Mr Hammond with his tour guides in our new garden and learning phonics in Reception Class.



Using Our God-Given Talents.

In our small school community, we try to be as active and productive as we can. We have won various awards this year such as: ERPSSA Under 10 Netball league and Under 11 Football league. We are the current Surrey Panathlon Champions and National Runners-Up as well as ERPSSA District Sports Champions for Year 3, Year 5 and Overall winners. We think our success comes from hard work, lots of children joining in and taking part, never giving up and believing in ourselves. It just proves that you don't need a big school to win big things. God has blessed us all with talents and opportunities...it is our responsibility to make the best of everything we have, respect others and support each other.

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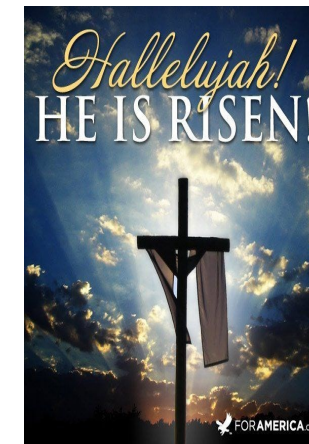
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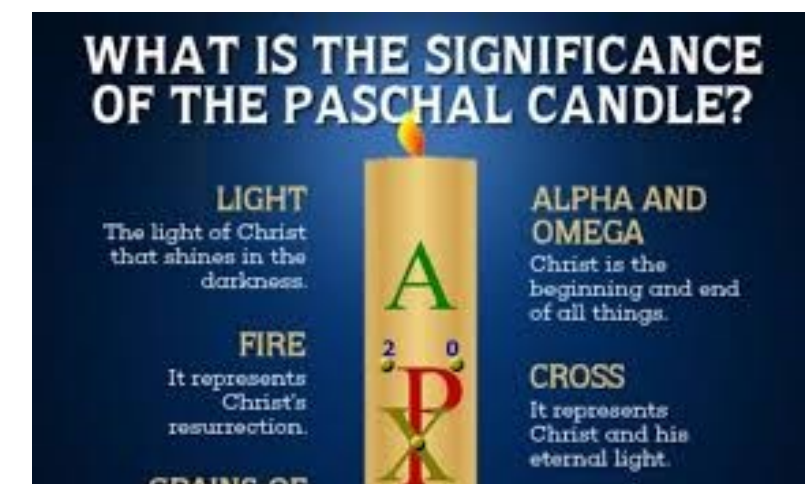
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Eastertide...a time of new life and new hope.

Eastertide is a wonderful season of the liturgical year when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. The period of 50 days lasts from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday when God sent The Holy Spirit to bring comfort, courage, conviction and wisdom to the disciples. Pentecost means 'Fiftieth day' in Greek.

During Eastertide we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, Good Shepherd Sunday and Jubilate Sunday. We can reflect on the infinite love of God for us all and how the values of peace, compassion and service can be shared with others.

The Paschal Candle is lit on Easter and on Sundays during Eastertide. It is a large candle that symbolizes the risen Christ, often decorated with a cross. Paschal means "related to Easter or Passover," which is why Eastertide is sometimes called Paschaltide, and Jesus is sometimes called the "Paschal Lamb."



Pope Francis Watch...what has our beloved Pope been up to lately?



This month Pope Francis celebrated Mass at Casa Santa Marta Church where he reflected on the gift of peace promised by Christ to His Apostles as He prepared to leave them. That peace does not come from the world, but from the Holy Spirit. It remains with us during hard times, and even gives us courage to go forward with a smile in our hearts. As we approach Pentecost, Let us all work harder to share the peace and joy of Christ with everyone we meet.



Jesus the miracle maker— Jesus raises Jairus' daughter

Jesus was a miracle maker and one of his many miracles was the Raising of Jairus' daughter. One day the ruler of a Galilee Synagogue asked Jesus to cure his 12 year old daughter. As Jesus was making his way to Jairus' house, a sick woman in the crowd touched the cloak of Jesus and immediately she was cured. Jesus turned to the woman and said "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace". After talking to the woman Jesus continued to travel to Jairus' house; when he got there he saw the crowds of people crying, weeping. Jesus told the crowds that the girl was not dead but asleep to calm the crowds of people. He then went upstairs and restored the daughter to life. This story tells us that we should always have faith in God however difficult things are.

Value of the month:

Compassion:

The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

Psalm 145:8-9

The Gospel writers in focus: St Matthew

When reading the bible, the gospel of St Matthew is the first book of The New Testament. This gospel is known as one of the 3 'synoptic gospels' which means it is very similar in describing the life and teachings of Jesus to the gospels of St Mark and St Luke. Matthew (also known as Levi) was one of Jesus' 12 apostles so would have spent a lot of time listening to Jesus and learning from Him. Before he became an apostle, Matthew was a tax collector in Capernaum and this is where Jesus met him and called him to become one of His closest friends.

Of the 4 gospels, Matthew's is most closely aligned with Jewish tradition. It sets forth the view that Jesus is The Christ and the rightful King of the Jews.

St Matthew is the patron saint of tax collectors and accountants and his symbol is an angel. His relics can be visited at his tomb in Salerno Cathedral, Italy. His feast day is celebrated on September 21st.

Holy Family Flames

Each class has a Holy Family Flame chosen by the teachers or pupils every month. Holy family flames are chosen because they have been recognised for sharing the light of Jesus. There is also a special head teacher flame for those who have not just impressed the teachers but have also amazed the head teacher! Towards the end of the month the flames have a special lunch in the library with Mrs O'Neil and or Mr Tindall. The Holy Family flames for April were: Owen Rider (Reception), Maximillian Hayes (Year 1), Ameilia Mathews (Year 2), Blossom Shields (Year 3), Jasmine Asare (Year 4), Aaron Bugarin (Year 5), Alfie Hornblow (Year 6), Alfie Meredith (Headteacher Flame)



Saint of the month: Mary Magdalene

A very close friend of Jesus she cared very much for him- Mary Magdalene, the apostle of apostles, is widely mentioned when talking about the miraculous story of Easter. Mary's feast day is celebrated on the 22 of July and this is a very important day to Catholics. Mary Magdalene followed Jesus to many different places and was there to support him when he needed it the most (times like his crucifixion and when he was in his tomb). In almost every Easter story in the bible Mary is mentioned mostly at the time Jesus left the tomb- once Mary had found out that Jesus had disappeared she was alarmed; once she had talked to the disciples and they had seen for themselves, the group finally realised that Jesus had not been taken; He had risen from the dead just as he said He would. Not too much is actually known about the life of this religious figure- she left behind no writings or scriptures unlike Paul the apostle. Paul left behind many scriptures for us to read and to learn from- Mary left us nothing.



The Holy Family Community Garden Project

Bishop Richard has confirmed he will be joining us to celebrate our Feast Day and officially open our new community garden on Friday 12th July. The big day will begin with Mass in the church at 9.15am and we hope that everyone from the Holy Family community will join us.

Following Mass, a special opening ceremony will be held in the garden at 10.45am attended by VIP guests including our sponsors, partners and helpers. Bishop Richard will bless and officially open the garden.

At 1.15pm we will be hosting a very special afternoon tea for grandparents in the new garden. We now need to pray for beautiful weather to ensure our special day goes to plan.

We hope our garden will become a place of solace, peace, and tranquillity where we can all reflect on the wonder of God and the beauty of the world He has created. We hope everyone in our community will take advantage of the green space and enjoy the birds, bees and shrubs and flowers.

