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# Holy Rood School Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

The opening of our new art and science classroom was a wonderful and memorable occasion in the life of Holy Rood School. The children shone and really rose to the occasion as they always do. I had a very complimentary letter from John Cape and decided that because it says so many good things about everyone connected with school that all of you at home should have sight of it and it accompanies this newsletter. There is such goodwill and are such good people at home, in school and in the parish who all work together for the fantastic children here at Holy Rood. We should never take for granted what a special place this is to be and we will continue to do our very best for the school each and every day.

Ashley Jackson donated a signed copy of his excellent book '50 Golden Years' and has promised to return with a framed picture for the new room. Ashley spoke quite movingly about being aware of the beauty all around us and how nature can be described as the 'Cathedral of the Outdoors'. It is a theme that many saints and theologians have also described in that creation is the footprint of God. When we really look at the beauty of a flower, a sunset or the moon rising over the sea it reflects the beauty of our great God who created them.

Nature is God's handwriting but we are his most wonderful works of art as we have been created in God's own image to know Him and to love Him. There is no place or moment not filled with the glory of God and we don't need to 'look' for God so much as simply realise He is always with us in the 'sacrament of the present moment'.

Many thanks once more to everyone who has given so generously in both time and money to make our vision of this new room into a reality. Countless children who will use the space both now and in the future say a huge thank you and well done!

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**ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY** : Easter is early this year and believe it or not, Lent begins this Wednesday. We are having a special Liturgy of Ashes in school at 9.15. Father Boyle will be coming to distribute the ashes and you are all very welcome to come and join us. I will write more about the beautiful and holy season of Lent in next week's newsletter.

**Indoor Shoes** : Reminder letters were sent home to children without indoor shoes recently but most children did have them on when we checked especially those in class three where every child was wearing indoor shoes. Many thanks for your co-operation in helping to keep the school cleaner and children's feet that bit safer!

## Thought For The Week

God is mirrored in all things ~ like  
sunlight on clean water.

