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# Holy Rood School Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

We hope you have enjoyed the Easter break and we are looking forward now to the start of this Summer Term when more events will be woven into the rich tapestry of Holy Rood School. The Summer Fayre, Sports Day, the Y5 and Y6 concert, the Whitby Residential, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, the May Procession as well as 101 other things too numerous to mention here!

Easter is a time of new life and new beginnings. Easter eggs may have become commercialised (the chocolate variety) but the egg remains a symbol of new life and promise. Nature is arguably at its most beautiful and vibrant with a myriad of spring flowers, early Summer blossoms and newly born lambs that makes you feel good to be alive and that life is worth living.

Easter is also a time of new life with a different message ~ the new life of the resurrection. But what does it mean to live this 'resurrection life'? Perhaps a good way to understand this is to consider the disciples before and after Jesus rose from the dead.

Their Messiah and Saviour had just been crucified and buried and all hope seemed lost, all dreams seemed broken, all seemed completely desolate. They were afraid, huddled together in a locked room in case the same fate should befall them and then suddenly they had an encounter with the Risen Lord and everything changed upside down, forever.

All that Jesus said was true, love was stronger than hatred and eternal life in Christ was a reality for all who believed. Fear vanished, hope returned and their lives once more had a meaning and a purpose. Resurrection life is simple ~ to love God with all you heart and your neighbour as yourself. To live a life of service to others, to walk humbly with our God as we journey through this life. If we die with Christ, we will rise with Him. There is no need to be afraid anymore for Jesus has redeemed us. More details are to be found in the pages of Holy Scripture and in the daily encounters we have with each other and the world around us where God continually reveals himself to those who look for him.

## Staff News

Just before we broke up, **Mr Hickey** was successfully interviewed for the post of deputy head teacher at St.Michael's Catholic primary school in Wombwell. He will begin there in September. Many congratulations and very well done. We are obviously very sorry to be losing him but always knew that one day we would go as people of David's calibre don't come round too often. He has worked tirelessly for this school and fully deserves his promotion which in the bigger picture we can at least take some comfort from the fact that we have trained up a future leader for Catholic Education in the Diocese. More will be said about the outstanding contribution he has made to this school later along with ways we can show our appreciation.

**From September** : We are delighted that **Mrs Exley** has accepted the challenge of moving from year two to year six. Mrs Exley has a Maths degree and the older children will really be able to benefit from her expertise in this area. **Mrs Helliwell** is also on the move from year one to year two where she has taught before and therefore we will be advertising in the press this Friday for a new teacher to teach initially in class one from September. Interviews will be in May so if you know of any potential candidates ask them to get the Chronicle or Catholic Teacher's Gazette.

## Thought For The Week

*'What can I give to God, what can I give back to God? Because God has been good to me today.'*

