



Holy Rood School Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

We hope that you had all had good two weeks break and we are looking forward now to the final seven weeks before we break up again for the main Summer holidays.

Just before Spring Bank we had two wonderful events in school and parish. The Mass for Ascension Day was led so beautifully by the children in class one and was very well supported by parents and grandparents which is always greatly valued. The children were excellent so well done to them and to Mrs Helliwell and the support staff for preparing them so well. Thanks also to the friends for doing the coffee morning and to Father Boyle for coming across to school. There is something so special about Mass in school.

The May Procession was absolutely magnificent. I was trying to count how many children took part and lost count at 70! The whole occasion was full of joy and beauty and reflected the great devotion we have for Our Blessed Lady. There is no better person to lead us to Jesus than God's own mother. Thank you to everyone who made such a big effort on this occasion ~ it was all more than worth it. This Saturday 13th June, many children in class three will be making their first **Holy Communion** and receiving Jesus Christ for the very first time. Mass is at 10.00 a.m. in church followed by the traditional breakfast back in school. This is a unique moment in these young children's lives and we keep them very much in our thoughts and prayers this week.

The following week it will be the turn of children in year six to make their **Confirmation** and more of that next week. These are times of great graces for the families and children involved, special days that will never be forgotten. We are privileged to be part of it all.

This Friday (12th June) we are having a penitential service in school led by class four. Everyone is welcome to join us at 9.15 a.m. Because of the funeral at 10.30 Father Boyle will be unable to hear any confessions but we are hoping to arrange for these to take place at a different time with Father Boyle and the children preparing for the sacraments.

Una Skitt : Mrs Una Skitt, beloved wife of our Chair of Governors, sadly passed away on Wednesday 27th May after losing her long battle with cancer. Una died in great peace after receiving Holy Communion and was a woman of tremendous faith, courage, kindness and good humour who lit up the lives of those fortunate enough to have known her.

The funeral is at 10.30 a.m. this Friday at Holy Rood Church. Instead of flowers a collection will be taken jointly for Weston Park Hospital and Barnsley Hospice and monies can be sent also into the school office in a sealed envelope and we will pass them on to Derek for you. It would also seem a very worthy cause for the collections after the Y5/6 concerts in July. I know you will remember Derek and Una in your prayers at this time. May she rest in peace.

*'You can shed tears that she is gone
Or you can smile because she has lived
You can close your eyes and pray that
she will come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all
that she has left
Your heart can be empty
because you can't see her
Or you can be full of the love
that you shared
You can turn your back on
tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for
tomorrow because of yesterday
You can remember her and
only that she is gone
Or you can cherish her memory
and let it live on*

*You can cry and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what she would want:
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.'*

