



Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you are all well. I am missing seeing you all so regularly. This letter includes a few important updates. Please read it carefully. Kind regards, *Anne-Marie Bell*

Whole School Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 18 th March	Theatre Company visit – Treasure Island
Wednesday 26 th March	Big Lent Walk raising money for CAFOD
Thursday 27th March	10am Thanksgiving Mass and Farewell for Father David
Thursday 27 th March	Year 4 Trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Wednesday 2 nd April	2pm Year 3 and Year 4 Easter Performance – not to be missed!
Thursday 3 rd April	9:30am and 2pm EYFS Easter Bonnet Parade
Friday 4 th April	Final day of Lent term – break up for Easter holiday
	Pentecost Term
Monday 21 st April	Easter Monday – school remains closed (Easter Bank Holiday)
Tuesday 22 nd April	Return to school
Monday 12 th May	Year 6 SATs week

Father David's Farewell

Father David's last Mass will be on Easter Sunday 20th April at St Mary's Church.

On Thursday 27th March, St Mary's school will celebrate Mass at church and offer thanks for Father David's love, support and commitment that he has shared while leading St Mary's and St Paul's Parish.

We will offer prayers and wish him well during this celebration. It would be lovely if parents / carers can join us.

As a school, we will be starting a collection for Father David. If you would like to donate some money towards the collection, please pop some money into a small bag or envelope with Father David's name on it and bring it to the school office. Thank you.

OPAL

It's been an amazing start to our OPAL adventures. I hope your children are telling you all about the fun they are having at lunchtimes. Our wheels - the suitcases and the pushchairs – have been a great success!



A massive thank you to Ms O'Neill, Mrs Brady, our OPAL parents, Laura and Heather, and all the staff for making it such a success.

Thank you also to the parent volunteers who have cut the wooden pallets to size and painted them ready to be turned into our welly storage. We would be lost with you.

If you have any spare helmets that you could give to school, we would appreciate these greatly so we can start to let the children play with our scooters.

Jubilee Big Lent Walk – Wednesday 26th March

A quick reminder that KS2 are walking to Nottingham Cathedral on 26th March. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are free to join us to support us walking safely. A packed lunch will be needed. If you would like this provided by school, please follow this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/gTv1Kt1bAX>

EYFS and KS1 children will be walking around school and they will take part in prayer stations throughout their walk. More information to follow.

