

# ST MARGARET CLITHEROW ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

We have almost made it to the end of term and what a term it has been! The spring term is usually the shortest term out of the three terms, although I must say it has felt like the longest term ever! We were so pleased to reopen our school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March for our children. Every class has settled back into the school routines and we are proud of the way the children returned. It was almost like they had never been away! I feel like my 'thank you' is never enough to show my gratitude and appreciation to our wonderful school community for pulling together to get us all through this challenging time...thank you!

Earlier this week our children joined with the rest of the nation to participate in the National Day of Reflection marking one year since the first national lockdown. See photographs below.

### Change to staggered timing after Easter

After the Easter holidays we will revert to the shorter staggered drop off and collection times. **It is incredibly important that you adhere to the allocated slot to keep our community safe.** Please remember, that you should keep your child/children close to you, this includes once you have left the school site. **Mixing with other families will increase your likelihood of needing to isolate and the spread of COVID-19.**

### **As of Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April, the new timings will be:**

8:45am drop off – Surnames A – D  
8:50am drop off – Surnames E – L  
8:55am drop off – Surnames M – P  
9:00am drop off – Surnames R – Z

### **Gates and registers will close at 9:05am**

3:05pm collection – Surnames A – D  
3:10pm collection – Surnames E – L  
3:15pm collection – Surnames M – P  
3:20pm collection – Surnames R – Z

### **Gates will close promptly at 3:25pm**



### Lenten fundraising and projects

Thank you for supporting our Lenten fundraising efforts towards the end of this term. Your Lenten donations were delivered to the local foodbank this week. Our non-uniform day took place this week and in total you raised £349 to support The Catholic Children's Society and Father Kakuba's Kanyike Project. Thank you for your kind and generous donations. Your donations will make a real difference to families and communities in need.

You may recall that during lockdown we asked our children to create some artwork based on the 8<sup>th</sup> Station of the Cross. Please find a link below that The Saint John Henry Newman School have produced on our behalf. Our children did an amazing job! [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aKEeO3U\\_ncA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aKEeO3U_ncA)



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### **First Holy Communion Masses**

This month, many of our Year 4 children celebrated their First Holy Communion at St. Hilda's Church. I was very proud of our children, especially as they had not had a rehearsal Mass beforehand. Our children waited over a year to make their First Holy Communion as it was postponed from last June. Hopefully, it will not be too much longer until they can receive Holy Communion for the first time in school during one of our whole school Masses.

### **Staffing Update**

This term we say goodbye to Mrs Baird, our special educational needs teaching assistant. Mrs Baird has moved out of county and we thank Mrs Baird for her work over the many years she has supported our children in school. We wish her well with her future endeavours.

### **Parent Consultations**

Parent consultations will take place on **Wednesday 28th April 2021** starting at 1:35pm and the final appointment will be at 7:35pm. There will be a short break for teachers in the middle of the appointments. **Children will need to be collected promptly from 1:00pm (staggered times to follow) so that teachers can set up and be ready for their first appointment.** We will continue to use the ParentMail system to book appointments and you will receive information about this closer to the date. We will use Zoom to deliver the consultations just like we did in the autumn term.

### **Thank you to our PSFA**

Our PSFA have continued to work tirelessly behind the scenes this term. A huge thank you to them for arranging our Easter Egg hunt this morning. Thank you also to the PSFA for creating a beautiful gift for our Year 4 children who have celebrated their First Holy Communion this year. See photographs below.

### **Message from our Governing Body**

*Governors continue to fulfil their statutory duties during this time with most of our meetings continuing to take place over Zoom. We have focused on our remote learning offer; ensuring a wide range of subjects were available to all children. Many thanks to parents for completing the remote learning survey, the feedback was overwhelmingly positive.*

*I know you will all want to join governors in thanking Miss Puccio and the whole team at St Margaret Clitherow School for the amazing support and dedication they have shown to the children while they have been learning at home or in school and more recently, settling back into school life – thank you all, you are all amazing!*

*Please do not forget that although governors are not in school currently, we are always contactable via our clerk Maria Streeter (clerk@clitherow.herts.sch.uk).*

*We wish you and your families a safe and happy Easter and we look forward to working with you next term.*

### **COVID-19 Update – Easter Holidays contact tracing**

**Please note that for this holiday period we have been asked once again by Hertfordshire County Council to monitor our [admin@clitherow.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@clitherow.herts.sch.uk) account over the Easter holidays to ensure that we are able to quickly identify those that need to self-isolate.** Can I please remind you that if you or your child show any of the symptoms of COVID-19 – a high temperature (37.8 or more) or a new continuous cough or a change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), you must not come into school and follow Government guidelines regarding testing and isolation. Testing is available and anyone (staff and children) showing signs or symptoms will be expected to be tested. **You must inform us of the outcome of a test as soon as possible. If you need to contact us out of school hours please email [admin@clitherow.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@clitherow.herts.sch.uk)** This account is monitored out of school hours, including weekends and holidays. Staff will continue to undertake their lateral flow testing during the Easter holidays as requested by Hertfordshire County Council.





## End of term stagger reminder

Please be reminded that today is our last day of term and we will be following the staggered collection times below:

### **Children will need to be collected promptly from 1:00pm.**

1:00pm collection – Surnames A – D

1:10pm collection – Surnames E – L

1:20pm collection – Surnames M – P

1:30pm collection – Surnames R – Z

As we progress through the roadmap out of lockdown, it is more important than ever to follow the Government guidelines despite some restrictions easing. We all have a part to play. Help us to keep our community safe during this Easter period.

I hope your holiday will be blessed with special family moments as we reflect on the joy of the Risen Christ at Easter. Wishing you all a holy Easter! We look forward to welcoming back all our children on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

Stay safe

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