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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we draw to end of a very short term, it has been lovely to celebrate the achievements of our children.

It has also been wonderful to see all the additional opportunities that our children have had to enhance their school life: KS2 children took part in Young Voices, Year 3 performed at the Recorder Festival, our dance club performed at the Victoria Hall in Dance `24, Forest school, library visits, school trips and visiting workshops. A special thank you to all those involved in the organisation of these activities, our dedicated volunteers and of course, a special thank you to our children who are always the most amazing ambassadors for our school wherever they are.

A special thank you also, to our Events team who have worked really hard this term to provide some great events for our children. The school disco and Easter Chocolate Bingo were both really great fun for our children and families and have also raised a great deal of money. Thank you to those who dedicated their time to organise these events and all those who supported by attending.

We have also shared our Lenten prayer services which have really supported the children`s spiritual development as we approach Holy week and Easter. I would encourage you to continue this journey with your children by sharing in the parish Masses over the Easter weekend. On Maundy Thursday, you are welcome to join our parish as they lead the Stations of the Cross in Biddulph town centre. This will begin at 11:30am outside the Town Hall. Father Julian would love our school children and families to be part of this.

This week we have also said a special thank you to Mrs Stonier as we wish her all the best as she prepares to take up her new post as Vice Principal at St Wilfrid`s Catholic Academy. Mrs Stonier has been an integral part of our school community for the past ten year and all of our children, staff and families have greatly benefitted from Mrs Stonier`s care and dedication. I know Mrs Stonier has been overwhelmed with all the very generous gifts and your kind words.

Finally, as we approach Holy Week, I would encourage you to take a moment with your families to reflect upon the journey that Jesus made which began on Palm Sunday. Follow our Facebook page for regular updates during this special season in our churches` calendar.

On behalf of all at Our Lady of Grace I thank you for a wonderful term and we look forward to welcoming our children back to school for the summer term on Monday 8th April.

I do wish you all a very happy and holy Easter.

Mrs Rathbone
Principal



Easter Mass Times

Maundy Thursday

Public Stations of the Cross - 11.30am, on the Cross in Biddulph Town Centre

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7.30pm, English Martyrs'

Good Friday

Family Stations - 12.00 noon, St Joseph's

Solemn Liturgy - 3.00pm, St Joseph's

Liturgy - 6.00pm, English Martyrs'

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil - 7.30pm, St Joseph's

Easter Sunday

Mass - 9.00am, English Martyrs'

Mass - 11.00am, St Joseph's



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