



25th April 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy Easter to you and your family! We hope you had a good Easter and celebration of the risen Christ.

John 20:19-31

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Jesus Appears to Thomas

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus^[a]), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

The Purpose of John's Gospel

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe^[b] that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The Risen Jesus meets his closest friends for the first time after they had all abandoned him in his hour of need. It must have been a moment they were all dreading. Yet his first words, twice over, were, 'Peace be with you'. No rebuke, no reproach, just 'Peace!' And then he showed them his wounds, the unmistakable signs.

'As the Father sent me, I also send you'. While they were feeling they had failed abysmally as his disciples, he entrusted them with the same mission he had received from the Father: now they knew it was not they who had chosen him, but he had chosen them. Their mission, a mission of bringing forgiveness of sins, was to be carried out by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Fr Bob

I am sure you are aware that our parish priest Fr Bob is unwell at the moment. We pray for his speedy recovery.

Polling Day

The school is being used as a polling station on Thursday, 5th May and will therefore be closed to all pupil except for year 6 pupils. In preparation for SATs week we will ask year 6 pupils to attend school as normal (8:55 - 3:15). We will provide a packed lunch for the day or alternatively a child can bring their own packed lunch.

Holy Week Assemblies

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Holy Week assemblies and the year 1 Easter Performance; we were grateful to share this very important part of your Christian calendar with parents.

Class Assembly - Class 2

We will celebrate the work that Class 2 is doing in Religious Education with a class assembly on Friday, 13th May 2022 at 9:15 am. Parents of children in this class are warmly welcomed to attend.

Free School Meals

Please check to see if your child is eligible for free school meals; eligible children may receive holiday vouchers to support with food purchase during holiday times. Please check to see if your child is qualified <https://www.newham.gov.uk/schools-education/free-school-meals/2>.

School Uniform

Just a reminder that we no longer have a separate summer uniform. Please note the school uniform expectations on the school's website

<https://st-michaels.newham.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/school-uniform/>

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

As I am sure you are aware, we are celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year. In honour of this, there are two bank holidays on the 2nd and 3rd June (during the school's half term break). As a result, schools have been asked to set aside an additional day in their school calendar for this additional bank holiday; **therefore, on Monday, 6th June the school will be closed for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We will reopen on Tuesday, 7th June 2022.**

Coronavirus Update

From 1st April the Coronavirus guidance changed. Please check the NHS website for the most up to date guidance.

While you're no longer legally required to self-isolate if you have COVID-19, you should try to stay at home and away from others to avoid passing on the virus.

How long to stay at home and away from others if you've tested positive for COVID-19?

If you have COVID-19, you can pass on the virus to other people for up to 10 days from when your infection starts. Many people will no longer be infectious to others after 5 days.

You should:

- try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days

- avoiding meeting [people at higher risk from COVID-19](#) for 10 days, especially if their immune system means they're at higher risk of serious illness from COVID-19, even if they've had a COVID-19 vaccine

This starts from the day after you did the test.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, and a high temperature or do not feel well enough to go to work or do your normal activities

You should:

- try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people
- avoid meeting [people at higher risk from COVID-19](#), especially if their immune system means they're at higher risk of serious illness from COVID-19, even if they've had a COVID-19 vaccine
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You can go back to your normal activities if you:

- feel well enough to do so
- do not have a high temperature

God Bless,



N. Scott
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