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From Mrs Martin...

I think I can safely say that this has been a very challenging half term for us all. A lockdown filled with bad weather, the school being partially closed, the snow days and the challenges of remote learning has left the whole community feeling exhausted.

I pray that the Spring and the second half term brings us brighter, happier and easier times and I really hope as a nation we are through the worst of it. I also hope that we will all be reunited soon in school as long as it is deemed safe.

This half term holiday we see the beginning of Lent and attached to this newsletter is some more information about what we would like to do as a school during Lent and the Missio Lent Calendar for children.

I would like to take this opportunity to share some personal news with you, I am expecting my second child at the end of August. The Trust is already making preparations to cover my maternity leave .

I hope you have a lovely half term and much needed break.



Lucille Martin

Our Gospel Values

- Courage
- Creativity
- Forgiveness
- Generosity
- Humility
- Joy
- Perseverance
- Stewardship

Executive Headteacher

Mrs Sandvig

Head of School

Mrs Martin

SENCO

Mrs Silke-Cooper

Our Classes

- Rainbows Miss Aldous
Mrs Iannelli
Mrs Abbott
- Class 1 Mrs Thackeray
Mrs Durston
- Class 2 Mrs Jones &
Mrs Smith
Mrs Tella
- Class 3 Mrs Rafferty
Mrs Dowsing
- Class 4 Ms Hughes
Mrs Tooke
- Class 5 Mr Grimwood
Ms Borley
- Class 6 Mr McGill
Mrs Catalanotto

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WEDNESDAY**



Remember that
You are dust, and to
dust You shall return.
Ecclesiastes 3:20

TERM DATES

Children return to school on

Monday 22nd February 2021.

Spring Term finishes Friday 26th March 2021.

Easter Holiday

27th March to 11th April 2021

Children return to school on

Monday 12th April 2021

Summer Term

12th April to 21st July 2021

Half-Term 31st May to 4th June 2021

Note: 19th and 20th July - Inset days

Administrative Officer
Mrs Cork

Administrative Assistant
Mrs Ransome

Business Manager
Mrs Pettit

Caretaker
Mr Scopes

Midday Supervisor
Mrs Mikus

Lent 2021

Normally during Lent, we would have stations of the cross in our assemblies so I will be doing one a week virtually for teachers to share with classes via Purple Mash.

We are joining with Missio to run a 'Lent-through-a-lense' photo competition. The details of this are attached to this newsletter. Please send entries to admin@st-pancras.suffolk.sch.uk.

We hope to have a virtual Mass led by Fr Mathew and please don't forget that Fr Mathew is streaming Masses from St Mary Magdalen through their Youtube channel. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcdaox9-ak60BRHly9af3wQ>

We will also be sending some Lenten activities to do through our remote learning platforms.

Our Lenten Prayer:

Dear Jesus,

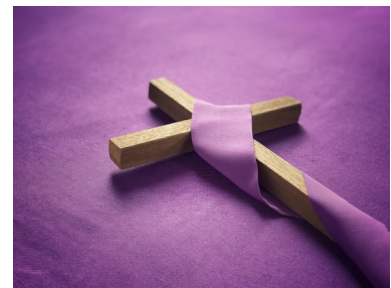
As we make this Way of the Cross with you,

Help us to imagine what you saw and what you felt.

As we listen to your Word, help us to think about what it means in our lives today.

We pray in your name, Jesus,

For you are Lord forever and ever. Amen



Snow much fun was had on Thursday!



Mr McGill and Mr Grimwood joined in the Year 5 v Year 6 snowball fight!



The children were so excited to see the playground covered in powdery snow!

Lent is a time to look carefully, so we can repent and change for the better. Looking carefully can also help us to appreciate things more. Why not practise by getting involved in *Mission Together's*:



'Lent Through A Lens' Photo Competition!

- 1** To take part you'll need a camera (phone cameras are fine) and to complete the 'Lent through a Lens' entry form.
- 2** Next, be on the look out for something that best represents Lent. It will help to make a list of all the things that come to mind when you think of Lent. Remember that Lent is the old word for Spring. So you could also think of Spring images e.g. snowdrops, buds on trees, chicks, lambs.
- 3** You may need to venture outside to find your Lent images, if so **you must ask a grown-up to be with you.**
- 4** Once you've taken your photo, send it to your teacher. They will decide on your school's winning entries. Your school may send these winning entries to *Mission Together*, to be used in our social media and seen by people around the world!
- 5** This competition is free to enter, but if possible please make a donation to help the world's poorest children. Ask your parents to visit our website missiontogether.org.uk/donate-now/

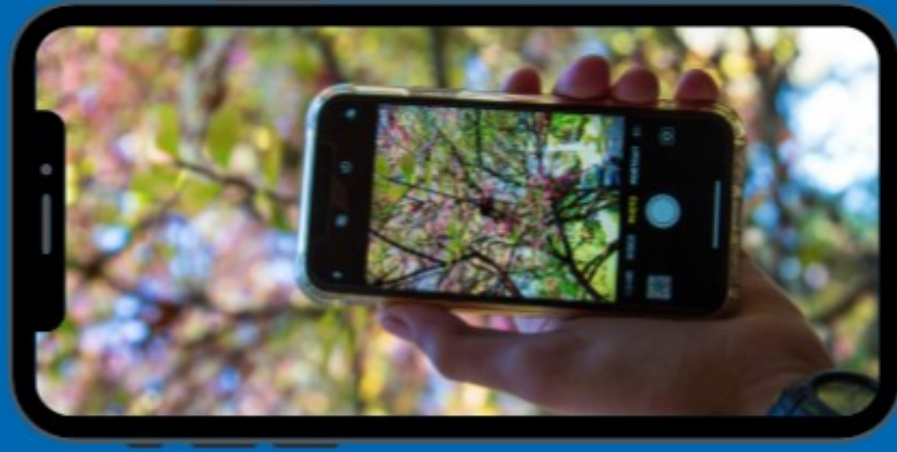


Photo by Mason Hesseour on Unsplash



Mission Together Lenten Calendar 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>15 FEBRUARY Decide as a class on your mission this Lent.</p> 	<p>16 Shrove Tuesday Pancake day Why do we make Pancakes today?</p> 	<p>17 Ash Wednesday Find out why ashes are placed on our foreheads today.</p> 	<p>18 Write a Lent prayer. Include the words: pray, share, help, listen, Jesus.</p> 	<p>19 With your class, pray and reflect on the first two Stations of the Cross.*</p> 	<p>20 As a family, pray the Our Father for children in need of help. What else can you do to help?</p> 	<p>21 Why does the Church use the colour purple in Lent?</p> 
<p>22 Sunday's Gospel was from Mk 1:2-15.* Read it as a class. What did Jesus say was near?</p> 	<p>23 Find out about Mission Together and how you can share God's love with children everywhere.</p> 	<p>24 Say the Mission Together prayer as a class. 'May all children in the world, share love, share friendship, and live in the peace of God's love, now and forever. Amen.'</p> 	<p>25 What can you share with someone today? Ask God to help.</p> 	<p>26 With your class, pray and reflect on the 3rd and 4th Stations of the Cross.*</p> 	<p>27 Share with a family member three things you have learned about Lent.</p> 	<p>28 Share any worries you have with Jesus, our God and friend.</p> 
<p>1 MARCH Sunday's Gospel was from Mk 9:2-10.* Read it as a class. What does God tell us to do?</p> 	<p>2 Yesterday was the Feast of St David. What does 'Dydd Gŷyl Dewi Hapus' mean?</p> 	<p>3 Find out what the word 'sacrifice' means. Then consider what you could sacrifice for someone today.</p> 	<p>4 Centuries ago 'Lent' used to be the name for 'spring'. Look out for signs of spring today.</p> 	<p>5 With your class, pray and reflect on the 5th and 6th Stations of the Cross.*</p> 	<p>6 As a family, pray for those in need this Lent and think of ways you can help them.</p> 	<p>7 Find a quiet place to be and say a prayer for those who are sick, sad or lonely.</p> 
<p>8 Sunday's Gospel was Jn 2:13-25.* Read it as a class. Why was Jesus angry?</p> 	<p>9 Keep an eye out for someone who needs help today.</p> 	<p>10 Visit the Mission Together virtual map. Choose a country to visit and pray for the children there.*</p> 	<p>11 Eggs are a symbol of new life. How does this link to Easter?</p> 	<p>12 With your class, pray and reflect on the 7th and 8th Stations of the Cross.*</p> 	<p>13 Lent is a special time to say sorry and forgive. As a family, pray for the strength to do both.</p> 	<p>14 Mothering Sunday Ask God to bless all mums and grandmas.</p> 
<p>15 Sunday's Gospel was Jn 3:14-21.* Read it as a class. Who did God send into the world?</p> 	<p>16 Make someone smile today and share God's joy with those around you.</p> 	<p>17 Feast of St Patrick Find out where St Patrick went to share God's love.</p> 	<p>18 Tomorrow is the Feast of St Joseph. Find out why he is an important saint.*</p> 	<p>19 With your class, pray and reflect on the 9th and 10th Stations of the Cross.*</p> 	<p>20 Tell a family member about the Stations of the Cross and why we pray them in Lent.</p> 	<p>21 Thank God for all the beautiful things he has created. Pray that you may care for them all.</p> 
<p>22 Sunday's Gospel was Jn 12:20-33.* Read it as a class. What does Jesus predict?</p> 	<p>23 Make a small sacrifice this week and put a coin in your Little Red Box.</p> 	<p>24 Feast of St Oscar Romero Find out why Fr Romero was made a saint.*</p> 	<p>25 Feast of the Annunciation How did Mary's 'yes' change the world?*</p> 	<p>26 With your class pray and reflect on the 11th and 12th Stations of the Cross.*</p> 	<p>27 Ask a family member to help you discover why palms will be given out at church tomorrow.</p> 	<p>28 Palm Sunday What did the crowd sing when Jesus entered Jerusalem?</p> 
<p>29 Sunday's Gospel was Jn 12:12-16.* Read it as a class. What does it say about hope?</p> 	<p>30 Today we remember how Judas made a bad decision. Ask God to help you make good choices this week.</p> 	<p>31 Today Jesus planned his last supper. Thank God for your food and pray for children who are hungry.</p> 	<p>1 APRIL Maundy Thursday Why does the Pope wash the feet of others today?</p> 	<p>2 Good Friday Sit quietly, be still, and thank Jesus for showing us how to love.</p> 	<p>3 Holy Saturday Today we wait as Jesus lies in the tomb. Tomorrow we celebrate as Jesus rises to new life.</p> 	<p>Jesus is risen. Alleluia!</p> 

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Asterisks refer to abridged scriptures, or accompanying liturgies and activities, all are available on the Lent page of the Mission Together website. Our virtual map is hosted on the home page.

IOA Remote Learning Helpline for families

Remote Learning Support Assistants in 18 of our schools in Ipswich will be manning an “after-hours” helpline for families to support remote learning. This is designed to support parents and carers whose commitments make it difficult for them to contact their school during normal school hours.

We would always encourage parents and carers to speak to their school first, but if you need a chat about remote learning in the evening or weekend **this is what we can help with:**

- Trouble shooting IT issues connected to work sent home from school
- Understanding instructions in work sent home from school
- Advice and tips on online resources that might help with completion of work sent home
- Ideas to support your child’s study skills

Sometimes we’ll be able to support with enquiries on the spot, and where we can’t help fix issues there and then, we’ll act as a messaging service with your school, and can call you back during helpline hours.

What we can’t help with:

- Pastoral, behaviour or wellbeing concerns
- Complaints
- Safeguarding issues
- Free School Meals
- School place availability
- Schools that are not in the [Ipswich Opportunity Area](#)

These should always be addressed to your school.

If you feel worried and need support with any of the above, Suffolk County Council provide information [on their website](#) and provide a helpline: 0800 068 3131

We also have a growing list of links to advice and support for families on the [Ipswich Opportunity Area](#) website.

*****live from Monday 8th February 2021*****

Ipswich Opportunity Area Remote Learning Helpline

	0800 541115	Mon - Fri 6pm-9pm Saturday 9am-Noon	
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