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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Spring Music Festival on Monday evening. It was wonderful to be able to invite you to a school event like this - what a great evening of entertainment it was too! We hope that this is the first of many events that we can share with you to celebrate all the good things going on in the school.

You are all welcome to come to the Easter Service this afternoon at the church. The service, led by Y3 and Y4, will begin at 2:00 pm. Year 2 will be attending the service – the class are no longer in a bubble.

Please note that there is no production rehearsal today (April 1st) after school.

New COVID Guidance

The Department for Education has issued new guidance that will come into force from today:

- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

We will no longer be advising you of any COVID cases in school and we will return to our usual policy of sending children home only if they either have a temperature or are clearly unwell.

School Dinners

We have noticed an issue which has arisen with school dinners recently. Previously, CH & Co have said that it is possible to order on the same day but the orders are not coming through in time as we have to give school dinner numbers to St Mary's school first thing in the morning. Please could you order the night before so that we have the correct number of school dinners, thank you.



Message from Rev T

We have a Palm Sunday Procession and Service starting at St John's Church on the **10th April at 10:30am** leading to the Village Hall - any spare branches for waving are always welcome - palm crosses will be issued.

On Good Friday (15th) St John's will have a drop-in-any-time meditation service called the Last Three Hours (12-3pm) which offers us time to think, pray, enjoy silence and to hear words and music; then on **Easter Sunday (17th)** we have our Easter Service at 10am and let's see if eggs have been hidden around the church. For further church services in all our parishes please see:

<https://www.barhamdownschurches.org.uk/churchservices.htm>

May you return in the light of the Easter sun, refreshed, restored and blessed. Rev T

Jays Drop Off

A reminder to all parents of children in Jays – from next term the children should be dropped off at the main gate rather than the classroom door. At the end of the day, however, Jays will leave from their classroom door as usual.

As we come to the end of another term, I would like to wish you all a wonderful Easter holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday, April 19th.

Yours sincerely



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