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# Holy Rood School Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Lent is always a good opportunity to reflect on the things that are really important in our lives. A simple way to do this and also to make each day a prayer in itself is to look back on the day that has just ended.

We can give thanks for all the good things that have happened, be contrite for all the things we could have done better and ask for God's grace to be that bit better the next day. We can hold before God all those we love dearly and are so precious to us, be they still in this world or already in the next. If we don't take stock and reflect then it is all too easy to be like a 'leaf in the wind' blown this way and that without any direction or purpose. Our everyday lives can be transformed by bringing God into them and letting his grace work through us. We can be raised up 'on eagles' wings.'

One of the most powerful words in the Christian's dictionary is that word 'Hope'. Hope is a lovely word. It makes our lives exciting because it helps us to look forward to good things. When we say things like, 'I hope that he / she is safe or will be well', then it is like a prayer. God's love gives us hope. The Christian understanding of hope carries much greater depth as it touches on the expectation of eternal life evidenced by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. It is always worth reminding ourselves that we are destined for great things because we have been made in the image of the One who created all things.

This Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March is Mothering Sunday and this Friday in school our Foundation Stage children are leading us in the celebration of Holy Mass. Everyone is most welcome to join us for Mass at 9.15 a.m. There is a Jewish saying that 'God could not be everywhere at once, so he invented mothers.' It certainly seems to be true to children that mums have eyes in the back of their heads!

**Restoration Raffle** : Tickets for this Grand Draw are available both in school and at the back of church with some great prizes. This raffle will be a big help in raising the £50,000 needed to pay for the work around the altar and we'd like to give the parish as much support as possible. The work itself is much needed and we will always remember the great generosity of the parish in contributing towards our new classroom. If you're coming to the school Mass this Friday morning why not buy a ticket or two?

**Child Protection Policy** ~ We have recently updated the school's this policy to comply with the latest guidance and you can download it from the school web site. If you want a paper copy just ask the office. For any safeguarding concerns the first point of contact should be Mr Barry who is the designated safeguarding teacher. Many thanks.

**Beaumanor Hall** ~ Y6 have arrived back with us and did indeed have a great time with many special memories to treasure. A really big thank you to Mrs Exley, Mrs Holling and Mr Barraclough for taking on this responsibility, giving their time up and looking after the children so well. We have such fantastic people at Holy Rood School who are worth their weight in gold.

## Thought For the Week

'May your love be upon us O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.'

(Psalm 32)

