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This is the final newsletter of this Easter Term. Can I thank you for your support of your PTA but also for the Archdiocesan Charities during this season of Lent. It is very much appreciated.

Tomorrow will be our final "Journey with Jesus" with the Passion Play presented by the children in Year 3 and Year 4, with the support of their teachers Miss Howell, Mrs Wilson, Miss Conway, Miss Radburn, Miss Bullen and Miss Murphy at 10.30 in School Hall. All parents are warmly invited to our remembrance and celebration of this most important season in the Church's year of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Please make every effort, as you have for our school Easter events, to go to church to celebrate the great feast of Easter and the Resurrection with Father Mark.

A valuable member of staff is leaving today- Kate Rogers:

Kate actually did her student teaching practice with us and impressed so much that when a member of staff from the Foundation Unit left we appointed her. How lucky we all were!! Kate started as a teacher with us in September 2012 so has been with us for 7 years. Those children who have been lucky to have been taught by her, or worked with her know what an exceptional professional she is. The children and staff all love her also for her other qualities- her gentleness, her kindness, giving support and advice to colleagues across the Federation. She was the RE co-ordinator when we maintained our Section 48 Outstanding outcomes. When her daughter Eleanor came along she was delighted to come back and work closely with a colleague she valued and they ensured the children continued to be given an outstanding start to their "school life".

I know as she takes up a full time position in a school literally around the corner from her, which will enable her to have "quality family time" and no need to do round trips of nearly 2 hours anymore, she would want us to know she will miss us all. Kate leaves us reluctantly as she loves St Sebastian's and is grateful for all the happy memories she will treasure. On our behalf, she goes with our prayers, blessings and our thanks for



her "generosity of heart" to all of us, children, parents and her friends and colleagues across The Federation. She lived our school motto:

"Only my best will do: Be kind to one another"

Good Luck Kate

We welcome back Louise Bridges to work in Foundation 2 class with Miss Lizzie. Louise worked in the Federation and St Sebastian's for many years and was one of our foundation teachers here at St Sebastian's so we know her well and are delighted she has agreed to work with our children for the final term. Welcome back Louise I am sure you will receive a warm welcome back from our parents who you will see.

Holidays and Homework:

An important time for all children to have a break and enjoy themselves but please do your number bonds and reading as this will help you next term.

Year 6:

Extremely Important time for all children preparing for public examinations. Secondary children are going into school during the holidays to finish off work such as Art and DT. Lessons are put on by their teachers in ALL subjects and they can just use the school to study. For our Year 6, you have worked so hard so far and have made some great progress particularly those who have been to Homework Club and have done work at home. PARENTS we all want the children to perform at their best but in the upcoming SATs these results will go with them to their secondary schools. PLEASE ensure the work is done. There will still be plenty of time to enjoy the break. We know what they will feel at the end of the year IF they reach their target....BUT if they don't do their work both in school and at home this obviously WILL NOT HAPPEN .

Last Inset day of the year will be **Monday 3rd June**. Following recent training from an external provider on changes to the curriculum and Ofsted expectations, teachers will be planning and developing our curriculum on this day.

We finish for the Easter break tomorrow at normal time and return to school Tuesday 23rd April for the Summer Term.

Summer Term 2019

Starts: Tuesday 23rd April

Ends: Wednesday 17th July

May Day: Monday 6th May

Half Term: Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May

Inset Day Monday 3rd June

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