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23rd March 2016,

Dear Parents/Guardians,

May I begin, by thanking the teachers and children for sharing their preparation for Easter with the Stations of the Cross and an assembly by Year 2 on the Easter Story. May I wish you all a Happy, Holy Easter. Fr Marks newsletter has also been sent out with the times of Holy Week events.

We break up today at normal time and return **on Monday 11th April 2016.**

Parents Evening - thank you to the majority of parents who attended and received vital information on targets and how to help our children "Be the Best they Can."

I can tell you the children are all excited when you are coming to see their work and play. Parents unable to make this day are encouraged to make another appointment with their teacher.

Attendance Assembly - Well done to our 100% children. Even though we have listened to parents views on rewarding "good" attendance the children do think it's a good idea as shared via the school council

At Sebastian's 105 children received an Easter Egg for attendance
At St Cuthbert's 86 children received an Easter Egg for attendance

Next term there are 2 opportunities to receive a reward. The first is having 100% for Spring Term. The Big Yearly Prize for 100% over the year!

Year 6 Charity for Good Shepherd Fund through the Archdiocese - Many thanks to our Year 6's who have shown enterprise and a sense of pride in raising money for other children who need our help and support. Very proud of you all.

St Cuthbert's raised over £160.00; St Sebastian's raised over £500 - Wow! A fantastic effort by children and parents particularly on the yard. Well done to all our children as every penny is important to the work of the Nugent Care Society who manages the good Shepherd fund.

Extra-Curricular Activities and Representing the Federation- So many events going on this term from a fantastic variety of clubs, I am sure you are grateful to the staff who make this possible. The representatives of our school in many clubs such as choir, football, netball, cross country, speech choir, chess etc. Some of these teams were then chosen to represent Liverpool in the Merseyside Youth Games. We had teams in 3 different events. Also, a boy called Clive from St Cuthbert's who represented Merseyside in the North West Chess Competition. He is the first child across the federation to be honoured in this way. Congratulations to all!

Visitors from China - Some will remember our federation paid a visit to China over a year ago. It is now our privilege to welcome and host a group of children and teachers, nearly 50 in total. There are 4 schools in Liverpool and our federation who are taking part. We have secured a small grant from the British Council to help us. You may be surprised by why they want to come to England. It is to learn from the celebrations surrounding 400 years of his death. They are keen to see/hear the words and plays of William Shakespeare. On the 18th April 2016 we are starting a week of Shakespeare and have asked the children to dress or portray a character in one of his plays. It can be a character, a symbol, or an imaginary character. It would be fantastic for our guests to see our children dressed in character, what a great impression to leave them of Liverpool.

PTA Activities - Many thanks for your support for these activities. Hopefully more parents will become involved in their child's school life through Parent Teacher Association. Next PTA meeting (due to Chinese visitors) will be 6pm, 9th May 2016 in the staff room.

Twitter - please download and follow us on twitter.
@StSebastiansPri
@StCuthbertsPri

School App - please download our school app 'OurSchoolsApp' on your app store Google play for Android or iTunes for Apple devices.

Internet Usage - We have purchased a monitoring tool which lets us report on the usage by individual users for staff and children. This is to ensure we are fulfilling our safeguarding requirements. This will be installed Wednesday 30th March 16.

Enjoy, your break.

Mr Hardiman
Executive Head Teacher