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Easter Watch Party

The Easter Watch Party is now available to view securely on our Vimeo channel: <u>https://vimeo.com/529116969</u> and the password have been emailed to parents today.

The Order of Service is as follows:

Welcome: Mr Burrows

Easter Story Narration: KS2

Brighter Day: Song & Dance, Y1 & 2

Animation: The Last Supper

See Those Hands: F1 & F2 Easter Activities

Animation: The Resurrection

Thank you: Song & Dance, Y5 & 6 What will you do to celebrate Easter? Reflections from Y1 & Y2

Imagine This: Song & Dance, Y3 & 4

What are you thankful for at Easter? Reflections from Y3-Y6

An Easter Prayer

A Blessing: Revd Jane.

We hope you enjoy the Easter Service.



Can you complete the Lent Lego Challenge?

From 15th March to 3rd April (excluding Sundays), there will be a new build challenge every day on our website and some information linking the build into the Easter story. Please visit our <u>Lent Lego webpage</u> for all of the challenges. It would be great if you were able to share a picture of your build on the <u>church</u> <u>Facebook page</u>. If you can't access Facebook, please email your pictures to Revd Jane: rector@thurstaston.org.uk or tag us on Twitter @DawpoolCofE, @stbartsstchads

We look forward to seeing your Lego creations!

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Lent at Home & School



The Lent at Home & School section of our website is updated every day during Lent (Ash Wednesday, 17th February, to Easter Sunday, 4th April) to include activities for significant parts of the Christian calendar over the Lenten season (e.g. Mothering Sunday, St Patrick's Day) and also some other significant dates (e.g. World Book Day, International Women's Day). This webpage also includes videos of the Easter Story:

- The Easter Story in finger paints (ideal for F1-Y2
- The Easter Story painted in sand (ideal for Y3-Y6)

Next week's Lent at Home & School activities will focus on Holy Week:

- Maundy Thursday
- Good Friday
- Holy Saturday

Easter Sunday



Just a reminder to help FODS, while you are doing any online shopping, which most of us are at the moment, please consider using 'Easy Fundraising.'

To register please go to:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/frien dsofdawpool/, click on 'support this cause' and then shop as normal.

Put 'easy fundraising' into your favourites and then each time you shop simply go through that favourite.

The retailers will then make a small donation to say "thank you". There are over 3,571 retailers to choose from and so far over £24 million has been raised for thousands of community groups, schools, sports clubs, small and large charities across the UK.

Additionally, if you would like to donate to FoDS the money that you would normally spend at our events, please visit our FoDS Money Giving page.

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Toast Payments

Toast payments are again due when we return. The amount due to the end of the Summer term will be $\pounds 12.60$.



National Day of Reflection

This week marked exactly one-year since the first UK lockdown. The National Day of Reflection on Tuesday 23rd March saw a minute's silence at 12pm, followed by a bell toll, with people encouraged to stand on their doorsteps at 8pm with phones, candles and torches to signify a "beacon of remembrance".

Mr Burrows has taken some time to reflect on the last 12-months and has written to parents today with his thoughts. A copy of the letter can be downloaded from the <u>Dawpool News</u> page.

Bereavement Support

National Day of Reflection has been an opportunity to pray for those who have been affected by death and grief during the pandemic. We have created a new <u>Bereavement Support</u> section on the school website which provides information about a range of organisations who provide bereavement support for children and adults.

Relationships, Sex & Health Education

The Department for Education (DfE) is making Relationships and Health Education (Primary) and Relationships, Sex Education and Health Education (Secondary) compulsory in all schools. To ensure that we further promote the personal wellbeing and development of all pupils whilst meeting new statutory requirements we have worked hard to integrate any proposed changes into our RSHE policy and curriculum content.

To introduce parents to all the proposed changes and ensure everyone is well informed, we have created an <u>RSHE page</u> on our website which contains the following information:

- Draft RSHE Policy
- RSHE Statutory Guidance & Church of England Guidance
- RSHE Guide for Parents & Carers
- PSHE Programme of Study
- Sample HeartSmart Lesson Materials & Introduction Video

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Your input and views are greatly valued. In order to provide your feedback, we ask you to complete our RSHE Parents' Consultation Survey. Your curriculum queries, opinions, and any contributions will enable us to further develop and shape our curriculum offer and will also enable us to continue to work in partnership to meet the needs of all children. We look forward to receiving your feedback.

Church News



Please visit <u>https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/</u> for information about this week's services.

You can also visit the Church Facebook Page.

The <u>Church & Worship</u> page of the school website also has links to Worship videos, the latest parish magazine, weekly notice sheets and 'Together at Home' activities.

> Website: https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/ Email: office@thurstaston.org.uk



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Wishing you a blessed and peaceful Easter with love and prayers Revid Jane EASTER TRAIL Starts at St. Bartholomew's Lychgate and finishes in Irby Complete the trail (available from Sat 27th March) by 6pm on Easter Day (4th April 2021). Put your guiz sheet* in the box at the end of the trail (or you can ail your answers to rector@thurstaston.org and collect a sticker from the box. One completed sheet will be chosen (by drawing lots) and a prize awarded. The winner will be announced on our church facebook page https://www.facebook.com/stchadsstbarts/ *Quiz sheets are available in the church porch. Easter Can you make Garden an Easter Garden? Please send a photo to rector@thurstaston.org.uk and we will include them on our weekly notice sheet. There may even be a prize for the most creative one!

Fruit of the Spirit' and 'Learning Values' Awards Plus our' Lunchtime Award'

The list of pupils who have received the weekly awards and certificates is available to view online. Please visit our Values Award Winners page on our website for a list of the latest recipients. Please note that this page is updated after school on a Friday, so the latest names will be available shortly after.

Changes to Restrictions – 29th March

In order to ensure we remain safe during the Easter break, we would like to outline the changes to national restrictions from 29th March. By following this guidance, we can ensure that everyone is back in school after Easter to enjoy the Summer term.

Social contact

The evidence shows that it is safer for people to meet outdoors rather than indoors. And this is why from 29 March, outdoor gatherings (including in private gardens) of either 6 people (the Rule of 6) or 2 households will be allowed, making it easier for friends and families to meet outside. Please note that indoor gatherings are not permitted during Easter.

Business and activities

Outdoor sports facilities such as tennis and basketball courts, and open-air swimming pools, will also be allowed to reopen, and people will be able to take part in formally organised outdoor sports.

Travel

The 'stay at home' rule will end on 29 March but many restrictions will remain in place. People should continue to work from home where they

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can and minimise the number of journeys they make where possible, avoiding travel at the busiest times and routes. Holidays abroad will not be allowed, given it will remain important to manage the risk of imported variants and protect the vaccination programme. The government has launched a new taskforce to review global travel which will report on 12 April.

The clocks will go forward on Saturday night to mark the start of British Summer Time. Let's hope this coincides with some lovely weather for the holiday.

Wishing you all a peaceful Easter break.

David Burrows

Head Teacher

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