

Cardinal Pole Catholic School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

End of Term – April 2014

The school remained open this week so we could end the term that bit closer to Holy Week and Easter. This week the children in Year 7-10 had the opportunity to watch a passion play, reflecting on the way of the cross. In year 11-13 they participated in a liturgy to remind them of the significance of the Easter season and we were delighted to have Fr. Gerald King, our episcopal vicar, join us. I am grateful to Fr Benedict and the RE team for leading these preparations and in organising confession for all the children. Year 8 very much enjoyed their retreat too. Although the final figure is not in as yet, the children were as generous as ever in their Lenten collections and we will be distributing the funds raised during Lent to Lepira and The Catholic Children's Society. Thank you for supporting us in our fund raising.

In his Homily, Cardinal Vincent Nichols said 'The Easter vigil is a celebration of light and life. The triumph of light over darkness and life over death. Nothing could be more stark or more important.....we live in either the fear of encroaching darkness and death, or we live in the firm hope of the victorious light and the resurrection of Christ our Lord. There is little space in between, no compromising middle ground'. It has been more important than ever to have the strength to believe in the power of light over darkness during this term, to take the opportunity provided for confession and reconciliation so that we are strengthened and renewed and able to cope with the challenges before us.

During the Easter break, staff have again given generously of their time and we are offering a vast range of revision sessions for year 11-13. The children have signed up enthusiastically for these opportunities (although some were a little more enthusiastic than others). We are expecting almost three hundred children to be on site over the period and I thank you for encouraging them to participate I would also like to thank you for your support in securing excellent attendance and real improvements in punctuality. These are good habits for life.

The deadline for nominations for parent governors has now passed. If you are interested but did not put your name forward, a vacancy still remains and I am happy to speak to parents who might be interested but would like to find out more. It is a really good way of being further involved with the education of your child.

We return on Monday 28th April 2014 at the normal start time of 8.35am and start public exams a short while afterwards. I ask that you ensure that your child returns to school in full school uniform and that they are fully equipped for learning.

Finally, some goodbyes and welcomes. Mr Phelan has secured a position of Head of Faculty, Science for the new term. We are delighted to hear of his promotion having worked with him as an NQT at the school and we wish him good luck for the future. We are also delighted that we have been able to secure a second in department to replace him, Miss Lisa Temple, who joins us as second in department from Challoner's School in Tower Hamlets. We also say goodbye to Ms Jackson who has been with us as a supply teacher and wish her well for the future. Finally, I am very pleased that we will again have a safer schools officer with us after Easter, PC Judy, a much valued community resource.

I wish you a happy and Holy Easter.

Yours sincerely,



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