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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we go into the Easter break, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on some of the high points from this term.

The school was full of wonderfully weird and wacky characters on **World Book Day**. In the morning, the whole school gathered on the playground to showcase their costumes by strutting their stuff down the catwalk. Then it was back into class for a range of activities on a different focus author in each year group. The school is **dedicated to inspiring every child to become an avid reader** and events like this go a long way to making this a reality.

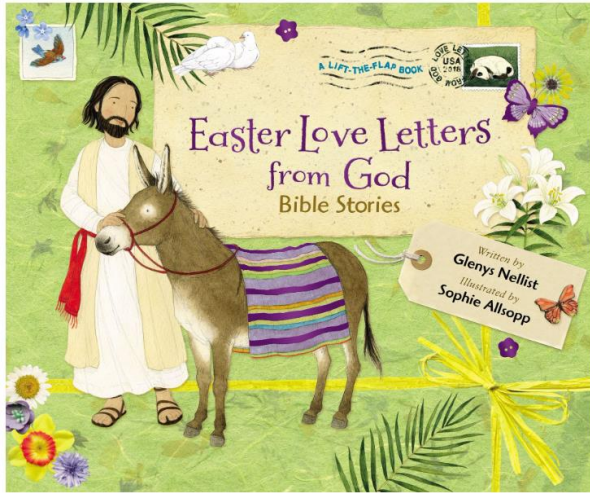


We are almost reaching the end of our project to develop our **outdoor learning space**. The great work of our volunteers has continued over the spring term and we hope to be able to officially open the area in the coming months. This week the whole school worked together to fill our flowerbeds with soil. Once complete, the area will be a **symbol of our fabulous school community** and what can be achieved by working together.



With Mr O'Dwyer, our PE and Sports Assistant, running Sport sessions at lunch and after school, alongside our increase in weekly PE lessons this term, **our pupils are getting more and more active in the school week**. We have teams taking part in various competitions on a weekly basis and it has been wonderful to hear the **enjoyment they have taken from competing** against other schools.





We are adding more and more **information to our new website** to help parents to support learning at home. On our class pages you will find details of the **learning going on in each topic** and all the **important facts** pupils are learning. Do make sure to check it out!

We have been **building up to Holy Week** by coming together each morning this week for a special series of assemblies. Using the fantastic book, '**Easter Love Letters from God**', we have been working our way through the Easter Bible stories and reading accompanying letters from God to go with each. We have also listened to music matched to each story and carefully considered the mood it sets. It has been a **valuable opportunity for reflection** at this important time of year.



It has been another very disrupted term due to **COVID-19** cases in the school but as we are set to return to school to **new guidance after the Easter break** (please see parentmail from last week for further details), it brings with it a sense of optimism that we are over the worst and so we look forward to a summer term **packed with exciting learning experiences**.

On behalf of all of the staff here at St Catherine's, I would like to wish you a healthy and happy Easter break.

Mr Croghan

Headteacher