



1 April 2021

Dear Parent or Carer,

At the end of another unusual term, I write to thank you for your ongoing support for the school, our students and staff. The challenges faced by all members of the All Hallows Family, have been met with positivity and determination to maintain high-quality learning experiences for the children. As we approach the Easter holiday, I encourage you all to take time to reflect on your personal journey and accomplishments of the last few months.

### **Holy Week message from Bishop Philip**

*This week is Holy Week. We began on Sunday with Palm Sunday, a 'bitter-sweet' celebration of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem: 'bitter,' because in a few days time the acclamations of the crowds will turn to screams of rage for His death, 'sweet,' because He is our King and by His resurrection, He frees us from sin, suffering, death. The palms remind us Christ our King has triumphed. In the Gospel at Mass on Monday, Jesus went to Bethany, where, alluding to His burial, Mary anointed His feet with costly oil. Today Tuesday, Jesus is at supper, troubled that one of The Twelve will betray Him and another deny Him. Tomorrow, Wednesday, Judas 'seals the deal' to hand Him over.*

*And on Thursday the Triduum begins, the Sacred Three Days of His death and resurrection, the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Passion on Good Friday, the descent into hell and the glory of Easter. The Triduum is a single celebration, the Liturgy of the Passover, the passing-over of Jesus from death to life. By His passing-over, Jesus transforms human life and makes that transformation available to us, through His Church, feeding us with His life-giving Body and Blood.*

*Please keep this Holy Week 'holy' by your prayers each day, by reflecting on the daily readings from the Gospels, and by going to Mass and Confession (if you have not done already). I wish you a happy and joy-filled Easter!*

Please do follow this link for the [Portsmouth Diocese e-news](#).

### **Lent Appeal**

Our Lent Appeal 2021 is in support of [CAFOD to help provide clean, safe water to those most in need](#). Donations can be made via [ParentPay](#) or direct to CAFOD. This morning the ParentPay donations were just under £900 - with your help we would love to reach £1,000! Thank you to those who have already donated.

### **Staffing changes**

Please join us in wishing Mrs Hopper and Mr Oakshott every success and happiness as they leave the school. We thank them for their many years of dedicated service to our school and wish them the very best for the future.

### **COVID-19 Guidance**

I will write to all families prior to our return on Monday 19 April, with any updates to the Government Guidance and how this would affect our procedures.

 01252319211

 [allhallows.net](http://allhallows.net)

 [admin@allhallows.net](mailto:admin@allhallows.net)

 @allhallows



## Home testing

Students were given an additional two boxes of tests yesterday to enable them to complete twice-weekly tests over the Easter break. I encourage all families to continue to engage with the symptomatic testing process, throughout the break.

Please be advised that home testing does not replace symptomatic testing - if you present with symptoms of Covid-19 you must isolate immediately and book a PCR test to confirm.

Should your child test positive please inform the school via [admin@allhallows.net](mailto:admin@allhallows.net).

The symptom-free tests for households are not available from schools or colleges. Households can get a test by booking an appointment online at a symptom-free testing site, or by collecting a home-testing kit from a designated collection point, or if unable to travel to a site, by ordering a kit online. You can find out more at [surreycc.gov.uk/symptomfreecovidtesting](https://surreycc.gov.uk/symptomfreecovidtesting).

Please remember if your child or a household or bubble member develop COVID-19 symptoms, do not use symptom-free testing. Please book a free test at [gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](https://gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) or call [119](https://119.gov.uk).

## Remote Learning Feedback

Thank you to all families who responded to our remote learning feedback form, sent out at the end of last half term. We have read this feedback carefully. The overall picture was very positive, many families were pleased with how well the learning had gone. Where parents had praised individual staff members we have passed these comments on - they were very warmly received!

Where parents have suggested slight amendments or areas to consider, such as feedback to parents on how well their child is engaging in the learning, we have noted these areas down. Should we have to undertake another period of extended remote learning, (fingers crossed, we will not have to) we can incorporate these points into our plans.

## Extra-curricular opportunities

We are excited to announce that our extra-curricular provision will resume in the Summer Term. Departments will offer a range of activities to students in year-group clubs, to ensure that bubbles are maintained after-school. Timetables will be shared with students directly and published on the website when finalised.

Wishing all members of the Family a restful, peaceful and prayerful Easter break.

Yours faithfully



M A Baines  
Headteacher

 01252319211

 [allhallows.net](http://allhallows.net)

 [admin@allhallows.net](mailto:admin@allhallows.net)

 @allhallows

