

**April 2018**

Keeping you informed



**HOLY WEEK**

**Newsletter**

**This week (Holy Week) is a special week in the Catholic church**

**Palm Sunday** - This is the Sunday before Easter Day.

It is the **first day of Holy Week** and celebrates Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem riding on a donkey. Crowds of people came out of the city to greet him, throwing down palm branches on the road.

Anglican and Roman Catholic churches give out small crosses made from palm leaves, as a reminder of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem and his death on the cross. Some Christians keep these in their homes all year as a symbol of their faith.

**Maundy Thursday**

This is the Thursday before Easter Day

**Last Supper:** - On Maundy Thursday Christians remember when Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples, breaking bread and drinking wine, which is now known as the Last Supper.

At this meal Jesus told his followers that they should love and serve one another. He demonstrated this by washing the feet of the disciples - something a servant would normally do. You can read this story in the Bible in John Ch.13v1-15

The word *maundy* comes from the command (mandate) given by Jesus at the Last Supper, that we should love one another.

**Good Friday** - Good Friday is the Friday before Easter Sunday. It commemorates the **execution of Jesus by crucifixion.**

Good Friday is a day of mourning in church. During special Good Friday services Christians remember Jesus' suffering and death on the cross, and what this means for their faith.

**Easter Sunday** - Easter Sunday marks Jesus' resurrection.

After Jesus was crucified on the Friday (now known as Good Friday), his body was taken down from the cross, and buried in a cave tomb. The tomb was guarded by Roman Soldiers and an enormous stone was put over the entrance, so that no-one could steal the body.

On the Sunday, Mary Magdalene, followed later by some of Jesus' disciples visited the tomb and found that the stone had been moved, and that Jesus' body had gone.

Jesus himself was seen that day by Mary and the disciples, and for forty days afterwards by many people. His followers realised that God had raised Jesus from the dead. Christians call this the Resurrection.

## BUILDING WORKS

The work to the Early Years roof and the KS2 cloakroom block will shortly be underway and should last for approximately 6 weeks. This is essential work and we hope to keep disruption to a minimum.

Thank you to everyone who paid their **School Levy** contribution - the building work mentioned above is an example of what your levy pays towards.

### AN APPEAL ...

#### On behalf of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

Our church, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, is in need of some repair work and funds are low!  
Can you help?



As a fundraiser would you like to

**"Buy a Brick" – the cost is £5 per brick**

Please contact OLMC Church for further details.

The church is also collecting –

- The cardboard insides of toilet rolls
- Milk bottle tops (hard plastic tops).

## BREAKFAST CLUB 8:00 a.m. until 8:40 a.m.

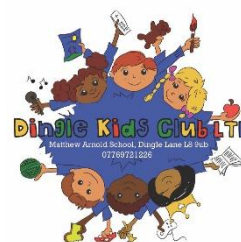
The purpose of our breakfast club is to provide a free and nourishing breakfast for a good start to the school day.

We are sorry but it is not possible to have children in the club if they are not having breakfast or have already eaten, unless you have an arrangement in place agreed with Mrs Conley.

If you arrive at school early - you must stay with your child(ren) on the yard until 8:55 a.m.

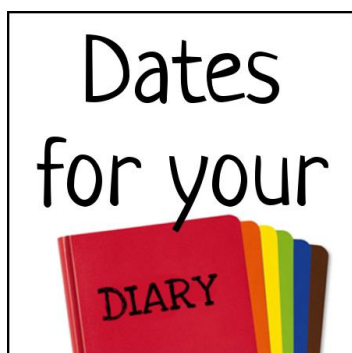
## Dingle Kids Club Ltd

Dingle Kids Club Limited operates out of Matthew Arnold School and has provided the following information about their services.



- We are a local Ofsted resisted Afterschool and Holiday Club based in Matthew Arnold primary school.
- We provide afterschool care for children aged 4-11 from the end of school until 6pm.
- We collect children from local schools including St Finbar's Catholic Primary School.
- We provide activities for all ages including outdoor play, Xbox, crafts, books, board games, role play, cooking/baking and films.
- We have juice and fruit available through the session and provide a small snack.
- We accept childcare vouchers and offer a sibling discount. In addition to this you may be able to get help with costs through child tax credits. There may be other discounts available.

For more information including prices contact us on 07769721226 or visit our Facebook page. Alternatively you can pop in to visit us any afternoon at Matthew Arnold Primary school for a chat and a look around.



April	
27 <sup>th</sup> Mar - 30 Mar	Holy Week
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Finish for Easter Break
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 a.m. Year 5 Assembly on Tolerance
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Other Faiths – whole school visit to Mosque
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	School Nurse drop-in
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Humanutopia project begins (Y3 & Y5)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 & Y2 Phonic Screening – Parents Workshop
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Theme Day – E-Safety

May	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Local Elections – we are a Polling Station Year 2 and Year 6 classes will attend for the morning. Nur, Rec, Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5 are NOT IN SCHOOL
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Assembly – Respect
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	PSHE – Sun Safety Day
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	SATs tests week
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	First Holy Communions
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	CHET residential – Year 4 and Year 5
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Half Term
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day
<b>CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE</b>	

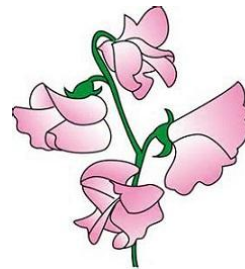
## April

The word April comes from the Latin Aprillis, fourth month of the ancient Roman calendar.

Birthstone: Diamond

Flower: Sweet Pea or Daisy

French: Avril



And finally ...



**Q.** Why did the banana go to the hospital?

**A:** Because he wasn't peeling well!

**Q:** What do postmen do when they're mad?

**A:** They stamp their feet.