Lord God,
I give you thanks, for you are good, and your mercy is endless.
Here I stand, at the start of this holy week,
This week in which your church remembers Jesus’ passion and death,
And I am distracted by many things.
Turn my eyes now to the One who comes in your name
The one who opens the gates of righteousness
The one who answers when we call.
I bless you, Lord, for shining your light upon me,
And for sending your son to us, in human frailty.
To walk the road we walk.
Open my eyes that I may see him coming,
And may praise him with a pure heart.
And may walk in the way of his suffering,
And share also in his resurrection.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever
Amen.

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**Best Wishes to Mrs Sarno**
Mrs Sarno leaves us today to start her maternity leave. We wish her every happiness and good luck in the coming weeks.

**Saint John Houghton has a mind to be kind**
We would like to recognise Eloise Gadsby who has been spotted in school for being kind.
St Ralph Sherwin Trust News

We received a beautiful Easter Card from Mr McClafferty our CEO this week. The card was designed by a student from one of the schools in the Trust on a recent Lenten Creativity Day. Thanks to Ms Conway who joined us in school this week.

Lent Liturgy 2019

The SJH J&P Team were inspired by Deacon Martin’s ‘Mind to Be Merciful Café’ and decided our Lent Liturgy would begin by serving refreshments and giving the opportunity to enjoy one another’s company. Our staff and students wanted to offer a relaxing time before our Liturgy so our school community could be ready for God.

Our school choir and Liturgical Music Group were a joy to listen to and they took care to choose hymns such as, ‘Come Back to Me’, for the Season of Lent.

Team Chaplaincy and the Faith in Action Team offered us reflections and an examination of conscious. Our students supported this precious time with music and Scripture.

Our hall was set merging our community of Governors, Deacons, parents, Grandparents, brothers, sisters, past pupils and teachers and visitors so we could all move from observation to participation. We were on a Lent Journey which was led by prayer and led to the Cross, worship and life.

We would like to give a special thanks to Mr Leavesley and his daughter Aoife who sang a duet in the Liturgy, ‘Prayer’, which was simply beautiful. For the time Mr Leavesley gave to rehearsal. For the joy they brought and for having the courage to share their talents. I know many were moved by this beautiful performance.

We would like to thank Deacon Martyn Swaby for joining us and sharing his thoughts and vision for ‘Mind to Be Merciful’ drop-in cafes throughout the diocese.
More thanks to the musicians: Nellie-Mai Archer, Edward Attenborough, Sian Wadey Mr Quenby and Mrs Artiss.

With praise and thanks to our readers: Rosie Dudley, Luke Boyce-Pounder, Ellie Grace Johnson, Caitlin Hawley, Hannah Leatherland, Naomi Forbes, Imogen Leadbitter, Maya Ogbonnia, Mrs Etienne, Mrs Ashley, Mrs Conlon, Mrs Turgoose, Mr Brogan, Danielle Horsley, Nicole Horsley, Catherine Oliver, Alex Cullingworth, Eirene Panayiotou, Mr Long, Miss Dakin, Miss Hinchcliffe and Seweryn Donchor.

More praise to our Caretakers and Sound and Light Box Team.
Thank you to Mrs McCarthy, Mrs Gabriel, Mrs Condon and our wonderful parents for their support and love.

Bakhita House News

This has been a ridiculously busy term as we edge forward to what is seen as the “Business End” of the school academic year. Both staff and pupils are exhausted after a 7-week term. We have seen many things this term, such as Mock exams; A fantastic Lent Liturgy; a trip to Wembley for Flame; Year 9 Briars and the Year 11 who have one eye on their GCSE exams. It has been amazing and I am often impressed and gobsmacked by the amount of things going on in our amazing school.

As well as working hard, it is important to take time out to “re-charge your batteries” and Year 11 in particular need to find the right balance between revision and allowing themselves some rest time.

I would like to wish everyone a fantastic Easter and particularly well done to those who have managed to give something up (successfully for Lent). I tried and sadly failed, but I have managed to do a Littlemore exercise, over the season of Lent.

I hope you all have a lovely holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in 2 weeks’ time.

Stay safe and God Bless-

Mr Thomson
Romero News  Aspire not to have more, but to be more. Oscar Romero

The end (of the term) is here. I would just like to say a personal thank you to everyone in Romero House for the hard work and commitment in the past 7 weeks. Thank you to those students who took part in the Lent Liturgy, I don’t normally have favourites but that one was the best. What made it better was the fact that the students lead it right from the start! Again, well done!

I must also congratulate those who took home a prize from the IN IT to WIN IT Act of Worship on Tuesday Led by Mrs McCarthy. Those with 100% attendance and zero negative points deserve to be rewarded and I can only apologise if your name was not picked out. I think the INTU centre is going to be busy over Easter.

Well done to those in the TOP 40 last week! Romero House had a massive 17 students, more than any other House! Congratulations to Hannah Leatherland (number 1), Dylan Baker (number 2), Naomi Forbes (number 4), Eirene Panayiotou, Lily Annable, Keira Banks, Olivia Pargma, Amelia Yasities, Joanna Prawosudowicz, Zuzanna Leliwa, Alec Moggeridge, Anthony Opiah, Daniel Farrall, Keelin Harnett, Matthew Mountney, Callum Richardson and Francesca Ross.

I hope you get lots of rest over the Easter break, Enjoy the holiday and stay safe.

Mr Quenby

Kolbe House News

We made it!!!

Well done Kolbe House on another fantastic term – lots of events and occasions again with many of you stepping up to help out in Liturgies, open days, filming projects, choir and Acts of Worship to name just a few.

It’s been a busy term for the staff too – with lots of different reviews and the DCI inspection but in every one the visitors commented on the exceptional behaviour and attitude displayed by the students and the feeling of “family” within our school. That is credit to you, your tutors and teaching staff and we are all grateful of your commitment to the school and our continued efforts to improve.

In the second week back after the holiday (week beginning May 6th) Kolbe House will be on first dinner sitting ALL WEEK as a reward for reaching 10500 House Points – you will receive a token in morning registration which will need to be handed in on entry to the dinner hall.

Talking about House Points…. what sort of House competitions would you like to take part in in school? If you’ve got any ideas, then pop them on a post it and bring it to my office.

Congratulations to all the winners of IN IT TO WIN IT on Wednesday – gaining no negative points and achieving 100% attendance is a fantastic achievement. Remember that the negative points are zeroed after Easter so your all back in the running!! Let’s get some more tickets in those bags!!

Have a lovely Easter – don’t eat too much chocolate and remember what this holiday means in our school – remembering Jesus and the sacrifice he made for us but also the hope that his resurrection brought to the world.

Mrs D Smith
London Marathon fundraising

Miss Pearce would like to thank everyone for their support towards her fundraising on Monday 8th April. We raised £49 from the Easter Egg tombola which has gone towards her London Marathon fundraising for Dementia Revolution. Special thanks to Emily Krok, Julia Cisowska, Maisie Wyatt and Miss Cook for their help on the day.

Year 8 Parents Evening

Thank you to all parents who joined us for our Parents Evening last Tuesday. We are grateful for your support.

We are currently trialling ‘Tassomai’ in maths at the moment, so pupils have spent time on Tassomai this week, but our Top 3 Times Tables Rockstars are:

1. Grace Sims with 5627 points
2. Nellie-Mae Archer with 1283 Points
3. Stanley Powell with 802 points

Grace Sims has been top of the leader board for weeks now! Keep it up Grace! 5 positive points have been added onto Go4Schools.
Chaplaincy Department

Fair Trade News
Wow! The Fairtrade have been so busy supporting the living wage, the working wage and Fairtrade Fortnight. We shall be leading Fairtrade prayer Stations after the Easter Break and hope to see as many as possible making fair choices in everyday situations. With thanks and praise to: Sian Wadey, Nellie-Mai Archer, Rosie Dudley, Caitlin Hawley, Hannah Leatherland, Erin Hosker, Grace Morrell, Chelsie May Brett, Luke Boyce- Poyser, Bella Little, Julia Rucinska, Eirene Panayiotou, Ellie Grace Johnson, Olivia Drummond and Luke Stacey.

Rachel’s Hero of the Week: Mr Wildley

Team Chaplaincy star: Finn Sherwin. ‘You were not created to be bored. God has a purpose and a plan for you. Please stop complaining and claim your significance. Stop disliking yourself and see how powerful you are. You are a child of God. God has not created you to fail.

Liturgical Music Group
It was lovely to see the team – and hear them- celebrating the end of term with ‘The Greatest Showman’ sing along! Well done Edward Attenborough, Sian Wadey, Nellie Mai Archer, Eirene Panayiotou, Aoife Leavesley and Rosie Dudley.

Confirmation
Please pray for the young people preparing to make the sacrament of Confirmation, especially Maya Ogbonnia and Grace law. Confirmation will take place in Long Eaton parish on 24th May 2019.

Holy Communion
Please pray for all they little children preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in our parishes and diocese. Please pray for the Catechists, especially Mrs Gabriel and Rachel Rose.

The Science department held its third Act of Worship of the year On Friday 5th April to celebrate the hard work of students in Year 7 and 8, who completed science projects over February half term.

The Year 7s’ were asked to present a project on ecosystems and the Year 8’s to complete their project on movement in the Human body. Student presented their work using presentations and models and the overall standard of individual work was exceptional.
Almost all students completed this challenge and they deserve huge congratulations. Deputy Head teacher, Mr S Brogan awarded certificates for each science group and overall winners in year 7 and 8.
In Year 7 the results were as follows:

- 7/1: 3rd place – 3rd Katie Fitzpatrick, 2nd place – Sophia Higgins and in 1st place – Hannah Dennis.
- 7/2: 3rd place – Penny Moulds, 2nd place – Hannah Leatherland and in 1st place – Kacey Clarke.

7/3: 3rd place – Rosie Dudley, 2nd place – Oliver James and in 1st place – Novia Burton-Naylor.

7/4: 3rd place – Brodie Males, 2nd place – Darcey Smith and in 1st place – Sean Todd

In Year 8 the results were as follows:

8P1: 3rd place - Alex Andrews, 2nd place – Charlotte Wright and in 1st place – Eja Coe.
8P2: 3rd place – Evie Crofts, 2nd place – Freya Lakin and in 1st place – Jack Queenan.
8P3: 3rd place – Isaac McDaid, 2nd place – Charlie Guggerty and in 1st place – Emily Jones.
8Q1: 3rd place – Taylor Hall, 2nd place – Nicole Horsley and in 1st place – Luke Pounder.
8Q2: 3rd place – Levi Cross, 2nd place – Zoe Hobby and in 1st place – Kian Shallow.
8Q3: 3rd place – Declan Doherty, 2nd place – Harry Gregory and in 1st place – Madison Iwasiuk.

In each year group there had to be an overall winner. Due to the really high standard of entries, it was very difficult for the science teachers to decide on a winner. However, eventually a decision was made. The winners were-

Year 8 – Jack Queenan
Year 7 – Sean Todd
**Derbyshire Schools Sportshall Athletics**

**Year 7 Girls**

**Year 7 Boys**

**Year 8 Girls**

**Congratulations** to our Year 7 boys and girls and Year 8 girls Sportshall Athletics teams. On Monday all 3 teams went to the Derbyshire Schools County final as the Erewash Schools champions. This event was at Derby University and involved the winning district teams from each area of Derbyshire. The teams were all fantastic and just missed out on bronze medals.

**Erewash District Netball Tournament**

Over the last few weeks several of our netball teams have been involved in the Erewash Schools District netball tournaments. All teams played well with Year 7 finishing 3rd, Year 8 finishing 5th and Year 9 finishing 3rd. Well done to all girls involved.

**Year 7 Netball Team**

**Year 8 Netball Team**
School Lottery update

Many thanks to everyone who has signed up for the school lottery so far. It only costs £1 per week and the more people that are signed up, the greater the weekly prize money.

There are currently 88 people signed up which means every week someone from our school community wins at least £30.60. Everyone entered is also in with the chance of winning a weekly £25k jackpot.

At the moment the lottery is generating £50 a week towards PTA funds which is great. Please spread the word.

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/saint-john-houghton-academy

Last week’s winner was: Rita Porter winning £30.90 Well done!

SJH Mind to be Merciful Café Is Launched!

We would like to thank all the staff who supported the Break Time ‘Mind to Be Merciful Café’ on 10 April. It was lovely to have the opportunity to support the hard working staff in the last week of term.

More thanks to the J&P Team who provided refreshments, music and conversation during lunch time. How lovely to see new faces! Special thanks to Mr Long who allowed us to use his room, showed off his dance moves and ‘bad’ jokes.

The only problem was we ran out of cups! This is a good problem to have. We served 33 people today and we are delighted with this result. Thank you.

If you would like to donate biscuits, tea, coffee, juice, sugar then please leave in Reception for Rachel or contact Rachel for more information.
The Easter holidays have finally arrived. Students in Acts of Worship reflected on the meaning of Holy Week and the importance of the Easter story. I was delighted to hand out the prizes for the INIT TO WIN IT competition this week (Year 11 will be drawn after the Easter Break). It is wonderful that so many students qualified for these awards having received no negative points and one hundred percent attendance.

Your children are tired and in need of their break. They are to be congratulated on their hard work and commitment this term. Thank you to the staff who have worked so hard in service to the children.

Wishing you and your families every blessing for Easter.

Best wishes

Mrs McCarthy (Headteacher) &
Mr Gritton (Executive Headteacher)

See below for events coming up in the next few weeks
Family Movie Night

Friday May 10th
at Scala Cinema Ilkeston

£6.50 Entry

Featured Movie:
Avengers Endgame

More Information
Tickets can be obtained from Mr Wheldon at St John Houghton School.
Scala cinema can be found on Burns Street, Ilkeston DE75QB.
EASTER FUN

Victoria Park
Sat 20th April
1:30pm
Press start at the Pavilion building

Design a pot and plant a seedling, take a photo, nurture it and watch it grow.

Do the Easter hop around Victoria Park to find the Easter bunny and win a treat!

Use some pedal power on our smoothie bike to create a delicious smoothie.

Compass Debbie Staley
your community ranger
debbie.staley@erewash.gov.uk

Big Kirk Hallam Community Centre
Easter Cinema Club!

Thursday 18th April 2019
Ralph breaks the Internet
Movie starts at 1pm (doors open 12.45)

Friday 26th April 2019
Mary Poppins Returns
Movie starts 11am (doors open 10.45)

with free snacks and drink, plus a final bag to take home for all children!

£1.00 per child (max family price £3.00)
All children must be accompanied by an adult

Big Kirk Hallam Community Centre
Easter Holiday
Stay and Play!!

Tuesday 16th April and Wednesday 24th April
Lots of activities and fun
All welcome!!

10.00-12.30 with FREE snacks and drinks for the children and a Free Lunchbag for every child too!!

Please note all children have to be accompanied by an adult.

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