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*The Last Supper
The Donkey*

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Dear Parents

Life of Christ – Passion Play

On **Wednesday 29th March** the entire school will be taking the whole day to act out the Life of Christ from his birth to his death and resurrection. We will be acting out scenes in the school and in our grounds. We have a real donkey for Mary, and the Nativity scene will take place in a real straw filled stable (PE garage) with, we hope, a real baby! Jesus will call his disciples by Lake Galilee (school pond) and Zaccheus really will be stuck up a tree!

The day will start at 9am on the front playground when some Roman soldiers will tell everyone to go to their home town (classrooms) to be registered for the census.

Little Fishes Nursery will join in part of the day and will hopefully meet the donkey.

As part of the day we will be acting out the Feeding of the 5000 which will include encouraging the children to sample bread and fish. We would **encourage Key Stage 2** children to bring in a small lunch. Children in **Reception and Key Stage 1** will have a small piece of bread and fish and then have their school dinner or packed lunch as normal.

Children will need to dress up in costumes appropriate to the times. Most children will be a crowd of shepherds, villagers and disciples. If possible they will need to wear tunics, dressing gowns, shawls, old rugs, old sheets, tea-towel headdresses etc. If you have an old sheet or rug, you could cut a slit in the middle and pop it over your child's head. Watches should not be worn!

The following classes will need to dress up as follows:

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| Little Fishes Nursery and Reception | <u>Sheep</u> (anything white or grey is fine!) |
| Years 1 and 2 | <u>Angels</u> (anything white or grey. Wings and halos are optional.) or <u>Shepherds</u> (T-towels etc. Toy sheep/lambs/goats are optional.) |
| Years 3 and 4 | <u>Villagers/farmworkers/fishermen</u> (like shepherds.) or <u>Roman Soldiers</u> (wear red PE top, grey trousers/shorts and optional armour/helmets. Toy swords/sticks that stay tucked in a belt may be worn.) |
| Years 5 and 6 | <u>Disciples and other key characters</u> e.g. Mary, Joseph, (to be confirmed with specific children) Generally dress up like a shepherd/villager/fisherman. Fake beards welcome. |

PLEASE KEEP COSTUMES SIMPLE – Please do not spend money or time on making your own costumes! If it is cold, children should wear extra T-shirts underneath their costume as most of the action will take place outside – whatever the weather.

Some children in Years 5 and 6 will be asked/helped to find specific costumes.

Staff and any parent helpers will also need to dress appropriately for the day!

Please note that most lunchtime clubs (except those paid for) will not take place on this day.



We first performed the Passion Play in 2008 and then in 2013 and 2018. It has been a fantastic experience and the children really enjoyed it as we acted out the life of Christ – from his birth to his death, resurrection and ascension. The experience has been one of the most memorable I have ever had at St Nic's, and I hope it will be the same again for all our children in 2023.

Yours sincerely



Mr Etherton
Executive Headteacher



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