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Dear Parents and Carers,

Easter can be seen as a time of hope, renewal and new life. This year, we reflect on recent shared accomplishments, recognise the work involved in our journey of improvement and look ahead to opportunities and events coming up.

A big highlight is always the celebration of our pupil's achievements and successes at our award assemblies. Well done to everyone for their hard work and a special congratulations to all award winners including Loki, Tabitha, Molly B and Madison recognised for diligently demonstrating this half-term's value of Perseverance.

There has been super singing of Easter hymns and confident readings of the Easter story and prayers at our Church Services – Thank you to our children, staff and Rev Nick for working together in our Easter worship.

And as always, a big thank you to the FONS and PFA for organising special Easter events this week, helping to raise valuable funds for our schools and bringing the community together.

Our aim at the recent parents' evenings has been for you to have an accurate picture of how your child is progressing in their learning across the curriculum as well as the opportunity to speak with class teachers about your child's social development and behaviour. Thank you for the high turn-out and participation.

In all areas of development at our schools, we continue to work to ensure that our curriculum inspires, challenges and successfully builds on pupils' previous learning. In the summer, we are looking forward to having 10 days' worth of monitoring, challenge, support and guidance from external improvement partners to help us move forward and flourish on our path of improvement.

Looking ahead we anticipate more enriching experiences; we begin with our year 5 and 6 residential to Charterhouse in the Mendips, a music trip for some of our younger pupils to hear an Orchestra and a visit to the synagogue for groups of children in Exeter.

Please do take part in the Great Geography Challenge, designed by our Humanities Lead Mrs Merrett. There will be prizes for the best ones from each class, and we are aiming to be able to create some lovely displays to look at your journeys however big or small.

A reminder that school reopens on 17<sup>th</sup> April which is the same day that our Year 5 and 6 head off to Charterhouse for their residential.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter.

Yours sincerely.

Mr Jamie Caswell

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As Jesus rose on Easter day,

The stone by his tomb was rolled away.

He conquered death upon that day,

And He lives again to show us the way.

