

The Swaminarayan

Education is that which liberates

Dear Parents, Guardians, Pupils and Friends,

Theme for the week

The theme for next week is “**Easter Renewal.**” I have written about it on the reverse of the newsletter.

End of Term and Reports

All the reports for the pupils will be available on the Parents’ Portal after Thursday next week. We hope you will sit down with the children and discuss the comments from the teachers and make a clear plan to act upon the good advice. Their mark in each subject compared with the class average should give a good indication of their performance.

Internal & External Examination

All pupils in Seniors 1, 2 and 3 will have their End of Year Examinations during the week beginning 19th June 2018. Pupils in Seniors 4, 5 and 6 will be involved in their GCSE and A Levels examinations; they will be on study leave from Monday 14th May 2018 until they complete all their external examinations.

TSS Summer Fair

The Annual TSS Summer fair will be held during the weekend of 30 June-1 July 2018. I have attached the leaflet to this newsletter for your information. Parents/friends/guardians wishing to book and advertisement/banner/stall should contact the school office for details.

Rescheduled S3 Parents’ Consultation Evening

This is a second reminder for parents in Senior 3. The Parents’ Consultation Evening for Senior 3 pupils will now take place on 19th April 2018 between 4.30-7.00 pm in the Yogi Hall. All the parents will have an opportunity to meet their child’s subject teachers including the House Tutors, who meet the pupils twice per day and keep a very careful eye on their welfare, progress and achievements.

The Learning Brain Series: How to Enrich the Brain

- Enrich the environment
- Engage all senses
- Allow the brain to reflect
- Engage in physical activity
- Interrupt learning with breaks
- Consistent feedback from teachers & peers
- Support from parents
- Generate love of learning
- Relax to Energise



Easter, also called Pascha (Greek, Latin) or Resurrection Sunday, is a festival and holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day of his burial after his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary c.30 AD. It is the culmination of the Passion of Jesus, preceded by Lent (or Great Lent), a forty-day period of fasting, prayer, and penance. Most Christians refer to the week before Easter as "Holy Week"—it contains the days of the Easter Triduum, including Maundy Thursday, commemorating the Maundy and Last Supper, as well as Good Friday, commemorating the crucifixion and death of Jesus. In Western Christianity, Eastertide, or the Easter Season, begins on Easter Sunday and lasts seven weeks, ending with the coming of the fiftieth day, Pentecost Sunday. In Eastern Christianity, the season of Pascha begins on Pascha and ends with the coming of the fortieth day, the Feast of the Ascension.

The New Testament states that the resurrection of Jesus, which Easter celebrates, is a foundation of the Christian faith. The resurrection established Jesus as the powerful Son of God and is cited as proof that God will judge the world in righteousness. For those who trust in Jesus' death and resurrection, "death is swallowed up in victory." Any person who chooses to follow Jesus receives "a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." Through faith in the working of God those who follow Jesus are spiritually resurrected with him so that they may walk in a new way of life and receive eternal salvation.

Easter is linked to Passover and the Exodus from Egypt recorded in the Old Testament through the Last Supper, sufferings, and crucifixion of Jesus that preceded the resurrection. According to the New Testament, Jesus gave the Passover meal a new meaning, as in the upper room during the Last Supper he prepared himself and his disciples for his death. He identified the matzah and cup of wine as his body soon to be sacrificed and his blood soon to be shed. Paul states, "Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed"; this refers to the Passover requirement to have no yeast in the house and to the allegory of Jesus as the Paschal lamb.

Yours sincerely,

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