



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you to keep you updated as much as I can and to keep us all connected during a time when it is very easy to be disconnected. School is a very strange place without the children and we miss them all terribly. Please pass on our best wishes to them and tell them that we are praying that we will see them all soon.

I would like to share the following message that has been sent to us from Pope Francis.

*'Tonight before falling asleep think about when we will return to the street.  
When we hug again, when all the shopping together will seem like a party.  
Let's think about when the coffees will return to the bar, the small talk, the photos close to each other.  
We think about when it will be all a memory  
but normality will seem an unexpected and beautiful gift.  
We will love everything that has so far seemed futile to us. Every second will be precious.  
Swims at the sea, the sun until late, sunsets, toasts, laughter.  
We will go back to laughing together.  
Strength and courage.'*

**Pope Francis**

We have added a new page to the Learning Zone on the website which can be found in Parents' Information. The page is **Religious Education** and we have put on links to some sites which provide activities and daily prayers. It is important, now more than ever, that we keep God close to our hearts.

Please see the link to **Week of 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**. We only received this yesterday but it is a lovely prayer format for you to do with the children.

There is also a weekly task for each year group.

We will endeavour to put these links up every week.

### **Working at home**

You should have enough material to keep the children busy for next week. There will be no Home Learning set over the Easter Holidays.

From 20<sup>th</sup> April we will be setting activities for each day of the week. These will be posted on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> for the week. After that they will be posted on a Friday for the following week. We hope that this will help you to structure your day more clearly.

I would encourage you to join in with the Joe Wicks 30 minute workout every week day from 9am-9.30am on Youtube. There is also Storytime at 11am on the BBC home page.

We are looking into uploading videos of teachers reading a story for the younger children.

Please also check the class pages for any updates.

Although the school office is closed we are checking the email, [admin@olovrc.com](mailto:admin@olovrc.com) and the answer phone messages every day.

We hope you are all keeping safe and well. I would like to send you my personal best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



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