Thursday 9th April 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope you all continue to keep well. This will be a very different Easter but please take time to join in with at least one of the Easter services! There is a link on the Parish website to all the live Masses this weekend.

If you cannot make the Mass on Easter Sunday below is a link to an Easter Liturgy which you could pray as a family instead.

https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/prayers-for-home/sunday-liturgy-for-families/

This is still being worked on but will be ready by the end of the week. There are also links to daily prayers.

I received information today via an email sent to all Catholic schools from Westminster Diocese. I have copied it into a separate letter which has been sent with this one. I hope you can find time to read some of the articles and join in the prayers, and that these bring you comfort.

KEEPING FIT

Thank you to everyone who was able to send in a photo of them doing a Joe Wicks workout. This is such a good way of keeping busy and staying fit. Please keep sending them in.

You may also like to join in this 30 second step overs challenge. It could be a bit of fun for all the family!

https://twitter.com/BrentfordFCCST/status/1247824336632897537

HELP IS AT HAND

School is currently closed for the Easter break while we are having essential works done. Therefore the emails will not be monitored until Tuesday 14th April. I would like to urge anyone who is having any difficulties and is in need of support to please get in touch. While the phones are not manned we are checking the email address regularly. If you would like to speak to me or another member of staff in confidence please email the school office and we will ring you back. You do not need to say what it is about in your email. If we cannot help you directly we will be able to put you in touch with someone who can.
FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your child is entitled to FSM, not universal FSM, you are entitled to receive food vouchers. We have signed up to the Government programme to be able to issue these to you with ease. However, due to the high demand and technical issues there has been a delay in processing these. Therefore you may not receive these in time for Easter. We apologise for any delay and inconvenience this may cause.

Once the system is up and running you should receive your vouchers on a weekly basis.

PRAYING TOGETHER

I would like to share with you a prayer I received today. Whilst to many of our community the current situation is a mere inconvenience that has made us change our routines, to some of us this will be having a greater impact and possibly life changing consequences.

So today let us pray together for all those in our community and across the world who are in need of our prayers, our support and our compassion.

Dear Lord,
May we who are merely inconvenienced,
Remember those whose lives are at stake.
May we who have no risk factors,
Remember those who are vulnerable.
May we who have the luxury of working from home,
Remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.
May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close,
Remember those who have no options.
May we who have to cancel our trips,
Remember those that have no places to go.
May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market,
Remember those who have no margin at all.
May we who settle in for quarantine at home,
Remember those who have no home.
During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours.
Amen.

May we live in the knowledge that God is with us and with God we will overcome this current situation!

Stay safe and have a Blessed Easter.

Best wishes

Miss K. Coll / Headteacher