



Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope you all continue to keep well. I am sure you all celebrated Easter in ways very different to your normal celebrations but I hope it was an opportunity to really reflect on the important things in life. In his Sermon on Easter Sunday Fr Joe spoke about noticing things he may have previously taken for granted, bird song for one, and wildlife visitors to the garden.

I have found that I am so much more aware of the sounds in the environment and seeing the gradual growth of plants as they spring into new life. Everyday there is a new bud or flower. And colours seem more vivid. Is this because the smog over London has lifted?

#### **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

I have a book that gives a thought/reflection for every day of the year with a prayer. I often use these at staff meetings and sometimes with the children. Today's reflection is as follows:

In Korea there is a legend about a man who dies and goes to Heaven. Before he enters Heaven he asks to be taken on a tour of Hell. When he gets there he sees a table piled with food but all the people are starving. When he asks why this is he is told that everyone is given a pair of chopsticks 2 metres long and they have to eat from the end of these which is impossible.

When he arrived in Heaven he found the same table of food but the people were all well fed and happy. It was explained to the man that they have the same 2 metres long chopsticks but the people in Heaven have learned that as they feed their neighbour with the long chopsticks, their neighbour feeds them.

#### **Let us pray;**

Lord, inspire me always to have genuine care and concern for others  
And may people be generous to me as I am to them.

**Amen**

Please find below links to the TenTen resources.

**Below is a Power Point to an Assembly that you may wish to watch together**

[https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/assemblies/assembly-2020-04-20/2020\\_04\\_20\\_assembly\\_for\\_home/](https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/assemblies/assembly-2020-04-20/2020_04_20_assembly_for_home/)

**This link will bring you to a liturgy to share on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

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

**Here are the daily prayers to say together – week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> April**

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/prayers-for-home/daily-prayers-for-home/>

## KEEPING FIT

I hope some of you were able to join in the 30 second step overs challenge!

We have been working with Brentford Football Club for many years and the children have had many opportunities to participate in sport through their schools programmes. They are working hard to support families at home and have attached a link to their new Premier League Primary Stars Online Content page on the BFCCST website.

The PLPS Online Content is focused on improving the children's confidence and self-esteem in English and Maths. Brentford are using the appeal of the Premier League and the Brentford 1<sup>st</sup> Team Squad to inspire pupils to learn, be active and develop important life skills.

The content includes videos, games, competitions, and a range of quizzes for pupils to complete. All of the quizzes will be marked by a member of staff, with scores and feedback emailed back to the pupil's parent/guardian to share with them.

To be able to do this you will need to sign up. Please only do this if you are happy to do so. This is a suggested activity but is not compulsory.

<https://www.brentfordfcst.com/plps-online-registration/>

## HOME LEARNING

We continue to work on supporting pupils with learning at home. It is impossible to replicate the learning that would normally take place at school and it would be unreasonable to expect parents to do this. Therefore we are setting activities that we hope will engage your children and support them but will not add pressure to home-life during this already stressful time. I would urge you to do what you can. If you cannot complete all tasks then do not worry. If you need any support with any learning please email the school and we will pass the message on to the relevant staff member.

On Monday we will be uploading, onto the website, the next week's planning and activities. This will include links to learning sites. If your child does not have access to an iPad or computer please send an email to [admin@olovrc.com](mailto:admin@olovrc.com) and we will arrange for the work to be posted home. We are currently investigating how we can access laptops for children who do not have access so please do let us know.

We are currently investigating an online platform called Clasdogo to make the interaction between home and school easier. Each child will have their own account where tasks will be set and they will be able to upload their learning. We are hoping to start this by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April but it may take us a while to get it fully up and running. You will be sent an invitation to the site towards the end of next week.

Please see also a link to [bbc.bitesize](http://bbc.bitesize) which have a range of interactive games, activities and videos on a wide range of subjects and topics.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

Emails continue to be monitored. From next week there will be a member of the admin staff in on Monday and Friday and the phones will be switched on from 10am to 3pm on Monday and Friday only for urgent enquiries or if you need support. I will be available to speak with you during these times. If you have a concern that we cannot help you with directly we will be able to put you in touch with someone who can.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

I would like to apologise to those parents who have not yet received their food vouchers. The Government programme, Edenred has been unable to process all requests and therefore there has been a delay in getting these out. These will come directly from Edenred. I have been informed that these were processed today so hopefully you will receive the email today or tomorrow. These will be posted to those families who do not have email access. Although these will be backdated if you are currently struggling to feed your family please send an email and someone from school will call you tomorrow (Friday). Please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to help.

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

## STAYING SAFE ONLINE

Please see below the link to the 'Think you Know' website which gives advice on how to stay safe when using a phone, tablet or computer. These are child friendly activities.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

We will be sending home further information next week on how to keep children safe whilst online, including setting up password protection and parental guidance locks on some sites.

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

Stay safe.

Best wishes



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