



Thursday 30th April 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It is hard to believe that tomorrow marks the first day of May. An entire month has passed since we saw each other. I want to give a big shout out to all the children who are working so hard at home to keep up with their learning and an even BIGGER shout out to all the parents/carers who are working so hard helping with this. You are doing an AMAZING job. We, at school are very proud of you all.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

On 29th April 1933, the first football match was played in which players wore numbered shirts. I don't know what was on their shirts before that but if anyone does know please email me or send me a message via ClassDojo and I will be able to let everyone know next week. I could look it up on 'google' but this way is more fun!

The match was between Everton and Manchester City. Everton wore numbers 1 to 11 and Manchester City wore numbers 12 to 22. As you will all know, the shirts of most players now have their name as well as their number.

Calling people by their names is considered to be a sign of respect and of wanting to relate to them. (We sing a beautiful song about God calling us all by our name. "You have called us by our name, we belong to you. You have called us by our name, we are yours.")

In some countries prisoners are never called by their names, but always by their number. It is a way of "de-humanising" people, and taking their "individuality" away from them.

Let us pray

Lord, Jesus,

when you met Zacchaeus, the tax collector whom everyone hated, you looked at him and called him by his name. In doing that, you gave him back his dignity, and he changed his life around. He was able to see himself in a better way, and so he gave back to others the money he had cheated from them.

Lead us to show respect for each person as an individual, treating others in the same way that we would like to be treated.

Amen

We have heard some amazing stories of self-sacrifice, of people putting others before themselves. Sadly we have also heard about others acts of selfishness, discrimination and hate. Let us be people who put others before themselves. Let us call each other by our names.

Please find below links to the TenTen resources. These are resources that we use in school. The children are familiar with them and like them.

Sunday Liturgy for Families - <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/sunday-liturgy-for-families>

Daily Prayers for Home - <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/daily-prayers-for-home>

Assembly Video for Home - <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/living-your-best-life>

You can also sign up at CAFOD to take part in their weekly Interactive Sunday Liturgy. I have not seen them myself but I have it on very good authority that they are fun with lots of singing.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday. To find out more please see here:

<https://rcdow.org.uk/news/good-shepherd-sunday>

A link to Daily Prayers from the Jesuit community.

<https://pray-as-you-go.org>

Below is a link to a book for children explaining Coronavirus, which you can download for free. Please read this before sharing with your children to ensure you are happy with the content.

<https://rainbowsgb.org/2020/04/coronavirus-a-free-book-for-children/>

The Diocese are asking everyone to join them **every Friday at 10.30am to recite a decade of the Rosary**. The PowerPoint has been saved onto the school website in Parents' Information / Learning Zone / Religious Education.

KEEPING FIT

How did you get on with developing your tennis skills? Were there any breakages? I do hope not!

I hope you are still keeping up with Joe Wicks and getting other forms of exercise. This will keep you healthy.

MUSIC

The following links have been shared by our music specialist Mrs Quiller-Wildman

This link will bring you to lots of activities to keep your musical mind busy

<https://padlet.com/richardjones97/musicwonderwall>

This link will bring you to YouTube activities to help the children from Year 3 – 6 with their recorder practice

[\[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=89gV9fy67vI&list=PLg70I1W3Z2kroTp9g-d9FINGT6SI46qCq\]](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=89gV9fy67vI&list=PLg70I1W3Z2kroTp9g-d9FINGT6SI46qCq) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=89gV9fy67vI&list=PLg70I1W3Z2kroTp9g-d9FINGT6SI46qCq>)

LEARNING AT HOME

Once again I would like to remind you that the most important learning you can do with your children is to read with them and hear them read. We do not expect you to be substitute teachers but to support your children with activities as you normally would do with their home learning. I am sure, like us, there are times you feel overwhelmed with the amount of information that is shared and the number of online platforms offering activity ideas. Please do what you can.

To all the children I would like you to listen to your parents and work hard so that you are ready to carry on with your learning when you return to school.

Many families have signed up to ClassDojo and we have received lots of positive responses to this platform. It is enabling us to have daily contact with you at home and individual contact with each child who has signed up. The staff are able to see some of your learning and the things you are doing at home. If you have not yet signed up but would like to please send your consent to admin@olovrc.com and we will be able to sign you up.

There were a few teething problems but these seem to have been rectified. Please let us know if you have any further difficulties.

Staff will be checking ClassDojo between the hours of 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday. This will be a little less frequent on the days that they are working with children in school. However they will look at all your posts as frequently as they can. Thank you to everyone who has been reading stories for children and uploading guidance for parents onto ClassDojo. We hope you find these helpful and enjoyable.

Staff are working hard to plan activities for you at home. These are a range of web based and practical activities. We will continue to send learning activities to those children who do not have access to a computer and to upload all learning onto the website.

If you have chosen not to use ClassDojo but would like to share some work with your class teacher please send it to admin@olovrc.com and it will be directed to your class teacher.

THANK YOU

To all the teachers and teaching assistants who are coming in to school to teach and support the children, planning and preparing resources and working from home to ensure all families have what they need, now and going forward when we return to work. However a school could not run with teachers alone. Like the NHS we have many members of staff who work behind the scenes to ensure that the school is able to run smoothly. Therefore I would like to thank Mr Kazimirowicz our site manager for opening up the school every day and maintaining the premises. Our dedicated team of cleaners who have been in school every day making sure it is clean and germ free.

A particular thank you to Mrs O'Mahony, Ms Franey and Mrs Pink our Administration team who are making sure that the school keeps running; monitoring and responding to emails, supporting parents with admissions, free school meals, organising the post, scanning and photocopying materials, paying our bills, managing the premises and making sure we have a budget to keep the school going. These are just a few of the things, they are too numerous to name them all.

I would also like to thank the governors for their support and the Parish Priests who continue to provide spiritual guidance.

Everyone is working together. We have a brilliant team for which I am very grateful.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Emails continue to be monitored. The office is open from 10am to 3pm on Monday and Friday 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.

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/>

May God keep you safe from harm today and always!

Best wishes

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