



Friday 15th May 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

On Wednesday I sent out a letter to update you on the current situation regarding the re-opening of schools. The Prime Minister has expressed a desire to open schools to children in Nursery, Reception, year 1 and year 6. The school is working with the Local Authority who are working with the Department for Education (DFE) and the unions to ensure a safe transition for pupils, parents and staff. The senior leaders in the school are working on a plan, in consultation with staff, to put in place strategies to be able to complete a phased return to school when we have been notified that it is safe to do so. Although the Prime Minister indicated that schools **might reopen on 1st June a date has not been confirmed**. I am sorry I cannot give you a more definitive update but there are many issues and concerns to consider and therefore any firm decisions are impossible to make at this time.

We have contacted parents/carers with children in Nursery, Reception, year 1 and year 6 asking them to complete a survey. Can I please urge you to fill this in as it will give us an idea of how people are feeling about their children returning to school and will enable us to plan for re-opening. **Completing the survey does not commit you to sending your child to school**. You may decide this week that you do not want to send them and next week that you do. I understand that there is a lot of anxiety around this and we will do our best to alleviate your concerns. You will be given very clear and detailed guidance about our plans to re-open once they have been agreed with the governors, local authority, unions and staff. We will also be completing risk assessments once we have. We are closely following the guidance given by the government. Please be patient with us as this is changing daily.

The survey will also help us to evaluate how we are currently supporting families and children. Even though we have asked for your child's name all responses are anonymised in the analysis. We also understand that this is not an easy decision to make and wish to support you with this where we can.

This survey will be sent to parents of children in other year groups later on in the term.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

On this day in 1796 Edward Jenner created a vaccine for smallpox, a highly contagious disease that killed 2,000 people in London every year. This is a stark reminder that human beings have always faced terrible disasters but have always been able to overcome them. Medical science has developed so far in the last 200 years and we have the top scientists in the world working together to produce a vaccine against the current coronavirus.

We ask God to guide them in their work so that they will be successful in their endeavours as we pray together;

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

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/primary-subscription/prayers-for-home/sunday-liturgy-for-families/>

This link will also bring you to the **Daily Prayers for Home**

Assembly Video for Home - https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/assemblies/assembly-2020-05-18/2020_05_18_assembly_for_home/

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. The link to this Friday's YouTube Video is:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fur6IQI5GTk>

MUSIC

Charanga music: additional songs have been uploaded for you to access. The username and password remains the same.

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](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. Some children work at a different pace to others. Some families are finding that there is too much work set and others find that it is not enough. We are trying to cater for everyone in these very difficult times. Please continue to do what you have been doing. The staff have shared with me all the amazing learning that is going on. We are all very impressed and proud.

FAMILIES IN NEED

More and more families are beginning to struggle financially the longer this situation goes on. There are a number of organisations locally who can support families by providing food. If you find yourself in difficult circumstances please send an email to admin@olovrc.com asking to speak with me. I will discuss your situation with you and will then be able to make a referral.

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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