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Prayer of the Day

Lord God,

May the sight of your creation – from the vastness of mighty stars and planets to the lowliness of the smallest living creature that I can see – inspire me to grow in wonder and awe, in reverence for life, and in appreciation of the people I meet and of all that is around me.

Amen

GOOD NEWS: We will be able to return to school Mass this term but these will not be the same. They will be attended by only one year group at a time and live streamed to the rest of the school. **You are welcome to join us online** but Mass will not be open to the public.



Friday 25th September - Welcome Mass / **Year 6**

Friday 16th October – Harvest Festival Mass / **Year 3**

Friday 6th November - Family of God Mass / **Year 4**

Friday 27th November - Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Mass / **Year 5**

All Masses will be live streamed at 10am

STARTING BACK: Despite the worries and anxieties that many of us face we are having a great time in school and I cannot express how happy we all are to be getting back to some normality. This does not mean that everything is back to normal and we are still keeping safe; washing and sanitising hands and surfaces and keeping our distance.

We are lucky that we have had no Covid cases but it is inevitable that this will happen in the future. However cases in children are very mild so it is important that you continue to send your child to school if they are well. There have been very few cases in other schools and the symptoms have been mild.

There is a cold going around the school which is the usual cough and running nose. If your child has a cold but no other symptoms you may send them to school if they are well enough to be in school. If your child is not well enough to be in school keep them at home. Please notify the office of any absences.

If your child is sneezing please make sure they know how to catch their sneeze in a tissue.

Advice is that you will only need to get a test if your child has the following symptoms:

- a high temperature (37.8 or above)
- a new, continuous cough
- the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell.

Please see the attached grid for what to do if you suspect someone in your household has symptoms.

A reminder that if a child vomits they will need to stay at home for 48 hours to ensure the bug has left their system.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP: Well done. We have had a great week with drop off and pick up. The morning is going so well that we are going to go back to an 8.40am start for the main school. Nursery will continue to start at 8.30am to allow parents to bring the youngest children in safely. If you are a Nursery parent with a child in another year group you may drop them off at the same time. We expect all children to be in school by 9am. Anyone attending after 9am will be marked late.

Thank you to everyone who is able to come to school at the correct pick up time. This is going so well now I hardly need to be outside. A reminder that in order to reduce the number of adults in one space we ask that one person in a family only to pick up.

Please also keep to the 2 metre rule.

COMMUNICATION: I know this has become more difficult since returning to school. However we are planning to start using ClassDojo next week to make this easier. For anyone who has not signed up already this is a great way of sending messages between the school and parents. **You will be able to message your child's teacher directly.** We have emailed consent forms for anyone who has not signed up. Please continue to email or call the school office with any matter not related to class.

Please only come into the school office if it is an emergency. This is also in place to safeguard staff. Please email, call or send a note in with your child. In the current climate we have no choice but to put these measures in place.

HOME LEARNING: We would like to be able to use ClassDojo to set home learning. However we know that it will not be possible for everyone to access a laptop or tablet. Therefore we will continue to send paper copies to those children who need it.

BELONGINGS: Please LABEL your child's belongings including water bottles.

SAVING THE PLANET: My assembly this week was about recycling. We are making a concerted effort in school to recycle plastic, card and food. We have more than halved our food waste by ticking off who is having lunch before our cook starts preparing lunch and by designing a menu that the children like.



This week I introduced children to the ECO BRICK. This is a way of safely disposing of soft plastic that cannot be recycled. You need to collect all your soft plastic and put them into plastic bottles. **A word of warning..... do not use milk bottles, they stink!** The plastic has to be really packed in tightly with no gaps. The bottles need tops. Once the bottle is full bring it into class. Our first project will be to make a set of skittles for each class to play with. We will then do a design competition to come up with our next project. You can look up 'eco brick' for some ideas.

As I said to the children, "every little helps".

WELL DONE to Thomas Corley (Year 6) who has reached the top ten in the Love Reading Competition for this poem he wrote during lockdown.

I know why the lockdown child hopes

A free child plays
in the school playground
and runs in the park
till the grass is no more
and dips his toes
in the crystal blue stream
and dares to claim the world.

But a child that is stuck
in his lockdown home
can seldom see past
his desire to roam
his freedom is lost and
his friends are gone
so he opens his mind to hope.

The lockdown child thinks
of things to say
worries and anxieties
fill their day
he lies on his bed
wiping his tears away
for the lockdown child
dreams of normality.

The free child thinks of his closest friend
And the games they play that never end
And the sugary sweets waiting in a
colourful jar at home
And he knows his part in the world.

But a lockdown child's friends are
silhouettes in his mind,
Behind locked doors he can never find.
his freedom is lost and
his friends are gone
so he opens his mind to hope.

The lockdown child thinks
of things to say
worries and anxieties
fill their day
he lies on his bed
wiping his tears away
for the lockdown child
dreams of normality.

Please vote for Thomas (Poem No 3) by following the link below.

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/poetry-prize>

CYCLING TO SCHOOL: Thank you to everyone who has been able to follow the guidance and walk their bikes/scooters through the car park and along the one way system. Reminder scooters cannot currently be left at school.

PE: Your child will be having PE on the following days:

Monday – Year 3 and year 5

Tuesday – Year 4

Wednesday – Year 1 and year 2

Thursday – year 6

Please remember to send your child to school dressed in their PE Kit on the day they have PE.

READING: A reminder that reading books will go home on a Monday and come back on a Thursday. **If you do not have access to books for your child to read over the weekend please let us know and we will arrange for him/her to get extra books.**

If you need any support or have any questions about reading, please email the school.

May God keep you safe in the palm of his hands!



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COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

A quick guide for parents/carers

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <p>...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test results • Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...if a child's test comes back negative and symptom free for 48 hours. The child should not be tested again unless they develop new symptoms*</p> <p>If the test result is positive, then see below.</p>
 <p>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child should not attend school • Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) • Inform school immediately about test results • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days • Other household members should not get tested unless they develop symptoms because even if they tested negative, they must still isolate for 14 days 	<p>...after 10 days has passed so long as the child is feeling better and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours.</p> <p>They can return to school after 10 days even if they still have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Household member with symptoms should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...if the household member test is negative, and the child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days • No need for the child to get tested unless they develop symptoms 	<p>...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they tested negative during the 14 days</p>