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Prayer of the Day

Dear Lord,

As we offer you all that is ordinary and every day in our lives,
we ask you to give to us the power of your Spirit that we may do the ordinary things in life in an extraordinary way.

Amen

Liturgical Celebrations



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

WE HAVE HAD ANOTHER EVENTFUL WEEK

but all is well. We have had one confirmed case of Covid. All children deemed to be close contacts were sent home and government guidance has been followed. (Please see attached guidelines). We are working extremely hard within school to ensure that the children keep to their bubbles. From year 2 to year 6 we have been able to separate the classes so that if we have a case in any of these year groups only one class will need to isolate at home. However, this has not been possible for Reception and year 1 and they remain as a year group bubble. All year groups are kept apart and the playground has specific zones for each class.

Any child who is required to isolate at home will be provided with learning to do at home. This will be through ClassDojo or paper copies if you do not have access to a computer. A reminder that symptoms are mild in children and that you should continue to send them to school if they are well. We ask you to remain alert and if your child has a temperature please keep them at home. If they also have a continuous and persistent cough please notify the school immediately and arrange for a Covid test.

Advice is that you will only need to get a test if your child has any of 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.

WELCOME MASS: We celebrated a lovely Welcome Mass today which was streamed online. I hope some of you were able to watch. Mass will be attended on a rolling programme by the junior pupils. Thank you Fr Liam and the Parish team for enabling us to return to Mass and cleaning the Church so that it is kept safe for us all.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP: Please remember to keep to the 2 metre rule.

COMMUNICATION: You can now contact your class teacher through ClassDojo. If you do not have access to ClassDojo please email the school. If you need to speak to your child's teacher please send them a message and they will arrange a suitable time for you both.

Please be aware that the class teachers will not be able to answer any queries after 6pm each weekday and between 6pm on Friday and 8am Monday morning. Everyone needs a time to rest!

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.

PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS: We will be arranging for every parent to have a telephone consultation with their child's class teacher, after half term. Dates and times will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

SPARE UNIFORM: Parents have very generously donated uniform that their children have grown out of. It is all of good quality and a range of sizes. If you would benefit from spare uniform please make an appointment to come into the school. If you have a child in the juniors they could take a look for themselves. We are happy to help them.

BELONGINGS: Please LABEL your child's belongings including water bottles. It is so much easier for us to return lost property when it has a name.

WINTER COATS: It felt very much like winter was on it's way today. Please make sure your child is wearing a warm coat, preferably water proof, unless it is an unseasonably hot day. It is important that children get outside during the day and we will be staying outside during break and lunch, even in a light drizzle.

WELLINGTON BOOTS: The playground zones include using the grass area. We would like to be able to use this for as long as possible to ensure the children can distance in the playground. If you can, send your child to school with a pair of wellington boots in a bag on a Monday and we will send these home on Friday for your use at the weekend.

SAVING THE PLANET: I hope you have all started your eco bricks. These need to be packed tight with plastic. A wooden spoon to push the plastic down into the bottle is a great help. The bottles need tops. Once the bottle is full bring it into class.



A word of warning..... do not use milk bottles, they stink!

KEEPING HEALTHY: We aim to provide pupils with a healthy lunch. Please support this by making sure your child has a healthy packed lunch. This means: **no chocolate or chocolate spread, sweets or crisps, except on a Wednesday.** Please also note that a number of children and adults have **NUT ALLERGIES** so please do not send in anything that contains nuts. This includes Nutella Spread, which contains nuts.



We aim to support healthy lifestyles by running the **daily mile** every day. Mrs Bell is also leading extra fitness sessions on a Thursday and Friday. This includes High Intensity Training (HIT) and teaching children a range of active games for playtime. She is also looking into introducing a sound system into the playground so that we can dance.

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.

YEAR 6 SECONDARY TRANSFER:

Information has been sent to all parents of pupils in year 6 about how to apply for high school. A PowerPoint has also been uploaded onto the website in Parent Information/High School Admissions. If you need any support or further guidance on completing forms for the secondary transfer please contact the office and we will try to help. A reminder that all forms need to be submitted by 31st October at the very latest.

Have a blessed weekend,

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







Miss K. Coll / Headteacher



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>