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Prayer of the Week

Lord,

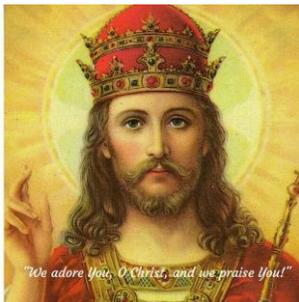
There is so much that I don't know, and I ask you to inspire me with a thirst for knowledge.

I pray, too, for wisdom that I may use my knowledge well.

I give thanks for many people I have never met whose knowledge and understanding have been passed on to me.

I ask that I may benefit from their work and experience and may contribute, in turn, to the well-being of others.

Amen



**HAPPY FEAST DAY OF
CHRIST THE KING**

CHRISTMAS: It is hard to believe that this weekend marks the end of the Church's year with the Feast of Christ the King and next Sunday is the first Sunday in Advent. Christmas will be here before we know it.

We will be doing as much as we can, under the circumstances, to make sure the children have a lovely time at school. We will be decorating the school in time for Advent with Christmas trees and fairy lights. The children will be making decorations to decorate their classrooms and engaging with fun, creative activities.

We will be celebrating Christmas Jumper Day on 11th December with a Virtual Pantomime. We will also make sure the children have class parties. We have decided not to have a Christmas dinner this year. To ensure the children remain in their bubbles and socially distanced they will need to remain in their class groups. The dinner would be packaged in disposable containers and there would not be the same exciting atmosphere.

Instead we will choose a day where we distribute Christmas crackers to the children and give them a treat. If you have any other ideas to make this a fun time please let me know.

Year 6 will be joining **Cardinal Wiseman's Carol Service on Monday 7th December at 6pm** in Cardinal Wiseman Playground. Details of Christmas plays and the Carol Services will be sent out next week.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: We will be happy to distribute Christmas cards to the children. We propose that cards are brought into school on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. These cards will then be 'quarantined' in a box over the weekend and distributed on a Monday. We will start accepting cards from Tuesday 1st December. The final date we can accept cards so they can be distributed before we break up is **Thursday 10th December.**



CHRISTMAS GIFTS: A number of parents have approached me about Christmas gifts for staff. There is absolutely no obligation to give gifts and we understand that this is a very challenging time of year for many families. However if you do wish to give a small gift to a member of staff you are welcome to do so.

CONSENT TO TAKE AND SHARE

PHOTOS: At the moment we are unable to do any face to face concerts or group meetings. All the plays / assemblies will need to be videoed and put on ClassDojo or the school website. A number of parents have not completed consent forms and this is making it more difficult for us to post things. Please complete the consent forms if you can. We respect people's privacy and understand if you do not wish to sign consent. Please be aware that we do not use Facebook or Twitter.

WATCHES: Pupils should only be wearing watches once they can tell the time on an analogue watch. This should only be a watch with an analogue face, not a digital watch and not a smart watch. The clock face should have numerals on it, such as the one below.

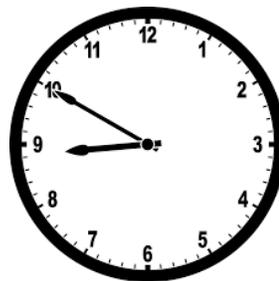


Digital and smart watches are very big and normally very expensive. The children do run around and these watches are more likely to get broken. Any child wearing one of these watches will be asked to remove the watch and put it in their bag.

JACKETS/COATS: It is important that children wear a warm coat to school during the winter months. However it is advisable that these are not expensive, designer labels. The children are not great at looking after their belongings and if they take them off at break time they forget them. If the coats are not labelled it is very difficult to return them and we have had several cases of missing coats this term. Please make sure that all uniform, especially coats and jumpers are **LABELLED**. We do everything to help your children find their missing belongings which is made much easier if it is labelled. Young children will mistakenly pick up things belonging to someone else. If your child comes home with someone else's belongings please return it to school.

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS: We have pupil vacancies in the school in year 3, 4 and 6. If you know of anyone who has moved into the area and is looking for a place for their child please advise them to contact the school for an application form.

START OF THE DAY: Now that we all know the morning routine the start time will resume to the original time of 8.50am. **Please ensure your child is in school by 8.50am** so that lessons can begin promptly.



Thank you all for generous donations. An update to last week's figure of £365 – you actually raised a whopping £374.85. Well done.

HOT LUNCH FOR THE JUNIORS: This has been going well. We did not have the number of children taking up the offer as we thought. Therefore going forward, if you would like your child to have a hot lunch please order and pay for it by 12.30pm Friday the week before with Harrisons at www.ealingmeals.com. This can now be ordered each week.

NASAL FLU VACCINATION: The nasal flu vaccination will now be administered in school on Monday 14th December, for those children whose parents have requested it.

READING: It is essential that you read to and with your child every evening so that they can practice and develop the skills they are learning in school.

As well as the reading books that children take home each week, there are many digital reading platforms online, to help access a range of reading materials. One that we have told you about before is Oxford Owl. <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/> (Go to my class log in at the top). We will send a reminder text message with log in information.

SCOOTERS: If your child rides their scooter to school you are asked to carry it home. This is to limit the number of children going to the bike shed so that they are not crossing bubbles. It has been agreed with a couple of pupils, who have special circumstances, that they can leave their scooters at school. Please take all other scooters home unless you have an emergency and have agreed with the member of staff on the gate that you can leave it.

MOBILE PHONES - YEAR 5: If your child is in year 5 and you are planning to buy them a phone this Christmas please do not buy them a smart phone as they will not be able to bring this to school in year 6. A letter detailing this will be sent out next week. We recommend a simple block phone like the one below.



COVID 19 – UPDATES: Yesterday I attended a virtual meeting with leaders from Greenford and Perivale to discuss the rate of COVID-19 cases in the local area and what we as a community can do to decrease this.

It has been noticed that the busiest times around Greenford Broadway are school pick up and drop off times. Officials said that there is an increase in the number of people in shops; queueing outside shops and take away establishments. It is believed that this close contact is adding to the spread of the virus.

Schools have been asked to support measures in place through our communication with parents by providing you with additional information.

- If you need to go shopping please go during the school day when the shops are less busy. This way you can also avoid bringing your children into shops and therefore decreasing their exposure to COVID-19.
- Remember to wear your masks when you are in crowded areas. This includes walking to and from the school.
- You should continue to keep a safe distance from other adults especially at drop off and pick up times. Please avoid crowding in the playground by finding a space away from other parents.
- A reminder that only one adult at a time should be dropping off or collecting a child.
- If you, your child or anyone else in your household has symptoms you must all stay at home and isolate. You must notify the school.
- If anyone in your household takes a test for COVID-19 you must all stay at home until you receive the results. If it is negative your child can return to school. If it is positive you must isolate for between 10 and 14 days. Please see the guidance attached.
- Please remember to wash/sanitise your hands regularly, especially when returning home.

All these recommendations are put in place to keep you and your family safe.

HANDS FACE SPACE

E-Safety Tip:

In the current climate people are using technological devices more and more to connect with the world. We need to move with the times but also do everything we can to keep children safe.

Be positive and embrace the technologies that young children enjoy and look for family activities or games. Take time to explore the games and services that your children are using, or want to use, and look out for any safety features that may be available.

DIARY DATES:

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.

Monday 7th December – Cardinal Wiseman Carol Service – 6pm

Friday 11th December – Christmas Jumper and Pantomime

Liturgical Celebrations



DUE TO THE NATIONAL LOCKDOWN AND THE CHURCH CLOSURES WE WILL NOT BE HAVING MASS THIS TERM

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>