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### PRAYER OF THE WEEK



It was on this day in 1876 that Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, laid the first wires that were able to transmit speech.

Sometimes we take many things for granted – like the telephone. There are times too, when we take people for granted.

Let us pray:

That each of us develops the skills and talents we have been given, and that we remain open and sensitive to all that is around us.

We pray that we may live in such a way that we use things and love people, instead of using people and loving things.

We pray that we may value and treasure all who come into our lives – not just for what they can do, but for who they are.

Let us pray that we live in such a way as to express appreciation by the way we look at people and in what we say.

Amen

**GOOD NEWS:** It has been great to see so many of you dropping off the children and picking them up at the end of the day. My 20 minutes on the gate whizzes by!

The buzz has returned to the school, with the return of the children. There is lots of chatter and the children are having a lovely time seeing their friends.

The staff have expressed their joy at seeing the children back. Remote learning has been a challenge for everyone!

We have been very impressed with how well the children have kept up with their learning whilst at home. They have found school a bit noisy after the quietness of home but are having fun.

**HOME LEARNING:** You may have noticed that the children did not have any home learning this week. We felt that you deserved a break and the children have been working extremely hard since they got back.

Home learning will be set from next week and will concentrate on English and maths. This will be submitted through Google Classroom for year 2 to 6 and ClassDojo in Reception and Year 1.

If you need paper copies please send a message to the class teacher.

**KEEPING ACTIVE:** We know that it has been difficult to stay active during Lockdown and we hear in the media that as a society we are less fit and have put on weight. We recognise the importance of keeping active so we are doing short bursts of high intensity training, running the daily mile and doing more PE. The children are very active at playtime and do not stop running around. Thankfully the weather has not been as bad as predicted and we are taking every opportunity to get outside.

**Next Friday 19<sup>th</sup>** we will be doing extra tennis activities. ALL children are invited to come to school in their PE kit.

**CONTACTING STAFF:** I know that during lockdown you were able to contact staff at any time of the day into the evening and they would respond very quickly. However now that teachers are back at school full time they will not be able to read or respond to messages in the same way. They are in class full time and spend a lot of time planning, preparing resources and assessing the children, long into the evening.

Therefore we ask you to limit your messages to those things that are essential. For staff well-being I have asked staff only to check and respond to messages between 8am and 5pm Monday to Friday. Staff have been directed not to check ClassDojo at the weekends.

If you do post a message we will endeavor to respond to this within 48 hours. Please do not expect a response on the same day unless it is an emergency.

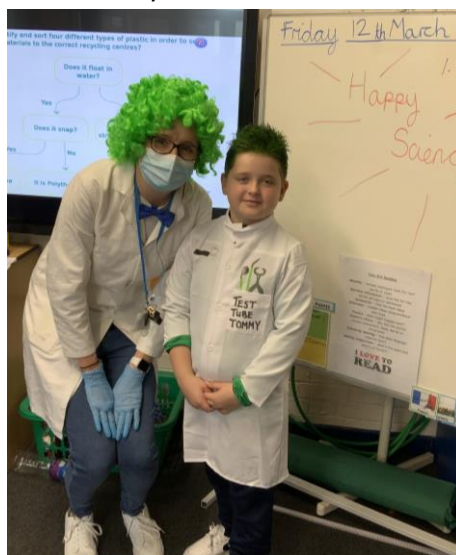
I do hope that you understand and support this. It is essential that staff are kept well to enable them to continue to do the fantastic job they have been doing, throughout lockdown and always. Therefore it is essential that everyone gets a break from their job, especially at the weekends.

**BREAKFAST CLUB:** We will continue to run Breakfast Club from 7.45am. However we do ask that parents let us know by Friday at 12pm for the following week so that we can plan our staffing arrangements and catering. We understand that there may be unforeseen emergencies but ask, where possible, that you book in advance.

We do not have sufficient numbers to re-open **After School Club** but if numbers increase we will be able to do this after Easter. We will keep you updated.

**PUNCTUALITY:** We do understand that there will be the occasional time when you are stuck in traffic and cannot get to school on time in the morning. We also understand that, in the current climate, some of you will be avoiding the groups of people lining up outside the school. However, there is a small number of children who are often late. This impacts on their learning as they are missing the beginning of the school day. Please try to get your child to school by 8.50am.

**FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH:** Science Day – The children have had a fabulous day being scientists. They have taken part in experiments throughout the day and have just had fun. The children from year 1 to year 4 went into the playground to dance the robot dance. Please see the school website folder; Curriculum/ Enrichment for photos from the day.



**PARENTAL SUPPORT:** Please see the attached flyers for advice on how to support children who may have difficulties with their communication skills and advice on managing emotions.

The advice line, 020 8825 8818, is open Monday-Friday from 1-4pm.

For more speech and language tips please check out our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/SLTEaling](https://www.facebook.com/SLTEaling)

**WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH:** St Patrick's Day. **Wear Green** to school. You can come to school dressed head to toe in green or just one item of green. This will be a non-uniform day.

We will ask for a donation of 50p per family for CAFOD.

**WEDNESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH:** Easter Parade. Non Uniform day. Come to school wearing bright, happy colours, and your Easter Bonnet or wear the one you make in school.

#### **Staggered Start**

Nursery AM - 8.40am – 11.40am  
Year 6 and Year 5 – 8.40am  
Year 4 and Year 3 – 8.45am  
Year 2, Year 1 and Reception – 8.50am

#### **Staggered Finish**

Nursery PM - 12.40pm – 3.40pm  
Reception, Year 1 and 2 – 3.10pm  
Year 3 and 4 - 3.20pm  
Year 5 and 6 – 3.30pm

If you are collecting siblings please come for the later time slot to avoid congestion.

**May God keep you safe from harm today and always!**

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