

Westminster Cathedral Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter

Monday 27th April 2020

'Love one another as I have loved you'

John 13:34

Dear parents and friends,

I want to start this week's newsletter by saying a huge thank you for continuing to adapt to the new way of learning and working remotely. Last week we continued our home learning structure with a few adaptations. The teachers are now sending an overview of the week to you on Monday and you are receiving daily emails with the children's learning further explained. The teachers are thoroughly enjoying receiving the emails you and the children are sending to them. I am regularly being informed as to the communication that is taking place between you and I thoroughly enjoyed reading the Celebration Newsletter on Friday. It is so lovely to see the achievements of our children. Thank you to Miss Simmons, Miss Figueiredo and Ms Smith for putting the assembly together.

Please remember the message Miss Smith sent last week for you to manage the work you are being sent home for your children the best way you can. It is important you look after you and your family's physical and emotional wellbeing first.

Please also remember to contact your class teacher, Ms Smith or myself in school if you would like any support around home learning or any other matter.

The Department for Education is sending me regular updates. I received these last week which I would like to share with you.

Updated guidance for parents and carers on the closure of educational settings

The guidance for parents and carers on the closure of educational settings has been updated with additional information on the resources available to parents to help them educate their children at home, eligibility for device and connectivity at home, and keeping children safe online.

The guidance can be found here: www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers

Help primary school children continue their education during coronavirus (COVID-19)

Advice for parents and carers looking after primary school children.

www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19



I am sure, like me, you have been inspired by Captain Tom Moore and his idea of raising £1000 for the NHS by walking around his garden 100 times has now made him a celebrity and he has raised more than £29 million for the NHS. Captain Moore celebrates his 100th birthday this week. I know you will join me in wishing him a very happy birthday. Have you had a chance to listen to or watch his number 1 hit? For those of you who joined Father Pat when he celebrated Mass yesterday

would have heard his homily centered around this beautiful song. Please enjoy watching and listening to this: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mov8Kb3FaEQ

Have a blessed week. Mrs Stacey



COMPUTERS AVAILABLE IN LIBRARIES:

Computers are being provided in special areas at Victoria and Church Street libraries to help residents who don't have their own computer or internet access at home. Residents can use a computer for up to 45 minutes from Monday to Friday, between 10am and 4pm.

Each computer and work station is carefully cleaned after each user and there is a 2 metre distance between desks. Staff are on hand to help with IT queries and to ensure that safe social distancing is observed at all times including queuing if demand is

Music at Westminster Cathedral Primary School.

If your child has lessons with Jan or Denis Cassidy you should have received an email last week inviting you to continue the lessons this term.

If you did not receive the email, please contact Mrs Beach in school.

Thank you to those of you who have responded to the email and been in touch with the school office.



Chess

You should have received an email from your child's class teacher informing you of all the home learning that you and your child can do.

We are pleased that your child (and you) have free access to the Gold membership of ChessKid

www.chesskid.com

It is a very engaging, interactive website that has a lot of online tutorials, demonstrations and games they can play. Please make use of this fantastic website.



Schools have been asked to emphasise the importance of a safe online environment and encourage parents and carers to set age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices and use internet filters to block malicious websites. These are usually free, but often need to be turned on.

Please use these resources to keep your children safe online:

[Thinkuknow](#) provides advice from the National Crime Agency (NCA) on staying safe online

[Parent info](#) is a collaboration between Parentzone and the NCA providing support and guidance for parents from leading experts and organisations

[Childnet](#) offers a toolkit to support parents and carers of children of any age to start discussions about their online life, to set boundaries around online behaviour and technology use, and to find out where to get more help and support

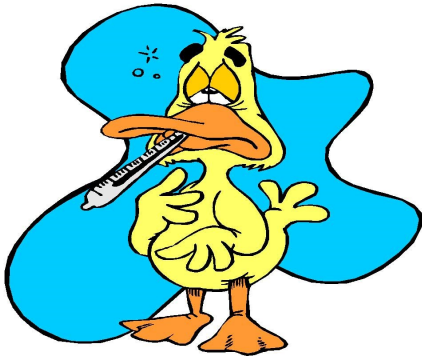
[Internet matters](#) provides age-specific online safety checklists, guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices, and a host of practical tips to help children get the most out of their digital world

[London Grid for Learning](#) has support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online, including tips to keep primary aged children safe online

[Net-aware](#) has support for parents and carers from the NSPCC, including a guide to social networks, apps and games

[Let's Talk About It](#) has advice for parents and carers to keep children safe from online radicalisation

[UK Safer Internet Centre](#) has tips, advice, guides and other resources to help keep children safe online, including parental controls offered by home internet providers and safety tools on social networks and other online services



Advice for parents during coronavirus: Children can get coronavirus (COVID-19), but they seem to get it less often than adults and it is usually less serious. Parents/carers should be reminded that if a child is unwell it may be a non-coronavirus illness, rather than coronavirus itself.

What to do if your child has symptoms of coronavirus

The symptoms of coronavirus are:

a high temperature

a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours

Call 111 If your child has these symptoms.

What to do if your child seems very unwell

Children and babies will still get illnesses that can make them very unwell quickly. It is important to get medical help if you need it. The NHS 111, GPs and hospitals are still providing the same safe care that they have always done. Please call 111 or your GP Surgery if you need to. It is extremely important to follow Government advice to stay at home during this period. Please read the information attached to this newsletter.



Please continue to pray for our family and friends in our community. Please pray for the NHS workers within our school community. Please pray for the many carers who are part of our school community, to those who work in supermarkets, delivery drivers and couriers. Please pray for those who work for the Metropolitan Police, Ambulance and Fire Service. Together we say, 'We adore you, O Christ and we bless you because by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.'

A message from Father Pat:

Photos – send in a photo of yourself or with your family and we will place them in the church during this lock-down period .