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Newsletter

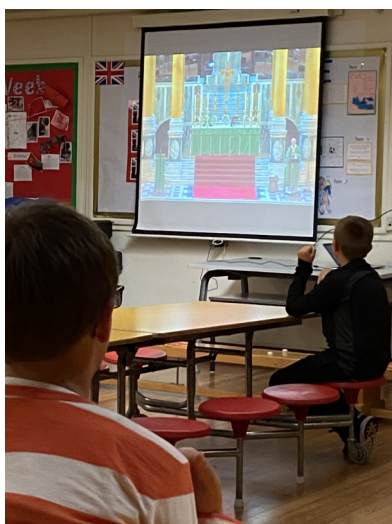
Monday 22nd June 2020

'Love one another as I have loved you'

John 13:34



Mass for Schools



On Thursday it was an honour to sit in the hall with our Year 6 class and share the Mass celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols live from Westminster Cathedral. The Cardinal celebrated Mass for schools and used his homily and blessings to say thank staff in schools, to the pupils and parents for working through the pandemic. He particularly spoke to the Year 6 pupils acknowledging that they are coming to the end of their primary years. He told the pupils to be proud of their achievements. I looked around the hall during his address and could see our Yr 6 pupils absorbing what he was saying. I trust they keep their faith and all they have learnt as they embark on the next stage of their educational career.

Dear parents and friends,

I hope you enjoyed the video clips that were sent last week. As I mentioned in my message, I do not see my next career in television!

This time of transition is an interesting one. We are continually looking at and reflecting on how we are providing for the pupils in school and the home learning. We are aware it can be difficult for you to motivate your children with the home schooling. The teachers will continue to send home learning via email each week and send a daily email. We ask that you respond to your child's class teacher via email at least once a week. We of course would like to see the work your child completes and we ask you send to this to your child's class teacher. If the school does not hear from you we will be following this system:

Step 1

- If you have no response from a family by Wednesday- Send a personal email asking how they are.

Step 2

- If you have no response by Friday - **Please phone home.**
How is.....name child....?
Is there anything at school we can do?
Would you like me to talk to(name child)?
Would you like any additional support? – write down details and inform AS.
- If the phone is not answered, try a second time. If not answered again leave a voice message.
Example message: "Hello this is..... This is a call to see how you are today. Please ring the school number on 020 7186 0155. I will be available till 4.30 today. If you would like us to call you outside of these times please email the school office which is being looked at throughout the day and the evening.
If you leave an answer machine message, please log it as 'AM' on your own personal class log.

Step 3

- If no response by the end of the day on the Friday, inform SLT (headteacher/ deputy headteacher)
Following week:
An email to be sent to the family from the school office.
If no reply, a phone call to be made by SLT/Office/SENCA
If still no reply, a letter to be sent home.
- If still no reply or contact -to ring Westminster Children Services
A record of steps taken and recorded.

Please help us by following step 1. Have a blessed week,
Mrs Stacey



School photographs.

We are conscious that a lot of children may be missing their friends in these unprecedented times and parents often like to buy a class photograph each year as a reminder of their child's time at school and their friends. As we have been unable to get into school this term to take Class photographs, we have created a composite Class group with the Rainbow of Hope as

a record of these difficult times.

You can view the image for free by entering the appropriate code for your child's class listed below on our website at www.photoordering.co.uk

Reception -code - PUB32G

Year 1 – code - R5MAT9

Year 2 -code - W8GYCS

Year 3 – code - XPWPES

Year 4 -code - RUPK3A

Year 5 – code - UGZX3Z

Year 6 – code - D6DK9K

If you ordered your child's photograph for it to be delivered to school—they have arrived. Mrs Beach may have contacted you to let you know they are in school and arrange collection.

Department for Education guidance that might be of interest for you.

Coronavirus (COVID-19): safer travel guidance for passengers – Updated 14 June 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>

Early years and childcare: coronavirus (COVID-19) – Published 17 June 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/early-years-and-childcare-coronavirus-covid-19>

Supporting children and young people with SEND as schools and colleges prepare for wider opening – Updated 18 June 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-send-risk-assessment-guidance>



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



Children's use of mobile phones.

I am sure over the past couple of weeks your child is making more use of their mobile phone and I know many children are using your phones to access their home learning. **Please be aware that smart phones that access the internet should be monitored closely by you.** It is recommended that children do not have mobile phones with them

when they go to bed. This is a safeguarding matter to protect them but also the 'blue light' can affect sleep patterns. Please be vigilant when your child accesses the internet via a phone/ tablet and monitor their use of social media.

Please be aware of the communication your child is having with others outside of your home. Thank you.