

Westminster Cathedral Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter

Monday 29th June 2020

'Love one another as I have loved you'

John 13:34

The Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul



Today is the Feast of St Peter and St Paul, it was celebrated in the Catholic Church yesterday. For those who joined Father Pat at Mass or any other Parish you would have seen the priests wearing red and the altar was dressed in red. The colour red is used to remind us of the blood of the martyrs—those who died for their faith.

St .Peter is often painted holding keys, the keys to heaven. He is often painted standing on a Cathedral which marks him being the first Pope.

St. Paul is often painted holding a book or a sword. The book represents the many letters St Paul wrote telling the early Christian community about Jesus. The sword is a reminder of the means of his martyrdom – he was beheaded in Rome in 67 AD.

Lord, when we think of the Church, we think of a building and the people in it. When YOU think of the Church, you see people all over the world joining together to worship you. Help us to be glad we belong to your family—the Holy Catholic Church. Amen

Dear parents and friends,

We are approaching the last month of this academic year.

At school, during the month of July, we look forward and prepare for the new academic year. Ms Smith and myself have been looking at the staffing for September. We are also looking at welcoming all the pupils back to school in September. This is likely to be on a phased return as we continue to follow the Government guidelines and for the pupils to become familiar with the routines in school. Please look out for a letter that will be sent this week to inform you of the staffing for September and how we will re-open the school to pupils from 2nd September 2020. Mr Scott-Cree visited the school on Wednesday, he met myself and Ms Smith and we had a very constructive meeting.

The month of July is also a time to look back and reflect on the academic year. Wow—what an interesting year to reflect on. This is not how I anticipated my last term at Westminster Cathedral Primary School to be. This week I have been spending time reading through your child's school report. It has been lovely being able to read about each child and many memories are flooding back. I am so grateful for these memories and even though I may not be able to see many of you before I leave, I will be leaving with fond and happy memories.

If you have not already done so, this is a lovely way to remember this year. Our school photographer has 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.

Have a blessed week, Mrs Stacey

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

Online education resources for home learning update

The DFE have updated their our guidance for online education resources for home learning to include additional resources and new tips to help parents and carers with home education.

The list of resources can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources>

Updated guidance on keeping children safe online

With the Home Office and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, we have updated advice and guidance to help parents and carers to keep children safe online during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak to include new information on apps to help children stay safe online.

The advice and guidance on keeping children safe online can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online>

A message from our school website provider:

Enter our Covid-19 Poster Design Competition!

Create a fantastic design for a COVID-19 poster promoting the themes of staying safe or keeping your distance.

The competition is open to primary and secondary school students aged 4 - 18. There will be 2 winners announced - one per age group.

What do we win?

50 copies of the winning poster in A4 portrait on 360gsm paper professionally reproduced, printed and delivered to your school free of charge and a social media shout-out from our official accounts.

The winning designs and the runners-up will also be featured in a gallery on the e4education website.

How do we enter?

1. Download the entry form on our website If you/your parents & carers don't have access to a printer or don't want to use that much ink, then entries on a plain piece of A4 paper is absolutely fine!

2. Get creative! Designing the poster can be a fun, educational art & design activity whilst also raising awareness of the current global issues and advice.

3. Email your submission! Submit a photo or a scanned copy of the artwork, along with the student's full name, age and school details (name, address and website address) to marketing@e4education.co.uk

Good luck! We can't wait to see your designs!

*All terms and conditions for the competition can be found [on our website](#). The closing date for the competition is **Friday 10th July at 4.30pm** and the winners will be announced by **Wednesday 15th July**.*



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.