

Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School

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light shine

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are all staying safe and keeping well, and that the sunshine we experienced over the Bank Holiday weekend allowed you to enjoy any VE celebrations. I'm sure it wasn't spent in the way first intended back last year when the bank holiday was changed for this very purpose. It did seem somewhat strange commemorating such an important event in our history under such unusual and challenging circumstances. Having said that, it was a chance for communities to enjoy something positive during such hard times. A sense of unity is important at times like this, as is kindness, courage and compassion.

Our prayer theme this week is COURAGE and this is so apt for us as we support our fantastic NHS and care workers who show this Gospel value daily as they go about their working day. It also befits the up and coming liturgical celebration of Pentecost, where Jesus' disciples needed to show courage to spread the Good News. Hand in hand with courage is the value of resilience. Courage and resilience to face the unknown and tell it you are ready and willing to get through it. These are values we teach our children every day and now our children will show the strength, resilience, compassion and above all the courage to overcome a darkness that has never been faced before by this generation. I am calling them the 'R' generation. Not 'R' in terms of COVID19 but **ready, resilient** and **raring** to go in a brave new world; where we know "I can" replaces "I can't." True Growth Mindset!

Following from the government's announcement yesterday, we are now considering the news on how we can start to return to school safely. There is a lot of confusion regarding messages given. Please rest assured we will not rush into any decisions unless they follow published guidance, are realistic, safe and manageable. We will carry on planning a phased, increase of face to face contact and support for our Year 10 pupils and continue to offer the best remote learning opportunities we can for all other pupils. It is imperative that pupils access and use fully our BSM@home learning resources or printed resources where requested. For any queries on this, please contact ictrequest@st-maryshigh.lancs.sch.uk for more guidance or for the resetting of 'email' passwords to allow access to BSM@home.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you for supporting Browndge St Mary's. We do appreciate it and very much look forward to when we can be a large, happy family once again.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Nicola Oddie
Headteacher