

Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> April

Dear Parents

It is unusual to be writing an Easter message in Holy Week. There is, however, nothing unusual about this Holy Week. We have been both impressed and moved by the response of school staff over these last few weeks working to ensure that the school remains open for the children of key workers. This will continue during Holy Week and the rest of the Easter holiday to support the Nation's efforts in response to the Corona Virus. We are sure that everyone's willingness to work together and support each other will make a huge difference in the weeks ahead.

We know many of you are experiencing what it is like to teach your children at home for the first time and we are sure for many of you that it has not been easy. Please try not to stress too much over whether your child is keeping up – there will inevitably be gaps and misconceptions, but these can easily be addressed later when the children return to school. As the government has suspended the National Curriculum requirements temporarily, we would like to encourage you to relax a little too as a family and spend some quality time with your children. Please do not feel pressurized to replicate a school day at home - this is something that is just not possible.

On the evening of the 19<sup>th</sup> April you will receive an email from your child's class teacher which will detail some important information about schooling for the Summer Term. This will detail how to access weekly activities for English, maths, science, topic, RE, art as well as provide links to music and other online resources. To ensure consistency across the school the key worker children will be using this same content at school. Teachers will also communicate with parents regularly with the aim of supporting parents in the education of their child at home in the summer term.

As this Easter weekend approaches, we continue to keep in our prayers you and your families. It is now more than ever we must continue to support our communities showing kindness and generosity to each other during these difficult times.

Remember this week culminates with Our Lord's Passion and the triumph of Easter. Please encourage the children to observe the key events and teachings from Holy Week. This is possible as Corpus Christi Church are live streaming Easter services via YouTube and Facebook. Our hopes this Easter weekend are that the joy of the Resurrection fills all of us and renews us for the journey ahead.

Finally, we are really missing our families, particularly the children and look forward to the school community being together again. Take Care!

Yours sincerely,

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