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Dear Parents

We are all becoming more and more aware of the importance of looking after our own mental health. This week the children have completed work which will hopefully give them strategies to deal with difficult situations for the rest of their lives.

Many of you are working on the frontline, and many of you are trying to work from home and juggle home learning. You are all amazing and you are all doing your best, you cannot do anymore. So please will you bear in mind that you need to be kind to yourselves? Your child may not have done all the work set, you may not have had time to cook the most nutritious meals, you may not have completed Dry January or done all the exercise you intended. But it is okay. You are coping with trying to help your child learn, (a job that few of you were trained to do), with your children missing school, with missing friends and family yourself, with not having a normal social life, with your own work and with worrying about vulnerable loved ones. You should be proud of what you are doing and please reward yourself with quality fun family time and quiet switch off time for yourself.

Best wishes

Mr. Hough

Gospel Reflection - *Dom Henry Wansbrough*

Life can be demanding. Prayer is good for us – it gives us great strength! Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI reminds us, “Prayer brings us not only nearer to God but also nearer to one another.” In this Sunday’s Gospel, we hear about Jesus taking time out to recover and refresh himself through prayer. After he brings peace and recovery to Simon’s mother-in-law, everyone crowds in on Jesus, wanting to be healed. Finally, Jesus goes off in the early morning to gather strength by praying to his Father. Jesus regularly gathered together the community and prayed with them. He also made time to pray alone – a model of praying for us to follow. Prayer was the source of Jesus’ joy, strength and compassion, and it can be ours too.

Internet Safety Day

Tuesday 9th February 2021 is Internet Safety Day. The theme of the day this year is ‘exploring reliability in the online world’. It is now more important than ever that children learn how to differentiate between fact and fiction on the internet. The children will watch a short video assembly on Tuesday and they will also complete an activity based around the theme of the day. The assembly and activities will be on Showbie from Tuesday in the ‘Computing’ area.

Interim reports

Reports will be sent out at the end of next week via your email address. Please look out for a letter regarding this on Monday.

Parent Consultation Meetings

These will be held via Zoom on Wednesday 24th February. We have purchased an online booking system for this and will send more details to you next week when we have completed the training.

Roper Trust

Thank-you to the Roper Trust for their very generous grant which has enabled us to re-develop our Early Years Foundation Stage outdoor provision and purchase extra resources for Year One. A new astro-turf covering has been fitted and bamboo fencing installed. There is a new sandpit, mud kitchen, see-saw and lots of other resources to enhance the outdoor experience for the children.

This week's learning

EYFS have been learning about polar bears. They have been learning the 'th' and 'ng' sounds in phonics. Year 1 have been planning a story and they have been looking at multiplication in maths.

Year 2 have been working hard on their multiplication and division skills.

Year 3 have been keep active this week and enjoyed their art activities linked to their science work on fossils.

Year 4 have been writing non-fiction texts and calculating area in maths.

Year 5 have made superb progress this week in maths, focusing on using co-ordinates.

Year 6 have been looking at ways of keeping themselves mentally healthy. One way of doing this is through art. They have looked at the work of Robert Delaunay.

Parish News

Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Church on Sunday at 11.15am. Please follow Covid protocols to keep everyone safe.

First Communions update from Fr. Millar:

Given the new lockdown we will not be beginning the First Holy Communion classes as planned. When the restrictions begin to be lifted we will announce the dates for First Communions and the plan as to how we might teach the children this year.

Technology

Do you need support with technology for home-schooling? Please contact us, as we may be able to help.

School meal vouchers

Have your circumstances changed recently? Could you be eligible for Free School Meals? Get in touch and we can order vouchers if you fulfil the criteria.

★★★★★★★★ Stars of the Week ★★★★★★★★★★

EYFS	Maham	Damien
Year 1	Maya	Dillan
Year 2	Harris	Sara
Year 3	Tegan	Chenal

Year 4	Umaiza	Sithuki
Year 5	Amina A	Hajra
Year 6	Ahmad Raza	Lucasz

Music

Congratulations to all the musicians who completed the Churanga challenges this week. Those collecting the most coins were:

Foundation: Khadiyah - 250 coins

Year 1: Haniyah - 530 coins

Year 2: Eden - 560 coins

Year 3: Chenal - 290 coins

Year 4: Muhammed Zayan - 280 coins

Year 5: David- 1890 coins

Year 6: Amsah - 1240 coins