



## Newsletter Number 27

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents and Friends,

We have reached the end of the second week of a very different time in school and indeed, in all of our lives. Teachers have been busy uploading work for the children in the 'Home Learning' section of our school website. Please remember to work through these at a pace that is comfortable for you, your child and your family. On Wednesday I emailed all parents who have children in Year 1 – Year 6 to introduce the children to a new messaging system on Purple Mash so that they could keep in touch with their friends. The class blogs have been a hit too and I know your teachers have enjoyed reading what you have been doing at home.

Although we are in such uncertain times at the moment, there is still some certainty, which we must try not lose sight of:

- 1) There are good people in our community. These might be your neighbours, your friends and family or people you have only just met online. Adversity brings people together: that is certain.*
- 2) The school will always be here. The teachers and all staff have acted with professionalism and dedication. They have made themselves available on a rota basis in school and have supported children and parents with home learning. The staff team have been supportive to each other, and are an absolute necessity in ensuring that key/critical workers can attend their place of work to support the community. I could not wish to be going through this with any other team; that is certain.*
- 3) The parents of our school are supportive. The decision you made to find childcare for your children will impact on reducing the spread of the virus. It has meant fewer children in school, therefore fewer staff in school. I could allow more staff to stay at home: to be safe with their families. We needed you and you responded, thank you. When school does reopen – and it will, we will offer the same level of support and compassion for your children and my staff; that is certain.*
- 4) The children of our school are resilient. Often it is the children - the youngest and most vulnerable - that actually become our prop. Their need for structure and normality ensures that we remain focussed, purposeful and composed. We need them as much as they need us; that is certain.*
- 5) The world will dance to a different rhythm when this song ends. Our working patterns may change, our relationships with each other may change and our attitude to what is truly important may change. Things will be different - optimistically for the better; that certainty however is in our hands... (hopefully our very well washed hands).*

**Love makes us seek what is good; love makes us better persons...Love makes you reach out to others in need, whoever they are. Every genuine human love is a reflection of the love that is God himself.** (Pope John Paul II).

**Happy birthday to those of you celebrating this week!**



**Birthdays 30th March – 5<sup>th</sup> April**

Marvellous 10; Sofia 5; Ehime 8;  
Amelia 8; Angelus 9; Jason 6;  
Troy 9.



One of my Headteacher colleagues wrote a poem for the children in her school. I have borrowed some of her ideas to create my own poem for the children at St Peter's.

Please read it to your child.

## Missing You

On the twentieth of March, twenty-twenty,  
I had to shut our school,  
I didn't want to close,  
But I followed the Government's rule.

I knew it was going to be hard,  
It felt scary and unknown,  
But we enjoyed our last day together,  
Before I sent you home.

We've still been here for a few children,  
Making sure that they have a great time,  
Doing things that we don't always get time for,  
Outdoors, in the sunshine.

The school phones are ringing as usual,  
With emails we're keeping on track,  
You're busy with your home learning,  
But we can't wait for you all to be back.

I've missed you so much since you left,  
And I think of you in all that I do,  
Nothing seems right without children,  
And I can't wait to be back with you.

I miss the morning greeting at the gate,  
And the big rush to all get inside,  
Seeing no bags or coats on the pegs,  
Makes the classrooms feel empty and wide.

English lessons have stopped with your teachers,  
Where you learn to read, spell and write,  
The pride on your faces as you learn new words,  
And knowing you're getting it right!

Daily worship in the hall is missing,  
Where we gather, listen and share,  
Coming as one to give praise and thanks,  
Sing songs, reflect and say a prayer.

Year 5 guitars don't play on a Tuesday,  
The drums are silent without you,  
There are no Core Value Ambassadors,  
And no Workers of the Week too.

Our playground is big, grey and empty,  
And the field is all lonely and bare,  
Your games and your laughter are missing,  
It's just not right you're not there.

I can't hear you counting and adding,  
As you learn in your daily maths time,  
There's no sorting shapes or measuring tapes,  
Or chanting of a number rhyme.

Science is not being studied,  
And PE lessons are on hold,  
History and Geography are waiting their turn,  
And no children's stories are being told.

Equipment remains in the cupboard,  
Pencils can't write by themselves,  
Library books sit there unopened,  
Gathering dust on the wooden book shelves.

What's still here are your wonderful workbooks,  
Great displays with your work on the walls,  
Photos of you learning together,  
And playing with bats and balls.

The love I have for you all is going nowhere,  
It's safely locked up inside,  
So when all the germs have gone away,  
You'll be here, safely back by my side.

### Live Services on Instagram

During Holy Week, you can still join in with thousands of others across the Diocese on Instagram to celebrate these special days.



**Holy Week**

All the services that will be Live Streamed on Instagram

<i>Palm Sunday</i>	<i>Holy Thursday</i>	<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Easter Saturday</i>
5th April	9th April	10th April	11th April
Mass 10.30am	Mass 8pm Shortly after 9pm, quiet watching with the Lord (Adoration), until 10pm	Service of the Passion of the Lord, 3pm	Easter Vigil in two halves. 8pm-8.45pm: Blessing of the Fire, Exsultet, Readings 9pm-10pm: Gospel, Homily, Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Liturgy of the Eucharist, Easter blessing
			<i>Easter Sunday</i> 12th April Mass, 10.30am

All Orders of Service will be available at [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) the evening before  
**@brentwoodcys**

Logos: Walsingham House, Brentwood Catholic Youth Service

Keep safe everyone! We look forward to when we can all come back together as a school family

God Bless all our families,

**CScott**

Mrs Clare Scott  
Headteacher



## **Pope Francis**

### **Prayer for protection from Coronavirus**

O Mary, you shine continuously  
on our journey as a sign of  
salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you,  
Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you  
participated in Jesus' pain,  
with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the  
Roman People, know  
what we need.

We are certain that you  
will provide, so that,  
as you did at Cana of  
Galilee, joy and feasting might  
return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves  
to the Father's will

and to do what Jesus tells us:  
He who took our sufferings  
upon Himself, and bore our  
sorrows to bring us,  
through the Cross, to the joy  
of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your  
protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas

- we who are put to the test -

and deliver us from every danger,

O glorious and blessed Virgin.





## *Our St Peter's School Rainbow of Hope*

