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Dear Parents and children,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. I write to you on what would have been the last day of this Spring Term. Of course, we find ourselves in a rather different frame of mind. At this time, I do not know when we will be returning, however I think we all would agree it is unlikely to be for a while yet. What seems like an age has only actually been 2 weeks at home.

I encourage you over the next fortnight to stay at home and stay safe where you possibly can. How strange that in a time of lock-down, we may all become closer and more united than ever before. In place of the normal, we have been given time – a treasured gift that ordinarily is in such short supply for most of us. Let us decide to see this time as a gift, as after all, today is of course the present! The more we actively direct our minds to notice a smile, a kindness, a tear of frustration, a behaviour born out of loneliness and separation we are putting in place a brick of self-worth and a cornerstone of resilience that will outlive the coronavirus epidemic and stay with our children' for the rest of their lives.

Thank you to everyone for your messages of support and we have enjoyed receiving your fantastic photographs of your learning. I pray that you stay well, safe and positive during this Easter time. Easter is a symbol of hope, renewal and new life. These are positive concepts we can all unite around at this time. Take care and keep in touch.

Warmest Regards
Mrs K Yuen

[New Learning Packs for Week 3 at Home](#)

We have been busy preparing our next set of Home Learning material, which starts after Easter. You should receive these via The Gateway App . You will also find on our website under learning with us, a new tab "Learning at home" from this section you will be able to access all the materials we have sent out. There will be new weekly plans as well as our Learning challenges. The weekly plans will have links to online activities too.

[Signs of spring Photo competition](#)

Look for signs of spring. Send in your photos by the end of the Easter Holidays. House points for all entries and prizes to be won.

Ways to keep in touch and receive information

Important Notice

Please remember to download the School Gateway APP. This is our main way of communicating with you



Email us on:

admin@stmaryscatholicprimary.northants.sch.uk

Send Your Good News

Stories to:

admin@stmaryscatholicprimary.northants.sch.uk

We would love to hear from you and possibly a photo too so we can put it in future editions.

Fun Den building



Thank you Connie, Lois, Aila and Sofia for sharing your photos. Look even Mrs Blincow and her granddaughter have had a go!



Home Learning



Thank you Ebony, Alex and Tyler for sharing these Pieces of Home Learning.



A useful Link

Relax Kids are offering their CALM package as a free resource to be used with children and young people.

Just click on link: <https://www.relaxkids.com>

**The staff at St Mary's wish you all a Happy and Holy Easter.
Keep Safe everyone.**

Message from our School Chaplain

In only one week there has been such a dramatic change to our pace of life. To begin with we were adapting rapidly to new instructions and rules and for the most part wanting to get it right. The realisation of the enormity of what was happening was settling into our very beings. Social distancing, self-isolation, shielding... suddenly this became our common language.

For those working for the NHS and in care, their days are full and relentless in a new and frenzied way. For those in the supermarkets, rubbish collection, post and delivery and other essential services, their work continues with a new emphasis on the importance of their role in society.

Looking for rainbows in every situation can be tricky at times like these... but if like me you tried to count them there were just so many...amazing! Moments during the past week like the shout-out for the NHS were truly uplifting! One couple I know, both paramedics, have had to cancel their wedding this weekend. They have said that support shown by the shout-out as they drove through London with blue lights flashing meant everything to them! For you as parents, the demands are now on your organisational and creative skills in a way that was never imagined, as every day family life is centred on truly existing together, showing love and kindness no matter what So continue to find a solution to each problem as it arises, search for a rainbow in every situation and you will be able to bring a calmness to every storm...and in all of this, just remember to take time to breathe! God bless, Mrs Darwin



