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Dear Parents and children,
I do hope all is well and your time together as a family is providing many new opportunities. The sun keeps shining which is always an added joy.

During the week, staff have been in school sorting out rooms and spaces. Furniture has been moved and the school is looking very different. Preparations are happening for the phased return for some children. As we still await authorisation for this return and a return date, it is wise to share with you that staff will require specific training so it is unlikely to be straight away on the 1st of June.

Happy Half term to you all please remember the school will be closed next week for all children. However, office emails are still being monitored and we will try and respond as quickly as possible.

Take care and keep in touch
Warmest Regards
Mrs K Yuen

Home Learning Week 8 activities- Celebrations

Have a wonderful Half Term. New learning plans for week 8 will be available soon ready for after half term. Keep a look out on the website.

Week 8 (after half term) aims to provide opportunities for your child to learn more about celebrations. Learning will focus on different types of celebrations that take place and who may celebrate them. It looks at how people celebrate different events differently in other parts of the world



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.

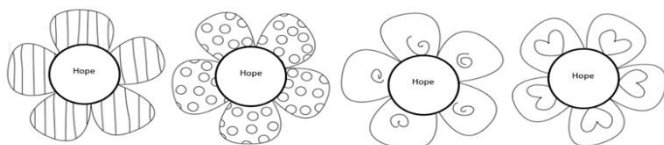
News From the community

Thank you to everyone who has sent in a message of hope, we are starting to create a special board of messages. Please do send in yours and help our garden grow!



As a reminder...**The OLICAT Trust Chaplaincy Team is inviting you to join our schools in creating a Garden of Hope.** There is always hope...and we thought one way for us all to unite our Olicat schools at this time, would be to put our thoughts down onto the template of a flower and create our own gardens of hope for when we return to school. This expression can take many different forms. Choose **one** of the ideas listed below which works for you. You may have a better idea! You may want to choose more than one idea.

What do I have to do?



- ❖ Choose your favourite flower enable editing and click on the word 'Hope' to show the text box. (The word may be deleted if you wish.)
- ❖ Write/type how you are feeling right now.
- ❖ Write a poem about the good things at home during lockdown
- ❖ Write a prayer for those in need
- ❖ Write a personal prayer
- ❖ Give thanks...
- ❖ Express what you would like to see happening in the future

If you would like to use different fonts, colours, clip art etc., – in fact anything to make your flower stand out – please do! Each expression of thought should be displayed on a flower template before sending **Send your finished flower and expressions of hope to the school office.** Keep a look out on the Olicat website, in the Chaplaincy section, for your flowers to pop up in our 'Garden of Hope'.
<https://www.olicatschools.org/>

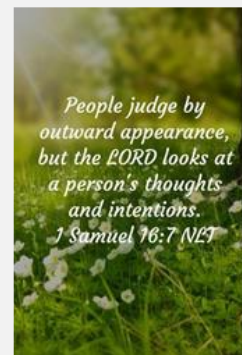
Thank you, Hayley, for this ...an update on the Swan, that she spotted in the Signs of Spring Competition.

**Can you spot the babies?
Do you know what a baby swan is called?**



Send your answers in via office email. The fastest 5 winners will be listed in the next bulletin.

Message from our School Chaplain – Mrs Darwin



Last week, I was very excited to tell you about the three llamas I had met whilst out walking! Well, anyone who knows anything about llamas will know from the photo that they were not llamas; they were, in fact, alpacas...all three of them! I realise now that things are not always as they seem. At the moment, I feel that I am developing a mantra: 'If it wasn't for lockdown...' Well, if it wasn't for lockdown, I would not have been walking 2.5 miles each morning and I would not have met the alpacas. Following this, I would not have met the farmer who owns the alpacas. He took great trouble to explain to me the difference between a llama and an alpaca. I also discovered that the alpacas I saw are named: Bocadito (Peruvian for butterfly), Brando and Braveheart. There is always something new to learn! It is like anything in life. We are very quick to make a judgment on external appearances, but, when we get to know a little more, we discover that it is easy to see what we think is on the surface. However, if we dig a little bit deeper, we will be far richer in knowledge and understanding. All too often, when people are snappy with us or always seem grumpy or don't make a decision in the way we want or expect, we are critical.

We should try to remember that we don't always know what is going on in their lives; they may be just having a bad day or they may be scared, may be worried about their health, family members, jobs, money, choices they have to make. The thing is we just don't know! So, on a 'just in case basis', maybe we should repay the snappiness and grumpiness with a smile or the offer of a helping hand or a listening ear. You may not get any thanks for it and you may not know if you have helped at all, but you will be doing the right thing and offering kindness to the world!

