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Dear Parents and children,
I hope all is well with you and you are continuing to access all the Home Learning from the website. This week, for children in Years 1-6, you will have received a log in for IXL. This is an online package that aims to help your children discover the joy of Maths and English through vibrant images, colourful illustrations and meaningful content. Your child will be able to check their skills through activities and have fun learning more. Do log in and have a go; all your teachers are keen to see how you get on.

On Monday we will be welcoming back some of our children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. We are all looking forward to seeing you. With all the restrictions, it will appear very different. Please do check the website for resources to help your child prepare for this and what they are to expect. Follow the Learning at home Tab to access these resources. Have a wonderful weekend.

Take care and keep in touch
Warmest Regards
Mrs K Yuen

Home Learning Week 10 activities- Significant People

The project this week aims to provide opportunities for your child to learn more about famous or significant people. Learning may focus on past or present inventors, explorers or scientists and how they influence society today.



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



The Great Bug Hunt Competition School Winners



Congratulations to Phizana Robinson in Year 6 and Isla Watson Year 1 who are the school's overall winners.

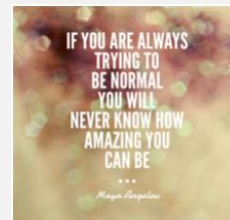
All 20 entries have been emailed to the Competition organisers and the entries will be put on the School website in the Science area for you all to see.

Well done everyone for such creativity and effort.



A Message from our Trust Chaplain

– Mrs Darwin



This week, more than ever, have you noticed how desperate people are to get back 'to normal'? Already, the normal at the beginning of 2020 is a distant memory and we have adapted to a new state of normal. As I write the word 'normal' (especially for the fourth time!), it occurred to me what a strange word it is?

The word 'normal' comes from a Latin word, 'normalis' meaning a carpenter's square! The meaning of the word is usual, typical or expected. The Coronavirus - and everything that came with it - was not usual or typical or expected!

A phrase, as opposed to a word, which has become well known more recently is 'the new normal', a previously unfamiliar or atypical situation that has become usual, typical or expected.

I think that we have adapted to living with a virus in our midst, keeping ourselves and our families as safe as possible and we are appreciating the things which we took for granted a few months ago and we are looking for ways to help each other in our communities.

In the desperation for things to become normal again, there are those who are beginning to break some of the lockdown rules and stretch the boundaries of safety - much to the angst of those who are not! They say that time heals, and, in this case, it may be very true. If someone breaks a leg, for example, there is a period afterwards where they will have to continue with medication and physio, which may be very mundane and repetitive in order to heal properly. Those who doggedly repeat the exercises day after day, week after week, will heal; they will not limp along with a stick and not have any problems in the future. Those impatient to get back to 'normal' and rush past the healing stage may not be so lucky.

Although we are weary with the lockdown and the separation from loved ones, if we keep going with the restricted life style; stick to the sensible rules we are given; try the new boundaries with care and work together with those around us, trying to do the right thing, then we will eventually return to 'normal', albeit a 'new normal'. As I have said before, there will be many things, which come with our 'new normal', which will only help to make our world a more amazing place.

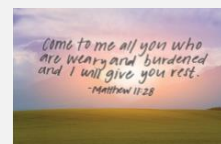
Assemblies

Mr Williams often visits our school to read Bible stories to the children in assembly. He is a fantastic storyteller who brings the Bible stories alive. We are delighted that he has added 4 assemblies to YouTube. We will be tweeting one a week with a task to complete so please keep an eye out for this!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi0BQ12Cksnn-PVThcepskQ>

Latest news Years 1-6

We have invested in IXL to support your child's learning. This is a personalised online programme which you should now have access to.



Returning to school during the phased return under restrictions- Reminders

Please ensure that your child has a confirmed place. We can only accept those we have confirmed there is a place for.

Arriving at School

- Ensure that only 1 accompanying parent/carer enters the school site with a child/family group and please arrive at your child's allocated entrance into school, on time.
- Remain at least 2 metres away from others - markings and posters around the school site will help you to maintain this distance. Staff will be outside each day to support, so please ensure that you listen to their instructions and follow the 2-metre rule.
- On arrival, using our infra red thermometer, we will take your child's temperature. If the temperature is high, your child will need to go home straight away.
- Unfortunately, Parents will not be allowed into the school building. If you need to contact a member of staff, you just either phone the office or email
- Once children are dropped off at their entrance door, please leave the school premises straight away and ensure that you follow the one-way route, leaving through the green school gates.
- We have updated our behaviour policy to include our protocols for any instances of children not adhering to our social distancing rules. This is available on the website for your information.



Thank you for your on-going support and kind messages. The staff have been working incredibly hard behind the scenes under such strange circumstances. They are an amazing team and your kindness means so much. Please keep everyone in your prayers as we start our wider opening.

