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St. Mary's Gospel message:

"Happy are the humble, for they shall inherit the earth." Matthew 5:5

Please take a few minutes to discuss this with your child at home. We have focused on it in school this week.

Upcoming Events

| Date | November |
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| w/c 16 th | SEND review week |
| w/c 23 rd | 'Now Press Play' trial |
| 26th | Parents' Evening |

This week...

Welcome to back to a new half term, please continue to pray for our whole school community, as we work together to face the challenges ahead.

Parents' Evening

The children have settled in so well to school life and are working extremely hard. We would love the opportunity to share this with parents!

Parents' Evening will be held remotely this term via Microsoft Teams. Parents will need to download the Microsoft Teams APP prior to the meeting. This can be done on a mobile phone, tablet, laptop etc.

Meetings will take place on Thursday 26th November from 3.45pm – 6.45pm. You will be sent a message via ParentMail, asking you to sign up to a time slot. You will then be sent a link to join the meeting. Please join just a couple of minutes before your scheduled time. You will be held in a 'waiting room' and the class teacher will admit you, when it is time for your meeting.

SEND

If your child has a special educational need or disability and usually has PCP meetings in school, these meetings will be held remotely during the week commencing 16.11.20. Your child's teacher will contact you with a date and time slot and will detail the arrangements for these meetings.

Please be patient with us, as this is a completely new way of working for all of us. However, we do not want to miss out on the opportunity of sharing your child's good work and progress with you.

AT THIS POINT, YOU DO NOT NEED TO CONTACT SCHOOL, WE WILL SEND THE INFORMATION ON PARENTMAIL IN ADVANCE OF THE NIGHT.

Sacramental Programme

Unfortunately, the plans for the children in Year 4 to make their First Holy Communion have once again been postponed.

We do not yet know when this will take place, as we are awaiting guidance from the Bishop, but are preparing ourselves for the fact that it may not be until some point in the new year.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN IN

COVID-19

Sadly, we have been instructed to postpone all before and after school enrichment clubs (NOT BEES KNEES) until further notice.

If your child is isolating at home, they will be set work to complete remotely. On Day 1 of isolation, please access Spelling Shed and TT Rock Stars, as well as the learning resources suggested in our home-learning policy. After Day 1, the class teacher will also set additional work on Class Dojo / Tapestry (EYFS)

Our home-learning policy is attached.

Now Press Play

As the children are unable to go on any school trips at the moment, we have been thinking of ways to bring the curriculum to life for them! In November, we are trialling something called 'Now Press Play'. Please see some information below.

<http://nowpressplay.co.uk/>

now>press>play is an immersive audio resource that engages primary school children in the curriculum through emotion, imagination and movement.

In a now>press>play Experience every child is given a pair of wireless headphones. Immersed in sound, they become the main character in a story, meeting people, discovering places and solving problems on an educational adventure they'll never forget.

now>press>play can be used as a whole class activity or with smaller groups for intervention work. It is a fun and inclusive way to engage children in the curriculum.

Virtual Remembrance Day Service

Remembrance Day will be marked in a very different way across the country, this year. The children have been busy in class, learning about Remembrance Day, preparing poppies and learning hymns, songs and poems to mark the occasion. The children will share in a virtual assembly next week and I will share extracts with you on Twitter and through the newsletter.