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St. Mary's Gospel message:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." John 14:27

Please take a few minutes to discuss this with your child at home. We have focused on it in school this week, particularly in light of Remembrance Day.

Upcoming Events

Date	November
w/c 16 th	SEND review week
w/c 23 rd	'Now Press Play' trial
26th	Parents' Evening
	December
	Christmas activities – details to follow

This week...

Some of our children have completed their learning at home this week. We are so proud of their hard work and resilience. We shared a beautiful Remembrance Service, as well as thinking about children who need our help on Children in Need day!

Virtual Remembrance Day Service

The children and staff worked extremely hard to put together a beautiful Remembrance Service that we shared virtually this week. It was lovely to see so many of the children at home joining us for our service. On November 11th, we gathered in the playground, with each class standing 'in their bubble' to hold a two-minute silence. Miss Hope began by playing 'The Last Post' for us and it was beautiful!



Christmas is Coming!

We know that Christmas may look a little different this year, but we are working on our plans to make it special. We will be in touch to let you know the different activities to take place, in the run up to Christmas.

COVID-19

Well done to all of our children who have been isolating at home this week. Don't forget that teachers are setting work via Class Dojo / Tapestry. You can also log on to TT Rock Stars and Spelling Shed.

Some of the children have been challenging some of the teachers on TT Rock Stars this week! We are so impressed with the children's times tables skills!

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.

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.