

# Newsletter

Dear Families, Governors and Parishioners,

We hope this letter finds you, your families and friends all safe and well. We are absolutely thrilled to be welcoming all our wonderful children back to school on Monday and celebrate what is hopefully the end of Home Learning.

**Lockdown** - This year has been a long journey for us all but we're here at the end of a third lockdown and we've made it. We understand you may have questions surrounding your child's return to school and we have attempted to pre-empt some of them in order to help

Our Recovery Plan is very simple - let us work together, with Christ at the Centre of all we do;

To ensure every child continues to learn in a safe and loving environment.

To ensure every child is happy and feels valued.

To ensure that school and parents in partnership, support our children to reach their goals in all aspects of school life.

To ensure that every child is given the opportunity to 'flourish in God's image!'

**The school day** - Just to remind you the children will have the same staggered start and finish times as autumn term in line with our risk assessment. We understand that these arrangements are not ideal and we can't express enough how much we appreciate your co-operation. The safety of our children will always remain paramount.

Nursery am	8.30am	11.30am
Nursery pm	12.15pm	3.15pm
Reception	8.30am	2.30pm
Rousseau	8.40am	2.40pm
Mondrian	8.50am	2.50pm
Constable	9.00am	3.00pm
Kandinsky	8.40am	2.40pm
Seurat	8.50am	2.50pm
Picasso	9.00am	3.00pm
Himid	8.40am	2.40pm
Dali	8.50am	2.50pm
Caravaggio	9.00am	3.00pm



To avoid congestion please ensure you enter and leave the school site quickly. Also, we would like to remind you, that in order to keep numbers on site to a minimum, only one adult per family should drop off and/or pick up. May we politely remind you that at the start and end of the school day children should remain with their adults and avoid the temptation to run around and/or overtake others in the line, as this could result in the mixing of bubbles.

**Lateral flow testing** - NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

**Reducing transmission** - We will continue to follow our robust risk assessment.

- Children will continue to be grouped into ‘Class Bubbles’.
- Contact with children in other Bubbles will be minimised.
- Social Distancing will be encouraged at all times.
- Staff and visitors will wear face coverings in corridors and communal areas.
- Classrooms will be well ventilated.
- Staff will continue to be part of the twice weekly testing programme.
- Enhanced and frequent cleaning throughout the day.
- Parents must wear face coverings and social distance outside the gates

**Good news** - Look at who’s been shining brightly these last two weeks...It’s our stars of the week!

26<sup>th</sup> February

Nursery am - Alexandra Maddox, for a Super week

Nursery pm - Ronnie Gould, for working very hard to write his name.



Mrs Brown's class - Sophie Nutton, for great work on a little red riding hood task and Harry Brown, for great work with letter formation.

Mrs Young's and Mrs Kebell's class - Nancy Storey, for super effort in everything she does and always having a smile on her face. Well done Nancy! Also Rhys Douglas, for always trying his best and being a good friend. Well done Rhys!

Rousseau Class - Seth Taylor, for being a very kind friend to others and for putting in 100% effort with all of his jobs. Well done Seth!

Constable Class - Havishka Sutheswaran, for working so hard during lockdown and her amazing dancing!

Mondrian Class - Isla Rose, for fantastic effort in everything she does with a particular mention of her super PE videos this week!

Kandinsky Class - Amelie Ayre, for good concentration skills and for working hard.

Seurat Class - Natalia Baddams, for excellent effort in maths, particularly fractions.

Picasso Class - Beatrice Morrell, for fantastic Spanish work.

Himid Class - Makena Myers Royal, for excellent effort in all subjects, especially RE.

Dali Class - Rhys Adamson, for super effort with tasks especially writing in an interview style.

Caravaggio Class - Megan Goodings, for an incredible 3D solar system.

5<sup>th</sup> March

Nursery am - Toby Goodacre, for learning to ride his bike at home

Nursery pm - Isaac Dent, for drawing a wonderful map for Red Riding Hood to get to Granny's house

Mrs Young's and Mrs Kebell's class - Lucy Stores, for always having a smile on her face and being a lovely friend and Max Keelin, for always trying his very best in everything he does. Well done Max!

Mrs Brown's class - Isla Frost and Rose Kilty, for working hard in all areas this week.

Rousseau Class - Scarlett Long, for writing a fantastic fable and for keeping us smiling during lockdown!

Constable Class - George Stott, for fantastic talk work and working well with others.

Mondrian Class - Evelyn Burnicle, for 100% effort in everything she does and for brilliant ideas and vocabulary in her writing

Kandinsky Class - James Reed, for trying hard in class with all of his work.

Seurat Class - Ava Turnbull, for has working independently with challenging fractions work and boosting other children's confidence with her positive attitude. Also, Lucas Iball, for being a great support to others and for being a pleasure to have in the classroom.

Picasso Class - Abigail Thompson, for excellent English work and a creative chocolate bar design!

Dali Class - Ruby Hill and Max Smith, for super attitude to all tasks given.

Himid Class - Alex Reed, for excellent effort across all areas.

Caravaggio Class - Martha Templeton, for an excellent commentary poem on her 'sister's sticky fingers.'

Well done everyone, such wonderful news! As always, we are so proud of you all!

**A message to all of our wonderful children** – We are very proud of you! This last year has been very difficult. You have faced lots of different challenges. There is much that you have been told you've lost but there is much that you have gained. You will find that you are well prepared for other challenges that we all face in life. We know you will need time to reconnect with your friends and to play and be active. You are the future, and that future is not written. We are excited to see all the things you will achieve and we will always be here to support you.

**Lent 2021** - we are approaching the third week of Lent and it is important to take the time to reflect as we approach another Easter during a pandemic.

Pope Francis reminds us of how we could reflect on our lives during Lent.

### DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT? - Pope Francis' Fasting Ideas

Fast from hurting words ...and say kind words  
Fast from sadness ...and be filled with gratitude  
Fast from anger ...and be filled with patience  
Fast from pessimism ...and be filled with hope  
Fast from worries ...and have trust in God



Fast from complaints ...and contemplate simplicity  
Fast from pressures ...and be prayerful  
Fast from bitterness ...and fill your hearts with joy  
Fast from selfishness ... and be compassionate to others  
Fast from grudges ...and be reconciled  
Fast from words ...and be silent so you can listen

Pope Francis' words may help focus and inspire us during our Lenten Journey this year.

Please click on the following link for this week's Sunday liturgy for families.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/sunday-liturgy-for-families>

**Spring is in the air** - The lighter nights and mornings and warmer weather are certainly a welcome sign of spring, positivity, new beginnings and a welcome, fresh start for us all. We are so looking forward to getting the children settled back into school and breathing some life back into Our Lady Queen of Peace. It is the caring, compassionate, committed and dedicated community, working towards a common goal together, which makes our school the very special place it is.

Take care and God bless.

Mrs Maher

