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We follow in Jesus' footsteps



Dear Parents

As another week in lockdown draws to close I do hope you are all continuing to keep safe and well.

I hope the home learning is going well and your children are enjoying the tasks set and continue to be motivated and engaged. If you and your child are encountering any difficulties, then do please make contact with the class teacher who is there to help and offer advice.

We want the children to return to school (whenever that may be) with a positive attitude towards school and learning – something that will only be achieved with your help and guidance. Working with your children during this time will ensure that the children are less likely to fall behind. Please can you remember in your prayers one of our lovely mums who died recently. Please also pray for her family at this very difficult time.

Please do look at the newsletter that Fr Peter produces every week (it's on our school website), here is part of last week's, I hope you find it comforting.

Church is closed - but our parish lives! Easter seems behind us. We missed the great liturgies of Holy Week and Easter but we're still in the middle of the Easter season. Easter is not a celebration of a past event. The Lord is Risen! And because he is Risen he is with us always. The disciples were downcast as they walked away from Jerusalem, aimlessly heading towards Emmaus. Their world had collapsed - what would their future be? And Jesus appeared to them, walking alongside them. The risen Lord continues to walk alongside us in these difficult days. He listens to us as we tell him what is in our hearts, our worries and our fears. We are not able at present to meet him, to recognise him 'in the breaking of bread' but our hearts can 'burn within us' as we listen to his word, and know that he is listening to us, intimately aware of what is going on in our hearts and minds.

Wishing you all a wonderful week-end.

Mrs J Westray



Howdy folks! I've been having a good look at Tapestry this week and you are doing some fantastic work at home with your parents - if I see any beautiful work I may be allowed to type my comments in!

Anyway, I must tell you about something that happened last weekend whilst out with my humans.....As we were walking alongside the canal we saw a rippling of water so I screamed and jumped back in shock. My humans however were very intrigued and continued to watch the murky water as something was slowly moving under the surface. Incredibly two very cute faces peered back at us as they appeared out of the water - they were very inquisitive and kept looking at the three of us for sometime! My human dad was so excited and because of this was fumbling around with his phone and in the end didn't even manage to take a picture - such a shame as the otters were absolutely exquisite!

I'm just wondering if you have seen any wonderful wildlife recently? If you have please send a message/picture to me on Tapestry.

Bye for now everyone - woof woof woof woof woof



A new national free telephone helpline for parents and carers has been created to provide personalised support and advice on home learning to support pupils until schools re-open.

StarLine is open six days a week and covers all areas of the curriculum across all phases of education. In addition to qualified teachers, callers can speak to experienced education and parenting experts who can provide support and advice on behaviour, wellbeing and help for pupils with special educational needs or disabilities. All calls are confidential, and advice is available six days a week by phoning 0330 313 9162. For more information visit www.starline.org.uk

Coronavirus Update

Stay at home to stop coronavirus spreading

Everyone must stay at home to help stop the spread of coronavirus.

You should only leave the house for 1 of 4 reasons:

- shopping for basic necessities, for example food and medicine, which must be as infrequent as possible
- one form of exercise a day, for example a run, walk, or cycle - alone or with members of your household
 - any medical need, or to provide care or to help a vulnerable person
- travelling to and from work, but only where this absolutely cannot be done from home