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Dear Parents

Another Friday update, and happily after a rather successful and quite emotional return to on-site education for the vast majority of our staff and pupils. School has felt very different over the last two weeks; far more energised and even dare I say it "normal". I want to start out by thanking the pupils, across all year groups, for their mature and sensible approach to returning to school after three months of remote learning for most of them. It was a significant change for everyone. Obviously, we still need to adhere to some strict protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19 including our modified lunch service and frequent handwashing that have become part of daily life. I would like to thank the parents for adhering to the measures for collection and drop off too. We have seen many great examples of pupils and staff demonstrating the values of respect, tolerance and friendship, and I want to thank everyone for this.

School Uniform

We have been lenient with some pupils over their uniform over the last few weeks, fully understanding the difficulty many have had in finding shoes, jumpers etc that fit. From next week, however, we are fully expecting all children to be wearing the agreed uniform. This includes black shoes for all. We will contact parents if pupils are not wearing the agreed uniform.

Amazon Book Wish List

With all of my heart, thank you! We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our community with the book donations from our Amazon wishlist. Up to this morning, we had 268 books donated! We have also managed to track down the donors of each and every book, and you will all be receiving a thank you photo in the next week. If you would still like to donate a book, our list is available on

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/genericItemsPage/3UI2BTH4WIMSW?ref=wl_fv_le

Easter Garden of Hope

Deacon Kevin has asked me to pass on information regarding the Easter Garden of Hope around the entrance way of church. Parishioners and families have been asked to bring potted plants and place them around the cross. The idea is that the plants are placed there in memory of someone who has died, to say thanks or for any other reason, and with a simple message attached. These will be blessed at Easter and all intentions prayed for.

Easter Services

Good Friday 3.00pm & Easter Sunday 11.00am

If you would like to attend, you must sign up for this. All info regarding this is on the parish bulletin and website.

Book Amnesty

Apologies for not putting out the box for the amnesty of books! If you have any of our school books (reading scheme or library), please can you put them in the box that will be outside the entrance door from Monday? Thank you

And finally...

Even though we had the pleasure of welcoming everyone back in school last week, the national restrictions are still in place, and I appreciate we are all looking forward to these being further relaxed in the coming weeks. However, there is definitely a hint of Spring in the air, although I accept it seems well hidden by rain, wind and freezing temperatures at the moment. So, whatever you have planned for this weekend, I wish you all the very best, and please stay safe. That's it for now. We will continue with a mood of optimism and continue to focus on the most important ongoing matter: re-establishing the rhythms and routines of our school and supporting our pupils and staff teachers in weaving their own distinctive magic.



Take care!
Mr P Craig

