

# St. Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

'Learning, achieving and growing together with Jesus' Headteacher: Mrs F.Maynard



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"The glory of God is a human being fully alive!"



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#### Friday Letter from Mrs Maynard

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weather hasn't been so good this week and I understand that this has probably made things a bit more difficult at home for you. I would like you to know that staff are thinking about you and including you in their prayers. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says 'I have come so that you may have life, life in all its fullness'. It might not feel that we have very much fullness at the moment, being mostly indoors and struggling with the pressures that the virus outbreak has caused, so it is important to try and focus on the blessings that we have, even if they feel very small, and the fact that we will come through this time to enjoy the fullness of life again. As a faith community we can face the challenges in the knowledge that the love of Christ will strengthen our resolve to cope and see the fullness of the life we are currently having to live.

### School remains closed.

#### Work of the week

Work of the week will now be sent out alongside the Friday Letter as a separate attachment so you can enjoy looking at some of the lovely work that the children have been completing at home. Keep the work coming, the teachers are so proud of the children and look forward to seeing their work and hearing about all the different ways they are learning at home. If you feel you need some guidance on how to help your child, please contact your child's teacher on the class email address and they will try to help you. We know it's difficult to homeschool; many staff have their own children at home and are facing the same issues. Please just try to do what you can.

#### Seesaw

Your child's home learning is now being shared using the Seesaw platform, which I hope most of you are finding easy to access. Initial feedback has been very positive and I would like to thank parents for their quick uptake of the new system. We will be asking for parent feedback on the use of Seesaw soon so we can make sure that what is being set is accessible and manageable for you and your children.

There will be no work set on Friday 8th May as it is the VE Day bank holiday.

Please monitor the videos your child is sending, ensure they are appropriately dressed in day clothes, and not taking videos in their bedroom.

St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School and Nursery has a commitment to safeguarding, and the welfare and wellbeing of children.



## How Not to go to School

Below is a link to a book that your child will enjoy reading or having read to them. It's all about a girl called Parsley who is homeschooled. It's a short chapter book that children from about Year 2 onwards should enjoy.

https://parsleymimblewood.files.wordpress.com/2020/04/parsleymimblewoodsavestheworld.pdf

# **Safeguarding Reminder**

If you have a concern about the safety of a child while schools are closed, you can contact the Front Door Hub at Slough to report an incident on **01753 875362** 

The staff and I continue to work hard at home to support our pupils and families and we send our best wishes, and pray that our families are safe and that we get to see you all again before too long.

God Bless, stay safe

St Ethelbert, pray for us

Mrs Maynard Headteacher

