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### Week beginning Monday September 14th 2020

#### **Thought for the week:**

**“There is no issue so small that it can't be blown out of proportion”**

Dear Parents,

**Autumn 2020.** We have completed our first full week back at school. Thank you to everyone for their support in settling the children back into some sort of normality again. A reminder that we should all try to maintain social distancing when dropping and collecting the children. Whether at the main entrance with myself or at the rear of school with Mrs Logue, please can I ask everyone to try their best in “staying apart” from one another. A further reminder that contact with school should be made via the telephone wherever possible, please can I ask for your support in not coming up to school if you can.

**Coronavirus.** No doubt, you will have seen the government's announcement of a “tightening” of restrictions because of a rise in infections. Some schools have sadly already had to send year groups (“bubbles”) home. I sincerely hope our school does not have to do that, if we do however, that decision will be made in conjunction with Public Health England and relayed to you immediately.

I spoke to the staff earlier in the week of the need for us as adults to do our bit to try to avoid any closures, I would ask the whole school community to do likewise. If you or your child/children has any symptoms of Coronavirus then you will need to get a test and relay the results of the test to school straight away. I hope that if we can all “do our bit” we can avoid having to close any year groups.

**Reception 2020.** Our first group of Reception children have really enjoyed their first week at school. A huge thank you to Ms Rathbone and her team for all they have done in preparing the classrooms and the children for their first week at school. The remaining Reception children will join us next week.

**School Uniform.** Thank you again for sending the children back to school looking so smart in their red uniforms. Thank you for your support with our uniform policies, it really is a tradition we can all be rightly proud of. Can I remind everyone that **NO** jewellery of any kind is permitted in school and that trainers are not allowed.



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**Sacramental Programme 2020-2021.** I met with Father Simon and Mr Barton this week to discuss how we are going to organise the Sacramental programme for the year ahead. This has proved very difficult, as there are a number of restrictions in place about attending mass. We also have to try to plan for the current Y4 who missed making their First Holy Communion due to the pandemic.

In October and November, the current Y4 will make their first Holy Communion. ***This will have to take place in the school hall and must be in groups of five with only two parents being allowed to attend. Again, Mr Barton will be writing to those families concerned. With all the restrictions in place, hosting the mass in school will at least allow us the opportunity to have some refreshments after Mass for the children to enjoy. Currently if the children were to receive the sacrament in church they would need to wear face coverings, remain socially distant and again numbers would be severely restricted.*** If families then want to spend the day together at home then they can do.

In 2021, Y3 will make their First Holy Communion on **June 12<sup>th</sup> or June 19<sup>th</sup>**. Father and I decided to make this later next year to give us the best chance of things returning to normal. Mr Barton will be writing to Y3 nearer the time about how things will be organised.

Confirmation 2021 will be taking place on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Mr Barton will write to Y6 accordingly. Father Simon has asked those in Y7 that missed the Sacrament last year to contact him (373 0069) to discuss their Confirmation.

**Homework.** From next week, homework will be coming home on a Monday to be returned on the Wednesday. Due to the restrictions in place we are not able to use books for homework, our aim this year is to move to making homework more interactive using an on line facility. A separate letter about homework has been sent out to everyone.

**After School Clubs.** These begin next Monday; please make sure school has received the consent slip for the relevant club.

**PE Kits.** Please can I ask everyone to make sure that PE kits are brought into school. We are fortunate this year in being able to have Mrs Williams teach PE across all year groups. Her speciality is PE and this can only benefit the children having someone with this level of subject specialism teaching the children.

**Music teaching.** The Music service visited school this week in readiness for “proper lessons” to begin next week. If your child is playing a Violin, a brass instrument or is an “elective” these lessons will start next week. It really will be lovely to hear music in the school once more after such a long time.

**Contact details.** Another plea to make sure school has your up to date contact details. I cannot stress enough how important this. Please let the office know if your details have changed, whether that be a mobile number or your e-mail address. This letter is only sent out electronically (and displayed on the website) so to access it school **MUST HAVE** the correct e-mail address.

**Car Parking.** Your continued support and understanding using the car park is much appreciated. Please park and use the space considerately.

**Please Pray For.** Our school and our new starters joining us next week.

Many thanks for your support and cooperation with these matters.

M Aldred. Headteacher.



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