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### Week beginning Monday September 28th 2020

#### Thought for the week:

**“Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant”**

Dear Parents,

**Autumn 2020** The After School Clubs are now established, many thanks to all those concerned that lead/attend a club. I hope that before or during half term, we will be erecting an additional covered area outside Nursery. This will enable our youngest children to work outside despite the weather. I am grateful to Mr Wood for his help with this project. Likewise, school is hoping to install a new set of gates at the top of the main drive. For those who enter and leave school via this route you may well have noticed that the gates are quite old and need replacing. I hope that the new gates will be installed during half term.

**Coronavirus.** More rule changes have been announced for all for us to adhere to this week. The Prime Minister outlined a number of strategies that he hopes will arrest the rise in infections. From a school perspective however not a great deal has changed. We will continue striving to make school as “normal” as we can for everyone. On writing this letter, school has had no positive cases of Coronavirus and we haven't had to send any year groups home. It is my sincere hope that we don't have to do this and by following the rules laid out for all of us can only help the situation. A plea to everyone to remember the need for social distancing when dropping/collecting your child. ***Please also only call into the school office if your query cannot be dealt with via email or the telephone. If you do however need to call into the office please can I ask that you wear a face covering/mask.*** Staying apart goes against everything a primary school should be about, hopefully however, the need to socially distance will be relaxed sometime soon. Thank you for your support with all of this, it really is much appreciated.

**Parents Evening 2020.** Parents evening (week beginning Monday October 19<sup>th</sup>) will take place via a telephone conversation with your child's teacher. Mrs Logue will write further about this shortly.

**Change of Date.** A reminder that due to the current circumstances we find ourselves in I have had to change the date the children will return to school after half term. ***Reception to Y6 will now return on Thursday November 5<sup>th</sup> (a day later than originally planned). I do apologise for any***



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*inconvenience this may cause. This will not affect Nursery starting, as they will come to school on Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup> as planned.*

**Parental concerns/queries.** Despite the restrictions we are all living under I would urge everyone that has an issue/concern/query relating to school to please contact school and go through the correct channels. Mrs Logue or I will always speak to you to try to resolve any concerns, even if this contact now has to be primarily via the telephone.

I would also respectfully ask that parents are mindful of, and monitoring what, their children are accessing on line. Occasionally problems can arise (from online games in particular) that can be brought into school as result of online gaming/chat groups at home.

**Secondary Transfer 2021.** A reminder that some schools are hosting virtual open evenings later this half term. Please do keep abreast of the respective schools websites for the details. Leaflets from certain schools should have been sent home to our oldest children last week.

**Virtual Learning 2020.** Mrs Coates has written to everyone and I want to remind parents that each year group has their own Twitter page. These pages have examples of completed work, ideas to work on at home and will serve as an invaluable interactive tool, if we need to send any year groups home. Similarly, if individuals are self-isolating they can access the work they need to for as long as they are not in school. You do not need to be on Twitter to access the work, simply click on the link at the top of our Twitter feed on the homepage of the school website; this will then take you to the relevant work for the relevant year group. Any problems accessing the work then please call the school office.

**School Councillors/Liturgy Leaders 2020 -2021** Congratulations to all the newly elected councillors and Liturgy Leaders for the year ahead. I look forward to working with everyone.

**Head Girl and Head Boy.** Congratulations to Kelsey and Patryck our new Head Girl and Head Boy for the year ahead.

**Sacramental Programme 2020-2021.** Another reminder that Father Simon and I have written to the current Y7 about Confirmation, Mr Barton has written to Y3/Y4 about First Holy Communion/Sacrament of Reconciliation. If anyone has not received any information, please contact school.

**PE Kits.** A further reminder to make sure that PE kits are brought into school. Please make sure your child/children has the correct PE kit please, the details of which can be found on the website.

**Contact details.** I must write again to please 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.

**Perry Common Recreation Ground.** After an extensive delay work is about to begin on the Recreation ground to complete any unfinished work after the new housing was put up. This may well mean additional traffic/workmen and machinery around the park. Please take extra care and stick to the marked paths.

**Please Pray For.** All those that are anxious or worried as we journey through the latest set of restrictions.

Many thanks for your support and cooperation with all these matters.

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