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ST. TERESA'S WEEKLY LETTER

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Note from Head Teachers

Dear Parents

We know many of you are facing a difficult time deciding whether to send your children back to school based on the recent government announcement, that pupils in Pre-School, Reception, Year One and Year Six are likely to return to school on 1st June. As a school we are working hard to enable all pupils and staff to return knowing we are putting everything in place, where possible, to support good hygienic practices as well as social distancing measures, where possible, to enable everyone to feel safe and secure. Although the school will not be quite its normal self with regard to how the classrooms are arranged and not being able to socialise with other groups within the school, each class will still be together and be able to talk to each other, although socially distanced, and see their friends and class teachers face to face.

The initial days back to school will feel very different for the children as they have been within their own family for a very long period of time, so we know some of you will have some hesitation or individual worries. As you know, as a school, one of the things that we have always been known for is our excellent pastoral support and we will be there to support the children when they return. Currently, for the first few days, time will be spent enabling the children just 'to be' and let them talk and discuss their own experiences and feelings during this time of lockdown. Before any academic work is undertaken, the children need to feel at ease emotionally and comfortable within their environment. Enabling our pupils to make sense of the 'new normal' by allowing them the opportunity to ask questions is an important part of returning to school. The children will be curious about the changes they are experiencing and talking about this will provide some reassurance. Social distancing does not mean social disconnection, as children will still be able to communicate with their peers. Pupils will be assured that they have been missed and that they are all still loved and will be cared for by our very committed staff.

Note from Head Teachers continued...

For those pupils who are not due to return yet, in the classes that are continuing to learn remotely, we hope to see you all back to school very soon.

This week we had the largest number of Stars of the Week that we've ever had! You're clearly all doing fantastic work, of which your teachers are immensely proud. Well done to you and to all of our pupils who are working incredibly hard.

Stars of the Week were presented to Lorenzo, Ted and Alex in Mrs Aggett's Class. Lorenzo for his amazing technological animation, Ted for his detailed mini book about butterflies and Alex for his great resilience in remote learning when in school. In Miss Craker's Class, Wilf received a Star of the Week being Mrs Aldus' artist of the Week for his creation of a shark from paper plates. Jonas in Miss Simon's Class did some amazing work stepping out his story. In Mrs Bulmer's Class, for some super biographies of Jacques Cousteau, not just for the final piece of work, but for their response to feedback on editing and improving their biographies, Star of the Week go to Annalise, Finlay, Lucia, Molly, Maddie and Matilda. In Miss Shaw's Class Stars of the Week were awarded to Imy for her documentary on Labradors in science and for a newspaper report about Tudor punishments, including an alliterative headline and an informative lead paragraph, Jonny for including all the features of a newspaper in his article about Toad's escape from Toad Hall, Oliver for his poem on Mountains which used carefully chosen vocabulary and a consistent rhyming scheme, Freddie for his newspaper article about Toad's arrest, with correct punctuation of dialogue and Sam for his well-researched newspaper article about Henry VIII's new royal title. A huge well done to all of you.

Past Pupils

Some of our past pupils have also been doing some amazing work. Last week we heard on Mix96 Piera, Miranda and Helena telling everyone about the business they have set up to help raise funds for local NHS charities through creating designs for t-shirts and phone cases, that also hold slogans to support social distancing. Well done to Piera, Miranda and Helena. Click on the link to see their story.

<https://www.mix96.co.uk/news/local/3102595/wendover-sisters-create-lockdown-inspired-designs/>



Current Pupils

We also have two of our current pupils who have been challenging themselves, whilst raising money for the Evelina Hospital. Well done to Jasper and Freddie for taking on the challenge to eat tomatoes, which they both hate. They have raised an enormous £683. Brilliant work Jasper and Freddie.

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/qbmm7za1lldasa9/AAA5ex-w74aG1EcdPI_q02vua?dl=0

If you wish to donate you can do so by clicking here: [Donate](#).

Thank a Teacher Toolkit

The Department of Education have issued some information to say that on Wednesday 20 May, we are celebrating teachers, senior leaders, support staff and all those working in education settings who are making a difference to their schools and communities during the coronavirus outbreak. The Department for Education is working in partnership with the Teaching Awards Trust which has produced a set of resources including a Thank a Teacher toolkit containing graphics, images and frames for social media that you're free to use.' So, if you'd like to have a go the Thank a Teacher Toolkit is available here:

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Thank-a-Teacher-Day-2020-Tool-Kit.pdf>

Worlds Largest Ever Online Art Lesson

Mrs Aldus would like pupils to know that the illustrator and author Rob Biddulph is going to try and break a Guinness World Record and you could be part of it.

On Thursday 21st May at 4pm you will need to be logged on to your device for half an hour while Rob takes the art lesson. <https://www.artworldrecords.com>

Mrs Aldus will be there! Will you?

To see one of Rob's art lessons and learn how to draw a superhero bear character go to: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H3pqTyfld_8

