



St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

Part of The Romero Catholic Academy

Through Christ we live, love and learn in our caring community.'

Spring Term 17th April 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Parishioners,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families safe and well. We will endeavour to keep in touch throughout this period of school closure and if there is anything you require please do not hesitate to contact us.



This week parents will have received notification from the Local Authority regarding Reception places for September 2020. The staff are working together to ensure a smooth induction into school and we will be contacting you in the near future.

I know that Year 3 parents will be anxious to know whether we will be going ahead with the Sacrament of First Holy Communion as planned during the summer term. We have been advised by the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales that all celebrations and mass gatherings should be postponed due to current lockdown restrictions. As you will appreciate it is not possible to set firm dates at this time. We will however, keep you updates during the summer term as and when we have more information.



Free School Meals

If you think that your child is entitled to Free School Meals please visit Coventry City Council website and apply on line. Free school meals are available to children of families who are in receipt of:

- Income Support
- Jobseekers Allowance (income based)
- Employment and Support Allowance (income based)
- Guarantee Credit (the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit)
- Universal Credit (UC)
- Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, **provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit** and have a **total** annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190



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Message from Fr Peter

All around us, the cherry blossoms have suddenly sprung into life and the sunshine bathes us with its light. In the midst of the struggles, worries and sufferings of the present moment, these signs in nature, mirror the vision before us of the hope that the risen Christ brings. He came “to make the whole of creation new” he said. One of my favourite Bible stories is Jesus, appearing to come out of nowhere, to joining the disciples on their way to a village called Emmaus. (Luke 24:13-35). Scholars point out that the exact location of this place is not known. What an important fact- it means that we, too, can have that surprising and joyful sense of Jesus as we take our daily exercise. As he drew near “something prevented them from recognizing him” we are told. How often do we only realise Jesus has travelled with us by looking back at our experiences? The gospel records that the disciples only understood that the Lord had accompanied them much later on after he had left: “did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road?”

Can we think of times when the ‘penny just dropped’ like this for us during our lives? Maybe, it has happened at mealtimes or at prayer. What about now, in chatting with our family, as we ramble along, sharing our joys and sorrows, swapping comforting memories-or gaining a greater sense of perspective with gentle humour? However we take our own ‘Emmaus walks’ physically or mentally we should look out for Jesus’ presence in our conversations, directing our thoughts, drawing us to appreciate world around us, and prompting us to spare a kind thought for those we see along the way. God Bless

Weekly Worship and Song: Dan and Emily (One Life Music) have a weekly reflection for you to pray and sing along to - <https://youtu.be/c9oohwnp-tY>

Resources for Prayer can be found: <https://www.bdes.org.uk/resources-for-prayer-and-learning.html>

**We will continue to keep you updated
Take care and stay safe!**

Mrs D. Williams

Principal