



St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

We are thinking about Jesus' road to the cross as we move through the end of Holy week into Good Friday and onto the celebration of the risen Lord on Easter Sunday. Our children's Bibles contain lovely versions of the Easter story: read the accounts for yourself or read along with me online via the school website. The Wednesday Word booklets are also available on the school website: we have scanned them in so that you have prayer resources to access until 22 April.

We pray alongside the Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service, who are leading a special Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 12 noon. We have submitted some pictures and a short video from our own school, which may or may not make the final cut! www.youtube.com/ndcyslive

HOME LEARNING

We know that our children and their families have adapted positively to the challenges of working at home over the last three weeks. We are so proud of our pupils for the way in which they have made this adjustment – and thank our families for their ongoing support. As we all know, the learning environment cannot be replicated fully at home or be a full replacement for school learning – but we can all try and make the most of the situation and continue to keep our brains busy! In this week's FAB Notes Issue 2 (on the school website since Monday and emailed out to parents earlier today) we asked for parents (not children, please) to send into teachers a piece of work/ outcome of an activity of which their child is really proud. This will enable us, after the Easter break, to make contact with all families and get into a regular pattern of further contact. Be assured that we continue to balance the importance of providing work and learning activities with an understanding of the various situations in which are families find themselves in relation to working with their child/ren.

Mr Collins' woodwind pupils have now received a message from Stockport Music Service about online lessons; Mrs Felstead is making similar arrangements so - violinists and pianists - look out for a letter from her about accessing lessons after the break; Mr Reeder is happy for his email address to be circulated to guitar pupils, so Mrs Biggs has enclosed this for reference.

I would be interested in having feedback from parents (when convenient) about how you are finding the home learning experience:

- Are you happy in your own routine or would you like further advice about this?
- Which activities and tasks are working well for your child – the open ended or the more formal variety?
- Is there anything else that you feel we could help with?

Feel free to email: headteacher@st-marys-marplebridge.stockport.sch.uk

We have not set specific homework for over the Easter Holidays: have a rest! If your child is keen to continue with his/her studies, however, there are lots of activities within the Home Learning pages on the school website, so you can continue in a way which suits you. Work will be in place ready for the start of our Pentecost term, which starts the week beginning Monday 27 April.

We are not due to staff the school on site over the two Bank Holidays (10/4 & 13/4): however, if any of our key families find that they urgently need childcare, please email Mrs Young and me before 10pm the night before so that we can make the necessary arrangements to help.

We send Easter good wishes and blessings to all members of our school community: Happy Easter!



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