

Headteacher Update

11 October 2021



October

Month of the Rosary

We start this October with bright sunshine, rain and falling colourful leaves. In school, it has been a very busy time and sadly, we have seen a few cases of COVID about the school. Many many children have the usual seasonal coughs and colds and keeping everyone well enough to be in school is a challenge.

On the Friday of the second full week of term we had an RE and Catholic Nature Inspection of the school by the Diocese. We are awaiting the report for this and it will be shared with you once we receive it. A big thank you to all those who completed the RE parental questionnaires.

Our children were amazed to see visitors in school and it showed us all just how much COVID has disrupted education and also all the wonderful things our children take part in and, as we are infant-aged, our children are no longer familiar with. We are working hard to relearn all our traditional songs and are determined to bring back children led assemblies, Stay and Plays, coffee morning, cakes sales, face-to-face meetings and all the other shared events with our families as soon as possible.

One great event this week was the Schools Mass held in Luton. All schools in the Diocese were invited and we were able to send two Year 1 pupils, a member of staff and our RE Governor to represent our school and meet the Bishop. Our children were chosen to carry up the bread and wine, and were the youngest children to attend. Both did extremely well and we are all very proud of them.

Bishop David met the children and presented each school with a tree to plant in the school grounds as a reminder of God's wonderful creations. The tree also commemorates the work of COPs (Conference of the Parties) – the United Nations debating climate change.

Once again, can I remind everyone about parking and driving carefully around the local roads – I am sure that no one wants to see anyone hurt or injured!

Regards and Stay Well

Mrs Taylor

Prevent the spread of COVID-19

Make sure you and your children follow these general principles to prevent spreading any respiratory virus:

- Wash your hands often – with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water aren't available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- If you feel unwell, stay at home and don't attend work or school
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home



If you are worried about your symptoms, please call NHS 119 – do not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment.

Symptoms to look out for

- Cough
- Difficulty in breathing
- Fever (a temperature of 38 degrees C or higher)

A link to the latest guidance is here:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>