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Dear parents,

During the last few days, the government has outlined its intentions for the reopening of schools. It is an ambitious and challenging aspiration, and will require an enormous amount of careful planning if we are even to begin to implement it safely. I will keep parents informed of progress as regularly as possible. In the meantime, please be assured that we are trying to gather as much information as we can in order to move our school community forward with clarity and confidence.

May is the month dedicated to Our Lady. Please keep logging on to the 'Catholic Life of the School' page on DB Primary for Rosary ideas that children and parents can share and use to pray together at home. This page offers an opportunity for spiritual reflection for us all; staff, parents and children during this period of school closure.

Help St George's Support the Homeless

One of the school's designated charities this year is The Passage which is a Roman Catholic homeless charity based near to Westminster Cathedral. During the Covid 19 crisis, The Passage has



been tasked with providing meals every day for homeless people currently housed in emergency accommodation in local budget hotels. To help fund this work for the next 10 weeks The Passage need to raise £300,000 from charitable giving. We are asking if you would consider helping to support their work by donating the £10 cost of a day's meal package for a homeless person. You can do this very easily by clicking on the following link below: <https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/dinner/>

Thank you for considering this request. We know that it would really help the work of this great charity if you could afford to donate.

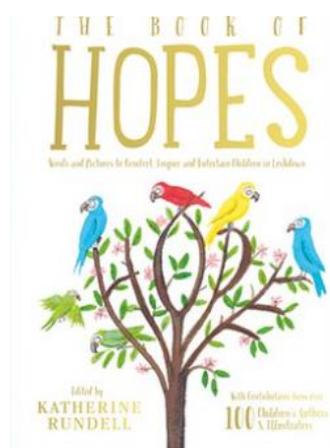


Book of Hopes

The Book of Hopes is a lovely collection of short stories, poems, essays and pictures by over 100 children's authors, specifically written to provide comfort, inspiration and entertainment for children in these challenging times. It is dedicated to the doctors, nurses, carers, porters, cleaners and everyone currently working in hospitals. It is online only and is found by following this link:

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/>

This extraordinary book is completely free.



Fr Kristof

I am saddened to inform you that Fr Krystof Chaim has died at his home in Poland. Many of you will have known Fr Krystof in his role as chaplain to the Polish community in Enfield for the past 8 years. I believe his funeral took place in Poland on Monday. May he rest in peace.

Family Friendly Singing

A message from Enfield Music Service

Enfield Music Service are delighted to be launching Click & Sing, a family-friendly online singing session.

Every Wednesday, from 6:00-6:30pm they are inviting the Enfield community to come online and raise their voices in song. Join them on Skype at buff.ly/2KPbOTD to sing along to some classic Abba! Everyone is welcome whether they're 5 or 105!

Best wishes,

Enfield Music Service

GOSH

Last week our year 3 children created some lovely drawings and posters for the NHS workers at Great Ormond Street Hospital. They have sent us some photographs to say thank you. We have been really touched to think that we have contributed to staff and patient morale in this small but meaningful way. We wish them all well.

Dear Year 3 at St. George's,

Thank you so much for all of your lovely pictures and messages, you have put huge smiles on our faces today and we now have all of your pictures up on the walls around the ward for the families to enjoy too.

These are some amazing pieces of artwork from you all, we hope you keep up the good work whilst you are at home.

Many thanks from the nurses, doctors and staff on Elephant ward.

Best Wishes

Helen O'Toole (Elephant Ward Sister, Great Ormond Street Hospital)



Dave the Dog

Parents of younger children may find the story of Dave the Dog helpful in talking to their children about Coronavirus. This Molly Watts book can be found by following the following link:

<https://nursedottybooks.files.wordpress.com/2020/03/dave-the-dog-coronavirus-1-1.pdf>

I am confident that the children will find the character of Nurse Dotty very reassuring as she helps Dave cope with his concerns.

Art Competition

I am delighted to announce the winning entries from our St Georges Day Art competition. Parents will remember that the Easter challenge was to design a new school logo. The entries were of such a high standard that deciding upon winners was a very difficult for the judges. By using the children's imaginative artwork, we hope to develop a school logo for future use.

Year	winner	runner up
Rec	Alyssa (RB)	Kiara (RDC)
1	Julian (1K)	Lily (1P)
2	Chloe (2W)	Megan (2NS)
3	Dylan (3OT)	Alanna (3K)
4	Lola (4F)	Tommy (4BW)
5	Oliver (5S)	Nathan (5S)
6	Natalia (6M)	Niyonica (6M)

Congratulations to our successful children, and a massive 'well done' to all the other entries for using your artistic skills in such an imaginative way.

Prayer

"A light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower." (John 1:5)

Being caught in the midst of a pandemic and living such restricted lives is challenging. Like the early disciples, we know that our calling is to follow Jesus whatever life may throw at us. In return, we know that He is with us and that we are empowered by the Holy Spirit. We also have the precious gift of prayer.

For our prayer today, we turn to CAFOD and these lovely words by Linda Jones:

Loving, ever-living and compassionate God,

*You understand the pain of loss, the heartache of bereavement,
May we hold in our hearts all those whose families or friends have died.*



*You are a light that shines in the darkest times,
Guide us and heal us in our sickness and sorrow.*

*You comfort us in times of fear,
May we comfort each other, even as we keep apart.*

*You console and lead us in times of doubt and confusion,
May we follow the light of your love and spread hope.*

*You move our hearts to acts of generosity,
May we be led to share what we have with those in need.*

God of life,

*We thank you for the signs of your light in the midst of our darkness,
May we be signs of your compassion in the heart of your world.*

Amen.

Prayer: Linda Jones/CAFOD

We continue to pray in school for all our children and families. Please remember us in your prayers also.

Yours Sincerely,

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Headteacher

To all key workers...

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you

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Careers

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