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"Called to Love as God Loves"

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of the most unusual term, I would like to commend everybody for so quickly adapting to a whole new way of learning. The teachers have been very impressed with the work that the children have been completing remotely. As a key worker myself, who has to home school my two boys on my return home from work each day, I understand the challenges this brings. With this in mind, I would be grateful if you would complete a questionnaire by following the relevant link below in order for us to gain your views on our remote learning offer. The questionnaire will close on Friday, 19th February 2021.

Early Years Survey

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf_YPj9qg4P8ht_QldjciPROF6RVdJ4Q1AKXVGWwv8w19Q1MQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Key Stage 1 and 2 Survey

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdXcbiiWXRKhRma1cenPXsmezf63RdNNc_nsoyhQQqBiZM_6A/viewform?usp=sf_link

The Wider Curriculum

Last week we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week. We designated "Well-Being Wednesday" as a time away from traditional lessons to focus on the Five Ways to Well-Being. It was lovely to see and hear how children were spending their day which included going out for walks, baking, painting, going on bike rides and the more adventurous roller-skating!



Yesterday was Internet Safety Day. The children watched an assembly and teachers planned lessons which were the focus of the Google Meet to help the children keep safe whilst on-line. There are some lovely samples of the children's work about this on our Twitter page.



Boiler update

Thank you for your continued patience regarding the limited school places due to the boiler in KS2. The work has been out to tender and I have been advised that the boiler replacement work will begin after half-term. I will of course keep you updated on the progress as soon as I have more information.

Lent

The Season of Lent begins next week on Ash Wednesday. During this time, we are encouraged to prepare ourselves mentally, physically and spiritually to be the very best that we can be in readiness for the Resurrection of Our Saviour Jesus Christ at Easter. The teachers will be posting a Lenten Calendar on Google Classroom to support the children in daily acts of worship.



Staff News

We welcomed Miss Kelly back to school this week following her maternity leave. Miss Kelly will be replacing Mrs McFee in Year Five who commences maternity leave on Monday, 1st March.

Finally, I would like to express my particular thanks to all the families for their kind words and support during what has been a challenging term for all of us. I am reminded of The Bishop's prayer "Stay With Us, Lord, On Our Journey".

God Bless,

Ms Garvey

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