

KEYHAM BARTON CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear School Family,

We are looking forward to welcoming all our children back on Monday 8th March. I have emailed you all our Risk Assessment measures and added them to our COVID page on the website. We will be keeping our measures firmly in place for the children's return and will ensure that ventilation, hand-washing, regular cleaning, bubbles and staggered start/exit times will continue. We will also keep break-times and lunchtimes in the class bubble groups. Every staff member is lateral flow testing weekly and we still have a clear record for positive cases. PE will take place outdoors and there will be no gatherings in the hall or church for this term.

Please check your emails as I have attached our risk assessment for you to read through and a letter with more detail.

As parents, you have been amazing. It has been extremely challenging for all of us managing home learning and work, but we're almost there. Remote learning will still be provided for the next week and all children need to keep attending to keep on top of the learning. We ask that all laptops and power cables are returned on the day your child returns to school.

All of the Keyham team are excited to welcome everyone back and we can't wait to see you!



Next week will be Book Week where we will be promoting a love of reading all week. You can join our 'Extreme Reading Challenge' and submit your photos to your teacher on Google Classrooms. Watch out also for 'The Masked Teacher!' Every day, a teacher will post a video of themselves masked, reading a story! At our live Celebration Assembly on Friday at 2:40pm, we will do a big reveal! Friday 5th March will be our 'Dress up as a book character' day! We can't wait to see you in your costumes on Google Meet!

Lockdown Learning at Kevham Barton!



In this week's Lockdown Hall of Fame, we have:

Courage: Mason and Oliver A
Kindness: Rhys and Malakia
Compassion: Kira and Teddy
Forgiveness: Alexis and Vinny
Peace: Sasha and Emmanuel
Integrity: Evie and Bonnie
Justice: Ethan and Ella
Here are some of the Keyham family, hard
at work on their remote learning this week!
In Courage class, we have designed
and made our own flowers for our florist
role play









We are also super excited for our new topic Space!



Kindness Class have been learning facts about tigers! ROAAAAR!!

Here are this week's Top Online Learners



EYFS	Daisy
Y1	Mason
Y2	Caleb



Y6	Evie	
Y5	Mackenzie	
Y4	Jacqueline	
Y3	Jesus	
Y2	Mohammad	



Y6	Henry
Y5	Jaxon
Y4	Patrick W-H
Y3	Jesus
Y2	Olivia
Y1	Lucas
EYFS	Oliver G

Please let us know if you need any further support with remote learning as we are keen to get all our children online, so they do not fall behind. Our next Google Meets will be on Monday 1st and Friday 5th March and we will look forward to welcoming everyone back then. Hang tight with remote learning. Hopefully, we are almost there!



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WORSHIP AND LITURGY Changes!



After going into the desert to take some reflection time, Jesus then went up to a high mountain with some of his friends. In front of their eyes, Jesus was changed. His clothes became dazzlingly white and the disciples saw a little bit of what Jesus would be like after his death and resurrection. Then the disciples saw Jesus talking to Moses and the prophet Elijah and didn't want the experience to end. They felt privileged to share in this moment of Jesus' Transfiguration.

God the Father spoke and said,

'This is My Son, the Beloved.

Listen to him.'

Jesus asked his friends not to tell anyone what had happened until he had risen from the dead. The disciples did not understand what he meant at that time.

Jesus was changed and revealed in all his glory to those closest to him.

When we allow God to work through us, he can do amazing things with us. Sometimes in our lives, we can become distracted by things that are not important and not always take time for the things that really matter.

Action

During this Lent, focus on what we have that is good in our lives. What makes us feel good? What can we do more of that we enjoy and that is good for us? How can we change so that we can be the best version of ourselves? How can we notice that every moment counts and transfigure that moment so you can truly appreciate it?

Take time to be mindful and to really enjoy something you are doing in that moment. It could be enjoying a meal or some food; appreciating a hot chocolate on a cold day; noticing the beauty of where you are; watching the people you love and appreciating them.

Take the time to notice how you feel; reflect on what you love and to change your perception of what matters.



Liturgies

Our wonderful Father Petroc has been working on producing videos to share the Gospel message with a short reflection each week. I will share these on Facebook weekly so you can watch them too.

News for Courage Class and our SENDCo role

Mrs McCoy will be using Thursday and Friday to take time out of class in her SENCo role as Mrs Burns is not with us anymore. On a Thursday and a Friday, Miss Jones will be in Courage Class with Mrs Clarke.

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all those families who replied to our Parent Questionnaire. We have analysed the findings and it's been really helpful to know what you have thought of our online provision.

90% of you felt the amount of learning was just right with 10% saying it was too much.

80% felt that the learning tasks were well-pitched. 15% felt it was too hard whilst 5% felt learning was too easy. We have tried hard to meet all children's needs, but it has been an added challenge not having them in front of us, so we do take that on board.

95% said that the online support from the school has been strong.

Responses to Wellbeing were mixed and there is a general feeling that, although children want to be back and are missing their friends, there is some anxiety about a return to school.

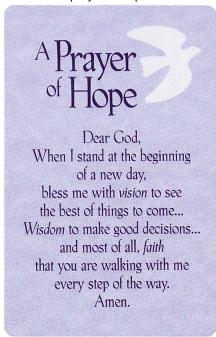
We understand and know this; our first job is to transition our children back in and make them feel welcome and that this is where they belong. We are here to support in any way we can. Look out for a little surprise in the playground on our first morning back!



It was lovely again to meet informally with some of you today. I will offer this one more time on Friday 5th March at 1:30pm and share the link via email.

Please watch out for it if you would like to join us.

As the days get lighter and longer and we begin to take small steps in the direction of living more fully, seeing families and friends again, I leave you this week with a prayer of hope.



Have a lovely weekend. Only one more week of remote learning and then we can look forward to welcoming you all back.

Stay safe!

Rachael Riley (Headteacher)