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Dear Parent

June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart

Children in School

We have growing numbers of children in school and our systems are working well. We have reached capacity for our Reception and cannot now accommodate any more children in that year group. We have a couple of spaces remaining for Y1 and have a waiting list. Once we reach capacity in that year group, no further places will be offered in that year group. Finally, we will be offering places to our Y6 on 6th July and will monitor numbers etc.

By reaching capacity – we mean that we have no other staff or classrooms to admit any more children.

PLEASE respect the provision we have put in place to keep children and staff safe at this time. If you have breached the distancing and social regulations that are currently in place **YOU MUST NOT** send your child into school. It is unreasonable to expect the rest of our community to be put at risk because of the choices made by a few. **Do not blame us if we become aware that you have breached regulations and stop your child from attending school – we will not be forced to jeopardise safety.** Thank you for your understanding.

Lovely news ...

Mrs Keating: has given birth – wow that was quick! We are delighted to share with you that Mr & Mrs Keating are now parents to a beautiful baby daughter – Lily Patricia, who was born on Sunday 21st June. We wish them all our love and congratulations and God's blessing on their new family.

Church Opening for Private Prayer

The church is now open for private prayer in the 'old section' of the church on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays – please see parish newsletter for full details. The calm of praying in the silence of the church before the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle is a wonderful blessing after the weeks of absence.

The God who Speaks to us...

*"Do not be anxious about tomorrow,
for tomorrow will be anxious for itself.
Let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day."*

11th week in Ordinary Time



Times Table Rock Stars

It has been great to see the increase in children's engagement with Times Table Rock Stars over the past week. Battles have been set up and completed between the classes in each year group and the top three children from each class will receive a certificate via our e-schools platform for their efforts. Battles involve adding all the correct answers given by the children in each class. This has been so successful that it will be continued weekly for the next four weeks. Parents may be interested to know that they can view their child's progress by clicking on the 'My stats' area.

Baseline Gig score	Most recent Gig score	Change in score
1 / 100	98 / 100	+97
51 / 100	88 / 100	+37
62 / 100	98 / 100	+36
50 / 100	86 / 100	+36
63 / 100	96 / 100	+33
51 / 100	75 / 100	+24

These stats show the improvement that some year 3 children have made answering 100 questions.

Congratulations to all who participate!

Yours sincerely,

HM Cusack

Headteacher