

## **ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

FREE PRAE ROAD, CHERTSEY, SURREY KT16 8ET

Tel: 01932 562251 / 562366

e-mail: [office@stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk)

[www.stannescps.eschools.co.uk](http://www.stannescps.eschools.co.uk)

*Leanne M Harris B.A. (Hons)*

Headteacher



3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents,

The week has been flying so far and we are at Wednesday already. I hope you continue to keep well and the children at home are getting back into their home learning.

### **Update**

I am writing to keep you updated with everything that has been happening over the past few days, as we began phasing back a much larger group of children to school. We now have 98 pupils in and the first few days have been busy, but enjoyable for both staff and children. The staff has been delighted to see the faces of the children. The children have made me proud by the way they are taking on board a new way of working. They are getting used to the new routines of regular handwashing, distancing themselves and staying within their 'bubbles'. Classroom tables are cleaned every lunchtime, pupils are keeping their own set of belongings on their own table and moving around the school with growing confidence.

Now that I have seen 3 days of the new routine, coupled with our capacity to phase in the next group of pupils, I will be inviting reception classes to join us from Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> June. As per my email on Monday, this is the guidance from the government regarding which group of pupils should be phased back after critical workers' children. This group continues to be the priority over all other year groups and will remain so. For the parents of children in reception classes who have returned their forms, all the details that you will need to be sent to you tomorrow.

I know other year groups may be disappointed that I cannot phase in any more year groups yet, but I also hope you understand my caution at taking things slowly. This enables me to risk assess as much as possible and to ensure the safety of both children and staff which is paramount.

### **Curriculum**

A gentle reminder that there will be days when your child will not be as enthusiastic as other days, but their emotional well-being is paramount and happy children will learn more. Please do not leave downloading home learning until Mondays as this may take longer if there is a surge. For the next two weeks the themes are based on PE and well-being. Please continue to upload samples of your work and teachers will be making comments about next steps to one piece of work per week. If your child is attending school now, this feedback will take place at school.

### **Collective worship**

Yesterday, I used my technical skills to virtually talk to all the children in their classes. I delivered a KS2 collective worship this morning and will be doing the same for KS1 tomorrow. As expected, there were a few blips but overall quite a success, I hope. It was very moving to hear all the children

*For further information on the way we use your data, please see the Xavier Catholic Education Trust Privacy Notice. This can be found on the Xavier Catholic Education Trust website in the About section under the list of Central Policies and Financial statements.*

saying a prayer together. I hope to make a video to all the children who continue to learn from home.

### iPads

If you borrowed a school iPad during your time at home and your child is now in school, please could these be returned.

### Sun safe

Could I please ask that all children who are coming into school have had sun cream applied before school and bring a sun hat. Your child can re-apply more cream during the day if needed, although I know once-a-day creams can be purchased.

One of the safety measures we have in place is to have as much outdoor learning as possible. Many gazebos have been ordered so that this can continue, whilst protecting the children and staff.

### Community Newsletter

Please continue to send things through to make this an enjoyable read on a Friday. The more families taking part, the more variety there is for all readers. There is only so much I am sure you want to hear from me!

I thank you all again for your kind wishes and messages that I have been receiving through email and in passing and I share them all with the staff too. I also take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their dedication to the children, families and the entire community. They never cease to amaze me in their abundance of positivity, dedication and love for the children.

**“Wherever God has put you that is your vocation. It is not what we do but how much love we put into it.”** *Mother Teresa*

This is a quote that hangs on a canvas in the centre of our staffroom. Working with children is a vocation and we are thankful for it every day.

God Bless to you all,



Mrs Murphy



*For further information on the way we use your data, please see the Xavier Catholic Education Trust Privacy Notice. This can be found on the Xavier Catholic Education Trust website in the About section under the list of Central Policies and Financial statements.*