

Our Lady and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents/carers,

The Governing Body of Our Lady and St. Joseph's met on 3rd June and decided to start a cautious reopening of school to more pupils from Monday 15th June. This decision is supported by the Local Authority and the Diocese.

There will be a phased return of groups of children on a rotation system starting with F2. Each year group will be organised into new bubbles with one teacher and at least another member of staff. There are already three bubbles for key worker/vulnerable children; staffing availability will only allow a further three bubbles at most. These groups will attend school Monday to Thursday on a weekly basis, one week in school and one week at home. Friday will be used for a deep clean of the classroom and toilets ready for a new bubble of children. Rotation will allow more children to have some experience of school before the summer holidays. If your child is in F1, F2, Y1 or Y6 and you have already indicated that you wish your child to return, you should now have received a letter with more details.

Home school learning will continue as before and staff are looking forward to seeing children's work on their new topics this half term. Already, there are some lovely photos of work on the class blogs.

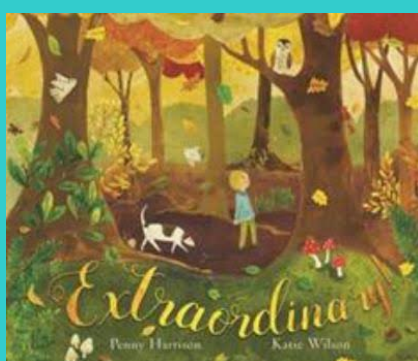
It is essential that we work together to keep all the members of our school community safe and well. By starting to open up to more children carefully, we can strengthen systems and protocols to ensure that children and staff are kept as safe as possible and help school prepare for a very different school day in September.

Thank you for your continued support.
Yours sincerely,

Mrs McLaughlin

Reading for Pleasure

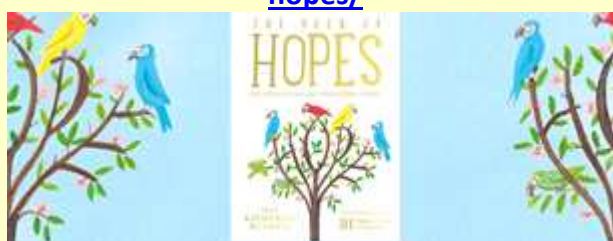
Extraordinary by Penny Harrison is Mrs Evan's latest story on class blogs.



The Book of Hopes

This book is full of the most wonderful stories and poems.
You can find the book at;

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



Mr Gouldin's Jokes

**What happened to the shark that became famous?
It turned into a starfish!**

**Why did the scarecrow get a job promotion?
Because he was outstanding in his field!**

On Line Safety

Please keep your children safe online by;

- **Checking the apps, websites and searches your child is accessing**
- **Supervising your child when accessing the internet at all times**

A message from Fr Martin

Hi everyone,

Hope everyone is staying safe and keeping well. We had a deanery meeting this week and discussed among other things the possible reopening of churches when the restrictions allowed. It would be a phased opening over a period of time after the churches have been checked to see if they are safe to open. This would also possibly mean that different churches would also be open at different times during the week.

The Diocese is negotiating to get all the cleaning/protective equipment necessary then parishes will be charged for their supply. In order for a church to be deemed ready to open it needs to show that it has various procedures in places.

The most important one of these is that it has enough volunteers to clean the church after each time it is opened and be able to sustain this practice for a long period of time. The volunteers would be trained in the use of the equipment. Currently, because of the current restrictions, a volunteer cannot be over 70 or have an underlying health condition as laid out in the government guidelines.

At the moment both of our parishes only have one or two volunteers to clean our respective churches. We need more volunteers for me to be able to say that our churches are ready to be inspected so that they can be opened. Please spread this message so that our churches can reopen when the time comes.

In the meantime, I will continue with my YouTube reflections/Masses. Also the 9.30am Mass next Tuesday will be available live via Zoom. If it is successful then Mass each Tuesday will be celebrated that way. If anyone is interested in participating in Mass in this way then please email me on the parish email then I will send them an invite.

I'll be celebrating a private Mass at 9.30am today, praying for our parishes, the church and the whole world. It could be an opportunity to make a spiritual communion.

My latest scriptural reflection is now available to view on my YouTube channel
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJIMfOb8dwWQJreCQBoHVbQ>

Even though we are apart our faith keeps us together.

Best wishes and prayers,

Fr. Martin

Special Mention

F1

Maiya Poole for her beautiful unicorn picture for which she came 3rd place in a competition.

Archie Hanley for the resilience he is showing with his learning.

F2

Pearl Steadman for her resilience to change and amazing attitude to her learning.

Sophie Grundy for approaching her learning with a smile and always trying her best.

Y1

Lorenzo Carvana for his amazing resilience and adaptability in school. He always rises to every new challenge and continues to improve in his learning throughout it all.

Penny Barber for her continued enthusiasm for school and continued effort in her home learning.

Y2

Alice Cosgrove for taking every opportunity to appreciate nature in its full glory.

Ava Levitt for reading for pleasure throughout the home-learning period.

Y3

Lucas Parry for completing a variety of tasks from the timetable and working really hard on his handwriting!

Noah Waller for sending lots of pictures of his topic work and keeping up his physical activity and well being in the house and garden.

Y4

Violet Parks-marriott for staying in contact with Miss Barker. She was up bright and early Monday morning after our spring break emailing me about this week's learning.

Rosie Gillespie for making an educational video for Miss Barker to watch about Egyptian Mummies this week.

Y5

Louis Green for becoming a keen gardener and growing different plants at home.

Daisy Stone for her showing kindness by donating different plants to school which she has grown at home.

Y6

Marcel Zuzniak for reading extensively.

Ruby Mortlock for her impressive research and sentence construction on Ancient Egyptians written work.

Mail a Hug

Lots of people are missing family members, mailing a hug is a way to connect to people we are love!



Looking after children's mental health and well being

The link below has lots of ideas about how to support your child's mental health and well being.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>