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Parent Newsletter – Friday 18th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of Week Two of term we have been blessed by the wonderful weather! We have enjoyed being outside at breaks and lunchtimes as well as our lessons and have had a very good week.

As trailed last week, we have now taught the children a little about Google Classroom and how it will work for them to find and complete their homework. Each child has received their individual username and password and they should be able to log in and find their homework. A letter explaining a little more about Google Classroom and how to use it was sent earlier today. It is also on each class page on the website. If you do encounter problems with google classroom, please let us know so we can help. NB. Reception pupils will not have access to Google Classroom for a little while until they have settled in.

We think that pupils coming into school in their PE kits on PE days seems to be working well; this short circuits changing and, for now, that helps us to maintain social distancing. The children have been very good again this week about social distancing and well in routines now.

Covid 19 – information

We imagine that this will be a standing item for a good while on the newsletter. We receive almost daily updates and guidance which we have to absorb and apply. Please pay careful attention to Parent Mail and all messages you receive as the whole situation is a fast moving one.

In our effort to clarify last week, we may have caused confusion in some quarters. Please find attached a flowchart for parents, provided today by the Local Authority, which may help with clarification of processes regarding actions to be taken in the event of a suspected or confirmed case. Please read it carefully. It is also on our website in the Covid-19 Section.

In last week's newsletter we asked for all parents to wear face coverings when in the alley and on the playground. Thank you for all that have observed this rule. Please try to do so, as we believe that this will assist in reducing transmission rates.

If you are planning to travel at half term or Christmas, please stay aware of the rules related to quarantine, which seem to change each day, with regard to countries that require it. Quarantine regulations must be strictly observed, which may affect your travel plans. Government guidance is found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus> and is updated very regularly.

Our Home School Agreement was revised by our Governors to reflect the Covid-19 Crisis. A copy is attached to the newsletter. Please read it carefully. Since it is difficult for us to receive signed copies, we will assume consent to it unless we hear otherwise from a parent.

A message to all parents waiting in the car park for their bubble to be dropped off or collected – Please can you remind your children that they are not permitted to play in the Forest School area or around the cars. We know it is hard, but try to keep them with you. Firstly, children from different years playing together compromises the bubbles we have been so carefully preserving each day, and furthermore, there is no supervision and the car park is not a playground. Thank you for your help with this.

A message from our Governors

On behalf of the Governors, I wanted to take an opportunity to thank all the staff at Margaret Roper School for the determination, care and enthusiasm with which they have welcomed the children back to school. We know that the impact of the Coronavirus and on-going Government advice is likely to present us with more challenges and we know that we have a lot more work to do but we have been very pleased about the positive feedback we have had from staff and parents about how well the children have settled in and are enjoying school life. With the number of cases of Coronavirus increasing nationally, please continue to do all you can to follow Government guidance and thereby to help us to keep the children and staff well and our 'bubbles' open. Thank you too for your support and patience, we are doing our best to continue to communicate with you all as much as we can.

Anne-Marie (Milly) Sawyer
Vice Chair of Governors

Secondary Transition

A reminder to Y6 parents that we have a virtual meeting on 22nd September at 7pm related to secondary transition. A zoom link has been sent out earlier in the week.

Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word is attached to this newsletter. We didn't manage to send it out on Wednesday but we will try! It is a good resource for praying with children, especially at this point where access to Mass is more difficult for some. We'd love to have some feedback from you if you're using it.

Please also find attached at the bottom of the newsletter a prayer/reflection used in Assembly this morning. It is one of Mr. Mooney's personal favourites and we thought about how we are all similar but different and precious in God's eyes.

Stars of the week

In our virtual assembly this morning we said well done to the following stars of the week from each class. Red class will join this once they start full time.

Orange Class – Matthieu & Florence

Yellow Class – Maya & Arun

Green Class – Matilda & Connie

Blue Class – Lucas & Phoebe

Indigo Class – Tobi & Ria

Amethyst Class – Tianna & James

Violet Class – Leo & Mia

We hope you have a lovely weekend

Attachments

If you are looking at this on the website, please find these documents on the Covid-19 section or as a separate document on the newsletter drop down.

- Wednesday word
 - Home School Agreement
 - Poster and Flowchart for parents Covid-19 (issued 18 September 2020)
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You're special

In all the world there is nobody like you. Since the beginning of time, there has never been another person like you. Nobody has your smile. Nobody has your eyes, your nose, your hair, your hands, your voice.

You're special.

In all of time there has been no one who laughs like you, no one who cries like you. And what makes you laugh and cry will never provoke identical laughter and tears from anyone else, ever....

You're the only one in creation who has your set of abilities. Oh, there will always be somebody who is better at one of the things that you are good at but no one in all the universe can reach the quality of your combination of talents, ideas, abilities and feelings.

Through all of eternity no one will ever look, talk, walk, think or do like you. You're special; You're rare. And as in all rarity, there is a great value. Because of your great rare value, you need not attempt to imitate others. You can accept.....yes, celebrate your differences.

You're special.

And you will come to realise it's no accident that you're special. You will begin to see that God made you feel special for a very special purpose.

God must have a job for you that no one can do as well as you. Out of all the billions of applicants, only one is qualified, only one has the right combination of what it takes.

That one is you - because you're special.

