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Dear Parents,

This week we have had World Book Day! Thank you for all your support with this. It has been wonderful that so many of you attended our Book and Biscuit events in the Library with your children. They have really enjoyed this valuable experience.

We are getting regular updates regarding the coronavirus. Everything is carrying on as normal and we are ensuring children wash hands regularly – please encourage this at home also.

If there is any change to the advice given, you will be informed straightaway.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs K Yuen

Spectacular Sport Update

We have reached the halfway stage of the academic school year - what a hugely successful sporting year we have had so far! Currently we are sitting top of the Pacesetter Games, having won 5 of the 12 events that they have hosted, and placing well in the other 8. More importantly, we are so proud of how the children have conducted themselves at these events. They always represent our school and community in a positive and respectful manner, and long may this continue.

On another note, we are very proud to announce that we have seen 57% of our school children represent us in at least 1 sporting events this academic year. This is a massive improvement at the same stage from previous years, and our participation levels are way ahead of many Gold Standard School Games Mark schools across the county. I hope that we can continue to rely on your support as parents and carers, so that as many of our children as possible are actively taking part in sport and exercise at school.

BREAKING NEWS!!!

Today St. Gregory's won the Pacesetters Handball (Year 5 & 6) —1st Place out of 6 teams—Congratulations Team & Coach!



Upcoming Events

10 March

-Love of Learning Workshop

11 March

-Fr Jerry-Adoration (all year groups)

-Sponsored Walk/Run around School Playground and Penny Heart

13 March

-Choir at Deco "Rock of Hope"

17th and 18th March

-Parents' Evening: 3.30pm-6pm.

19 March-

Bishop David's Mass

20 March

-Mothers' Day PTFA Gift Shop

23 March

-Year 3 Recorder Recital to Parents

-Year 5 National Space Centre Trip

26 March

-Catholic Schools Lenten Reflection—Cathedral (Ethos Team & Choir)



World Book Day was a huge success, with children and staff dressing as their favourite book characters and enjoying a day filled with creative learning opportunities based around some wonderful books.

The day started with a whole school assembly, where we discussed the importance of reading and books that are special to us.

The children then enjoyed a range of book based activities including: creating colourful collages, based on, *The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister; writing their own version of *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen and incorporating a character from another beloved book, *The evil Pea* by Paul Linnet; creating their own "Lost Thing", from the inspirational book *The Lost Thing* by Shaun Tan. You can see from the photographs many more exciting activities children worked on throughout the day.



Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks & sport activities



Before cooking & eating



SCHOOL ETC.
On arrival at any childcare or educational setting



After using the toilet



Before leaving home



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) for advice on coronavirus.



If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately