

Weekly Keeping in Touch Bulletin 4

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Dear Parents and children,

I hope this update finds you all keeping well and staying home and safe where it is possible. We are all missing your children and have been heartened to see so many positive interactions via messages and our Twitter account. It is a joy to see you embracing this time with your children. I am conscious that as lockdown continues, our resilience to stay home may begin to be tested, but I am sure we will all be able to demonstrate our moral values in the best way we can for our children and do our very best to maintain social distancing. Next week we will be sharing ideas to commemorate the Bank Holiday VE Day celebrations. Take care, keep safe and we hope to see you all again soon.

Warmest Regards
Mrs K Yuen

Home Learning Week 5 activities

Next week's focus is animals. On the Learning plan you will see a range of activities to promote thinking, including finding out about animals in their habitats, creating animal patterns and masks.



Many parents are now making thorough use of the BBC Bitesize lessons for a 'daily input' also – please do explore these. Each day there are 3 lessons tailored to your child's age.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>

Honouring Mary during May

Fr Pius has said, 'During this month of May I will honour Mary our Mother in two simple ways. First, I will pray the 'Regina Caeli' (O Queen of Heaven) prayer after Mass every day. Secondly, I will be praying the rosary daily to intercede for God's holy people and the end to the coronavirus pandemic.'

See Miss Marum's



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Ways to keep in touch and receive information

Important Notice

Please remember to download the Parent mail APP. This is our main way of communicating with you



Email us

on: office@sgcps.org

Send Your Good News

Stories to:

office@sgcps.org

We would love to hear from you and possibly a photo too so we can put it in future editions.



News from our Community

Keep sending in your news. We will try and share all of them over time.



Celebrating St. George's Day!

Spotting signs of Spring over the holidays!



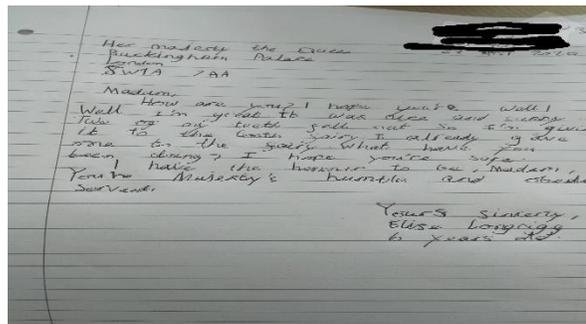
Learning Project-Building a model of my house- lots of different materials used!

Baking Easter Treats



Good deeds during Lockdown— Food Bank Delivery

Well done girls!



Finding things to do! A letter to Queen Elizabeth

Message from our School Chaplain- Mrs Darwin

There is a saying, **"It's not about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning how to dance in the rain."**

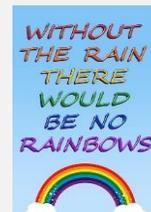
The last four weeks of almost unbroken sunshine has helped so much to ease the stress of lockdown with all it involves – the uncertainty, the home learning, sickness, social distancing, shielding ...This week it has been so much harder to find the 'silver linings' amidst the clouds, the rain and the chilly weather!

So, can we 'dance in in the rain...are we still looking for the silver linings each day?

As I was driving today, listening to a song on the radio, it struck me that I knew every word...Some of you may have heard of David Essex. This song was from way back in the 70's...the words which struck a chord with me were, **'with your love light shining, every cloud has a silver lining...'**

Maybe that's the answer to the questions above!

Thinking about these words made me realise that even on the stormiest days, in the toughest moments with every cross word, frustrated effort, grumpy child, tired parent, a silver lining can be found if we just keep smiling and let our love shine out for those around us. Keep looking for the good in everything and everyone, turning those tricky moments into something positive and precious. When you look out of the window and the rain is coming down, get your wellies and waterproofs on, find your umbrellas, look for the biggest puddles out there and learn to dance in the rain





Ten Ways to Celebrate...

May, the Month of Mary

Pope Francis says:

‘Devotion to Mary is not spiritual etiquette; it is a requirement of the Christian life.’

For the Catholic Church, Mary is incredibly special. She is the daughter of God the Father, the Mother of God the Son, the Queen of the angels and saints of Heaven and Earth.

Here are ten ways that you could honour Mary in your home this month:

1. **The Angelus** – In school, we usually pray this each day at 12 noon, but it can be prayed at any time. The words can be found in our school prayer booklet in the ‘Our Catholic Faith’ section of our website, or inside your child’s Home-School Link book.
2. **Flower Crown** – Traditionally, statues of Mary are crowned during the month of May with flowers. Design or make a flower crown of your own.
3. **Reading about Mary** – Read some Bible stories where Mary, Jesus’ mother, was present.
4. **Our Lady** – Find pictures of Mary and use them as inspiration to draw your own. What colours are used?
5. **Hail, Holy Queen** – This is a Catholic prayer to Mary, Mother of Jesus. It is a beautiful prayer and has been used in the Catholic Church since the 12th century.
6. **Ave Maria** – ‘Those who sing pray twice.’ – St Augustine. Our school community enjoys singing. With a responsible adult’s permission, practise some of your favourite songs about Mary. Maybe you’ll find some new ones?
7. **Mark your Page** – Make a bookmark that depicts Mary. Perhaps you could base it on one of Mary’s titles – she has many: Queen of Heaven, Star of the Sea, Mystical Rose are just some. How creative can you be?
8. **Marian Altar** – Design or create a Marian altar to have in your home or garden for the month. Remember that blue is the colour for Mary, you could place your rosary beads on it too.
9. **Hail Mary, Full of Grace** – This is a prayer that all our children know. Could some of our older children write this prayer out in their best handwriting, decorating it beautifully, in their home language to include on their classroom’s prayer display. Younger children could decorate around the words that an adult has written.
10. **Month of May Rosary Challenge** – We challenge you to make a rosary; use whatever you can find: bottle tops, pebbles, craft materials, beads or draw one using coloured pencils – the possibilities are endless! We would love to see your results! Send your photographs by email to the School Office: office@sgcps.org



