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Dear Parents and children,

I do hope all is well and your time together as a family is providing many new opportunities. The sun keeps shining which is always an added joy.

During the week, staff have been in school sorting out rooms and spaces. Furniture has been moved and the school is looking very different. Preparations are happening for the phased return for some children. As we still await authorisation on two levels: 1st by directors and overall by the Government for this return, I can only outline what this may look like. Due to the required safety measures, if we return, staff will require time to undertake training. Therefore, the children would return on Wednesday 3rd June at the earliest. Separate letters for each of the specified year groups are being sent out separately. A big thank you to all staff who are working tirelessly behind the scenes.

Happy Half term to you all please remember the school will be closed next week to all children, for deep cleaning. However, office emails are still being monitored and we will try and respond as quickly as possible.

Take care and keep in touch,
Warmest Regards
Mrs K. Yuen

Thank you to everyone who has sent in messages of support and lovely photos of your home learning. There has been lots of things happening in our school community. We hope you enjoy seeing some of these...

See Miss Marum's.....



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more ideas and

activities are available on our website

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

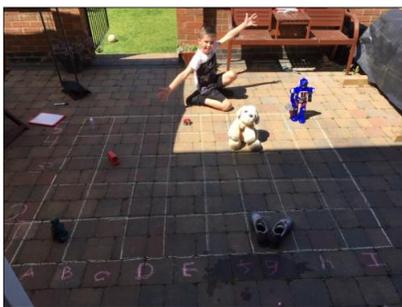
The children in school went foraging for sticks yesterday and made some owls, that are now hanging in the Mud Kitchen area. Why not try this idea at home?



The children also made gardens to honour Mary - a lovely activity to do in the sunshine. Mary has also been wearing her beautiful flower crown during the month of May.



Thank you for sharing these home learning photographs.
Your creativity really shows!



Message from our School Chaplain- Mrs Darwin



Last week, I was very excited to tell you about the three llamas I had met whilst out walking! Well, anyone who knows anything about llamas will know from the photo that they were not llamas; they were, in fact, alpacas...all three of them! I realise now that things are not always as they seem. At the moment, I feel that I am developing a mantra: 'If it wasn't for lockdown...' Well, if it wasn't for lockdown, I would not have been walking 2.5 miles each morning and I would not have met the alpacas. Following this, I would not have met the farmer who owns the alpacas. He took great trouble to explain to me the difference between a llama and an alpaca. I also discovered that the alpacas I saw are named: Bocado (Peruvian for butterfly), Brando and Braveheart. There is always something new to learn! It is like anything in life. We are very quick to make a judgment on external appearances, but, when we get to know a little more, we discover that it is easy to see what we think is on the surface. However, if we dig a little bit deeper, we will be far richer in knowledge and understanding. All too often, when people are snappy with us or always seem grumpy or don't make a decision in the way we want or expect, we are critical.

We should try to remember that we don't always know what is going on in their lives; they may be just having a bad day or they may be scared, may be worried about their health, family members, jobs, money, choices they have to make. The thing is we just don't know! So, on a 'just in case basis', maybe we should repay the snappiness and grumpiness with a smile or the offer of a helping hand or a listening ear. You may not get any thanks for it and you may not know if you have helped at all, but you will be doing the right thing and offering kindness to the world!



Five Ways to Celebrate...

Ascension Thursday

Ascension Thursday is celebrated 40 days after Easter, when Catholics celebrate the fact that Jesus returned to God after being with his disciples after the resurrection. Usually, we would mark this day in school. Last year, our current Ennis Class gave a wonderful assembly about the Ascension to their phase and their parents. Our Cathedral in Northampton will be streaming Mass live at 9.30am (Daily Mass) and 7pm (Mass of the Ascension of the Lord) on Thursday.

This link will take you to where you can view these Masses: <https://northamptoncathedral.org/live/>

1. **Read the Scripture (Acts 1: 9-11)** – You may have a Bible at home that tells you of the time Jesus went up to Heaven to be with his Father. There is also a child-friendly extract from Come and See (who provide our RE resources in school) at the bottom of this page.
2. **Retell the story** – How will you choose to do this? You could draw a story map, a story board or a comic strip. Could you write it as a diary entry? How many Writers' Secrets can you include in your writing?
3. **Consider the feelings of Jesus' friends** – Younger children could do this verbally; our older children could rewrite the story from the point of view of Jesus' disciples.
4. **Sharing God's love** – Jesus gave the apostles the mission of sharing God's love. How can you do this today? Who will you show your love to? What practical things can you do to show this?
5. **Clouds** – Many artists have represented Jesus' ascension to Heaven as him rising up above the clouds. Pinterest has many activities relating to clouds that you could have a go at while you are at home. Could you create some cloud art? Investigate some of the science behind clouds?

Remember to: take a look at Mrs Darwin's Reflection Sheet for this week. It uses the Gospel for the Ascension. There's an accompanying activity sheet too!

<https://www.stgregoryscatholicprimaryschool.org.uk/page/?title=Weekly+Gospel+Reflections&pid=98>

