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Dear parents and carers,

Hopefully you will have read my letter about the school reopening for more pupils on Monday. I wish we could open for more year groups and I hope and pray this might be the case in the not too distant future. In the mean time you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

I am thinking particularly of the boys and girls who would have made their First Holy Communion this weekend, such a special weekend for our church family. I know that you will have this time again when you can get closer to Jesus with your friends and family. You are all in our prayers.

There have been many special birthdays, anniversaries, baptisms and even weddings that have had to be postponed over the last few months. As adults we know that time marches on but for children it can be difficult to imagine when all this will change. We have to keep strong and put our faith in God that there will be better times to come.

Church news.

I'm sure, like me, you are eagerly awaiting the day that our Churches will be able to open again, initially for private prayer. Bishop Declan writes "at present the opening of our churches is still due to be at the beginning of July though there are rumours that it might be earlier. We will have to wait and see." In the meantime we are working hard on ensuring that we are ready to do this safely. Under the protocol which has been prepared by the Bishops Conference, we will need volunteers to support two things that will permit the safe reopening of the churches. Firstly, at all times that the Church is open there will need to be someone on duty to ensure that the capacity that has been decided for numbers of people allowed into the Church to pray at any one time is not exceeded, that chairs/pews get wiped clean after use and that people are using hand sanitiser on entry and exit. In practice this is unlikely to be very onerous, and would mainly mean having a time in the Church to pray whilst ensuring that we maintain a safe environment. Secondly, each day, either



"Together we love, together we hope, together we learn."



before the Church is first opened or after its final closure a thorough clean of the area open for prayer needs to take place. **Would you be willing to volunteer to help on a temporary basis, either by being on duty for half an hour or an hour to enable the Church to be open or by going on a rota for the cleaning?** At this stage we're looking for expressions of interest rather than a firm commitment. If you are willing to help or would like to find out more, please complete the form at josephfrancis.org/volunteer and team leaders will be in contact with you.

In Christ
Father Tom

French Club

I wanted to let you know that the St Joseph's French club is continuing each week and it's been absolutely lovely seeing the children and I am incredibly proud of them all. French club will continue and I just thought it might be nice to extend to other children if they would like to come along. Get in touch to have a taster session: admin@clubs4kids.com 07375 306 881

For KS2, I continue to update the google classroom with lessons and activities for the children. I have been incredibly impressed with the diligence of some of the children who have been working through everything even the activities set for other year groups.

I meant to also send you the link to the French club video that we made for Covid - <https://www.facebook.com/clubs4kids/videos/319623469025306/>

Best wishes
Anna-Kate

Open the Book

Are a group of Christian story tellers that come into school every term and re-enact a story from the Bible the children love it when they come in as they get involved in audience participation and it's always fun and entertaining.

Please see below for a message from Jenny.

'Open the Book have recorded some stories told by Bob Hartman. They are only about 5 mins long but you are welcome to use them. The current ones are from the Christian Values handbook which is aimed at KS2 rather than KS1.

Here is the link if you would like to access these stories.

<https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipNKVo8WLVdj7u8fvLsy8ELdDzQYGplrf9I5p5BPSIHwW0MzRgIJsmnjCbEZkz6e5w?key=RF93NUw5aTZUUzZVLWI4ekcyQkN0MUZFbnBwYzln>

Thanks and God bless,
Jenny

School web site

Please keep an eye on the school web site there will be regular Government updates that you will be sign posted to. There are also extra resources for home schooling and prayer, please go to [parents/covid 19](#).



If you have any queries or you need help for any reason, please e mail the office rather than phone as your message may not be picked up.

I look forward to welcoming more of you back to school on Monday.

God Bless
Mrs Jackson

